



INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE GUIDE

A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE
FOR NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.



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Introduction

The WASB Introduction to School Board Service Guide is a component of the WASB Member Recognition Program. The Introduction to School Board Service Guide is a professional development guide intended to help board members in their first term of office be exposed, at an introductory level, to the full range of issues and topics that come before boards and be exposed to content that reflects the core work, actions and styles of effective school boards.

Components includes:

- Governance & Leadership
- Legal & Policy Responsibilities
- Finances & Facilities
- Advocacy & Community Relations

WASB Member Recognition Program

All board members earn WASB Member Recognition points for attending WASB conferences, webinars and workshops and by attending the annual Joint State Education Convention or receiving individual board training. The WASB tracks most of these points automatically through our registration system. When board members attain sufficient points to reach a designated level, they are publicly recognized with certificates and pins at the WASB Fall Regional Meetings. (See WASB website for details of points and recognition levels.)

Introduction to School Board Service Guide

Board members in their first term of office have the option of participating in the WASB Introduction to School Board Service Guide in order to guide their initial professional development. In addition to receiving points for attending conferences and other events under the Member Recognition Program, new board members may track their attendance at specific sessions at various WASB conferences and workshops. Once all designated criteria are completed, the WASB will award 10 Member Recognition bonus points to be applied towards a Member Recognition Program level and publicly recognize the accomplishment.

How Does a New Board Member Participate?

The Introduction to School Board Service Guide requires that individual board members track their participation. (The WASB is able to track the registration for its events and thus, is able to award points for attending a conference or other event. However, the WASB is not able to track attendance at specific sessions within a conference or the annual convention.)

Three Easy Steps:

1. When attending any WASB event or the annual Joint State Education Convention, look for sessions which fulfill the criteria of the Introduction to School Board Service Guide.
2. Note your attendance in the session on the enclosed form (sessions may only be applied to one criteria at a time).
3. Once you have completed all requirements, return the form to the WASB.

Congratulations!

You will be awarded 10 Member Recognition bonus points towards the next Member Recognition Program level (in addition to the points you have received for attending the conferences or other events in which the sessions were held) and your accomplishment will be recognized at the next Regional Meeting.

It is anticipated that most board members will need several years to complete the full range of sessions. Only sessions at WASB events, the Annual Joint State Education Convention, or sessions in which a WASB staff person is a presenter are eligible for the program.

Please note: New board members are not required to participate in the Introduction to School Board Service Guide and will accumulate points under the Member Recognition Program regardless of participation.