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Welcome

By State Secretary Megan Yank

Hey everybody! I hope the school year is off to a great start. I'm sure you're all busy with Homecoming, or just wrapping up your work in student council. Keep in mind that many things are happening at the state level for NASC. This newsletter will lay out all of it for you and if you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact Mike Musil or Kyrie Nehls.

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2012 Membership

The following schools are members of NASC. If you would like further information about any of them, please contact us directly. We try to keep your information private as we do post the newsletters on the web.

Banner County H.S.
Bridgeport H.S.
Cedar Rapids Public School
Chase County H.S.
Columbus
Crawford
Crete H.S.
David City H.S.
Diller Odell
Doniphan-Trumbull H.S.
Dorchester Public School
Douglas County
Elkhorn South H.S.
Fairbury HS
Friend H.S.
Gibbon H.S.
Gordon-Rushville H.S.
Grand Island Central Catholic
Grand Island Senior High
Harvard
Hastings H.S.
Hastings M.S.
Kearney H.S.
Kimball H.S.

Lakeview Community Schools
Lincoln East H.S.
Lincoln North Star
Lincoln Southeast
Lincoln Southwest H.S.
Lincoln Northeast H.S.
Louisville MS/HS
Loup City Jr/Sr
Malcolm Public Schools
Marian H.S.
McCook H.S.
Meridian PS
Millard South H.S.
Millard West H.S.
Norris H.S.
North Bend Central
North Platte H.S.
Ogallala H.S.
Omaha Bryan H.S.
Omaha Central H.S.
Omaha Nation Public Schools
Omaha North H.S.
Omaha Northwest Magnet
Omaha South H.S.
O'Neill High School

Papillion Jr. High
Papillion-La Vista South H.S.
Perkins County HS
Pius X H.S.
Plattsmouth H.S.
Saint Paul H.S.
School Middle School
Schuyler Central H.S.
Scotus Central Catholic
Shelby-Rising City
Sidney H.S.
Skutt Catholic H.S.
Southern Valley
Spalding Academy
St. Patrick's H.S.
Stapleton Public Schools
Superior H.S.
Thayer Central
Tri County
Walshill Public School
West Point-Beemer H.S.
Westside H.S.

State Convention

By Megan Yank

State Convention this year will be held on November 5th from 7am-3:30pm. It will be hosted by Lincoln Southeast High School. Volunteer staff from NASC will be hosting mini sessions, we will hear from keynote speaker Drew Dudley, districts will meet, and of course we'll elect next year's state officers. Please visit NASC.org for more information, and to register your school. If you have further questions, please contact the Lincoln Southeast sponsors:
Crystal Folden: cfolden@lps.org
Michelle Stewart- mstewart@lps.org
Lincoln Southeast: 402.436.1304

State Convention Schedule (Times subject to change)

7:00-7:45am	Breakfast and check in
8:00-9:45am	Intro, General Session, Officer Speeches
10:00-10:30am	First mini session and Voting Delegates
10:45-11:45am	Key note speaker
11:45am-12:30pm	Lunch/District meetings
12:30-1:15pm	Lunch/District meetings
1:25-1:55pm	Second mini session
2:05-3:05pm	Awards/closing session

State Officer Campaigns

The following students are running for State Offices:

President:

Jose Villa- Lincoln NorthStar High School

President:

Lily Wilkinson- North Platte High School

The leading Make-A-Wish donor in Nebraska is a private trucking business in Omaha. It took this company 20 years to donate 1 million dollars to this deserving charity. NASC, at its current pace, will surpass this trucking company to a million in well under 20 years. Currently NASC has donated over \$615,000, and we've only partnered with Make-A-Wish for just under eleven years. Wouldn't it be great to be a nonprofit organization like NASC and beat a private-industry company in raising a million dollars for Make-A-Wish? My goal is make sure this happens. I would like to see the work of Make-A-Wish Jack Anderson (past president from Kearney two years ago) continue by putting the fundraising ideas on NASC's website to help schools better fundraise.

As you may know, this year's president, Jordan Blayney, has petitioned the State Executive Board to amend the bylaws to include a middle-school representative on the executive board. Assuming this amendment passes, I will work to create set of responsibilities for what the middle-school representative will do.

Hi, I'm Lily Wilkinson, a junior from North Platte. As president, I hope to increase the impact NASC can have on schools throughout our entire state. Coming from western Nebraska, I'm passionate about extending the services NASC provides. I want to be a part of the growing access to one-day workshops, retreats, and giving councils the opportunity to gain more ideas to better their communities. I am proud to support our relationship with Make-A-Wish but intend to provide an option that encourages out-state councils to raise funds for small cancer centers that make a difference in their local communities.

Remember- each school must select TWO voting delegates to cast their votes for District and State Officers and by-law changes

Vice-President*Jacob Lambert- Norris High School*

Hello NASC!

My name is Jacob Lambert, and I am a junior at Norris High School. I am running for state vice president because I would like the opportunity to lead others to make our schools, communities, and state a better place. As your vice president, I will challenge people to take a stand and make a change. There are a startling amount of issues that our generation is facing right now, that prior generations have never had to deal with. Whether we like it or not it's us, the young leaders in our communities who are responsible for making a difference within our schools, and changing our generation and society. As for a service project, I would like to start a campaign called "Reach", which would promote reaching out to the people in our schools who may feel neglected and invisible as a result of bullying. This is an important cause, because approximately 160,000 American teens skip school every day because of bullying. Many of these students feel like no one notices or cares. I believe that if we as leaders reach out to these people that we can drastically reduce bullying and depression rates amongst teens and even prevent possible suicides. Fellow leaders, student council members, and Nebraskans, it is up to us to make a change. Thank you, and please vote for me, Jacob Lambert, as your state vice president.

Secretary*Brenna Marie McFadden- Kearney High School***Secretary***Lindsey Yank- Papillion LaVista South High School***Vice President***Bailey Parde- Lincoln NorthStar High School*

Hello, My name is Bailey Parde I am from Lincoln Northstar. I am running for state Vice-President. My platform is simple, it's called Project Unify. Student Council is there to represent each aspect of their schools, but it seems that the special needs students aren't represented. The goal and purpose of my Project Unify campaign is by State next year that every Stu-co has a special need student in their council.

Vice-President*Augie Welch- Omaha Central High School*

Hello, my name is Augustus (Augie) Welch. I have attended NASC for the past four years and am the Vice-President of my own student council at Omaha Central High for the 2012-13 school year. Leadership has become very important to me and I feel like it has taken a large role in my life. I came to realize this last summer at workshop that I really love to give people the ability to become leaders and succeed in his or her everyday life. Creating a service project is a perfect way to get people involved and give them the opportunity to lead and make a difference. I am planning on establishing a relationship with the Special Olympics Nebraska in the next month about a service plan for student councils across Nebraska to do. NASC already has a relationship with the organization and this is a great opportunity to further enhance it. This year has a lot of potential and I believe we all can make the best out of it!

State and State Vice-President are elected at the State Convention by voting delegates. State Secretary is selected by the current Executive Board.

Volunteer Staff/ NASC Split

As many of you know, we have an amazing volunteer staff that helps NASC put on State Convention, One-Day Workshops, provide CAP mentors, officer training and most importantly Summer Leadership Workshop. Because they are so awesome, they are becoming their own organization (name to be announced soon!) so that they can provide services to other school groups, businesses and organizations. Don't worry- this is not affecting any of the things previously mentioned. They will still do all of them in connection with NASC. They just need to separate in name in order to organize and hire staff. For this to happen, we need to make some changes.

1. State Executive Directors will take on more financial responsibilities.
2. The new organization will sit on our Executive Board as a non-voting member and vice-versa.
3. The mailing address will change- all checks for membership and nationals, etc. will be sent to: Kyrie Nehls, c/o Millard South High School, 14905 Q St., Omaha, NE 68137.

NASC By-Law Changes

We have several by-law changes that will need to be voted on at the convention. Please read them and discuss with your voting delegates the pros and cons of each. There will be a question and answer period at state to address officer candidates and by-law changes.

Due to the separation of the NASC Executive Board from the Volunteer Staff Advisory Council, changes are needed to the by-laws. These changes will go into effect January 1, 2013 when the separation occurs.

1. Article VI- Board of Directors, Section C- Non-voting members of the Board, #4
 - a. Proposed change: Amend "Assistant Executive Director- Volunteer Staff" to "Volunteer Staff (name subject to change) Representative"
 - b. Rationale- The new "Workshop Director/ VSAC" group will not have Assistant Executive Director role but rather as an advisory role
2. Article VI, Section C, 4.C
 - a. Proposed change: Delete 4.C and re-letter current D and E
 - b. Rationale- "Workshop Director/VSAC" group will operate financially separate from NASC
3. Article VII- Selection and Terms of Officers, Section H- Membership and Financial Coordinator,#2
 - a. Proposed change: Add "If the candidate for Membership and Financial Coordinator is not the Executive Director", at the beginning of #2
 - b. Rationale- In Article VII, Section H, it states that the MFC can be the NASC Executive Director. We anticipate that these duties will be absorbed by the current Executive Directors and therefore an application is not necessary.
4. Article VII, Section J- Assistant Executive Director, title
 - a. Proposed change: Change title from "Assistant Executive Director- Volunteer Staff" to "Volunteer Staff (name subject to change) Representative".

5. Article VII, Section J, #1
 - a. Proposed change: Change title from "Assistant Executive Director- Volunteer Staff" to "Volunteer Staff (name subject to change) Representative".
 - b. Rationale for 4 and 5: The new "Workshop Director/ VSAC" group will not have Assistant Executive Director role but rather as an advisory role.
6. Article X
 - a. Proposed change: Delete Article X and re-letter accordingly
 - b. Rationale: "Workshop Director/VSAC" group will operate separate from NASC so they are not subject to our guidelines
7. Article XI- Finances, Section D
 - a. Proposed change: Delete "and Assistant Executive Director- Volunteer staff"
 - b. Rationale- "Workshop Director/VSAC" group will operate financially separate from NASC
8. Article XI, Section J
 - a. Proposed change: Delete "and Assistant Executive Director- Volunteer staff"
 - b. Rationale- "Workshop Director/VSAC" group will operate financially separate from NASC

Proposed Amendments 1-8 from Co-Executive Directors Mike Musil and Kyrie Nehls

In addition to these by-law changes, there are additional requests that are not a part of the NASC/Volunteer Staff split.

9. Article VI: Item B
 - a. Proposed change: Add "Member School Member" and list duties as:
 - b. Represent the Middle Schools
 - c. that are a part of NASC Provide a written report of Middle School activities at each Board of Directors meeting
 - d. In cases where he/she must be absent from Board of Directors meetings, must find a replacement who will attend meeting and will maintain voting rights
 - e. Recruit Middle Schools to join NASC
 - f. Work with the President and Executive Directors on projects to get the Middle Schools of NASC more
 - b. Rationale: NASC has recently had a focus on bringing on Middle Schools to NASC. As the number of Middle Schools increase, a new position on the executive board is needed: a Middle School Board member. This position will serve as a liaison for NASC to our Middle Schools. The purpose of this position is to keep more up-to-date on the workings of Middle Schools as a part of NASC and to include them in more activities of the Board. The future of NASC lies in our Middle Schools and by starting to work with them now and fostering their growth as leaders, NASC will continue to grow from the work of its great leaders.

Proposed Amendment 9 from Jordan Blayney, State President

10. Article V- Districts, Section D

- a. Proposed change: Change "Each district will select a District President and a District Advisor, each from a member school within the district. Each district will determine the selection procedure to be used. New District Presidents and Advisors will be elected at the State Convention and will assume office from December 1 to November 30" to "Each district will elect at least a District President; and if candidates available, a District Vice President and District Secretary. District Officers must have membership with the District. Each district will determine the election process to be used. New District Presidents and other district officers will be one year from the time of the elections."
- b. Rationale: Some districts wish to elect their officers at their district convention rather than the state convention.

11. Article VIII- Selection and Terms of Officers, Section B, 3

- a. Proposed change: Change "District Presidents serve on the Board of Directors for a one-year term, starting December 1 and ending November 30.
- b. Rationale: Coincides with above request.

Proposed Amendments 10-11, James Stewart,
District 6

Thank you to everyone who took some time out of your busy schedules to help out with NASC over the past year, and we are looking forward to another great one. Have a great day, and see you at state! ☺

Nationals Re-cap

By Megan Yank

Nationals! This past summer, several students and advisors journeyed on the nationals trip to Yukon High School, Oklahoma, with a Pre-trip adventure to Dallas, Texas. We went to several museums including the famous Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and the JFK Memorial Museum. We spent one day of the week at Six Flags over Texas, where students were able to enjoy themselves and bond over rollercoasters and other crazy rides. We enjoyed barbeque, waffles, burgers, and, of course, cuisine from the Hard Rock Café in Dallas. The trip was packed full of adventure, mini sessions, swimming, bonding, and growing our leadership skills. This next year the National Convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.... Information will be given at State Convention.



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(as of 1/1/13)

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