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The 2019 NEA-RA in Houston

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July 3-7, 2019 was full of excitement and passion as educators from all over the world convened in Houston, TX. Delegates from all over the country and as far away as Seoul, Korea took part in the annual NEA Representative Assembly. Some of those leaders were National Board Certified Teachers. During the 4-day meeting, elected delegates discussed and debated New Business Items (NBIs) at the State and National levels designed to provide direction to NEA for the coming year. The NEA-NBCT Caucus proposed two new business items and stood in support of several others. The Caucus worked diligently every day, discussing NBIs and even hosting a roundtable discussion to provide information to prospective NBCTs.

Our Caucus proposed two NBIs during the meeting. The first was NBI 126, which states: “The NEA will work with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to explore the possibility of securing a reduced fee, perhaps for members participating in a cohort, as a benefit of Association Membership, for NEA members pursuing National Board certification.” Melissa Albright and Shannon Rasmussen were the speakers. The second was NBI 132, which states: “NEA will share the following information among its state affiliates on NEA.org: 1. NEA’s historic and current commitment to the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification process; 2. Affiliates that offer programs such as Jump Start and/or a candidate support program as a benefit of membership and organizing opportunity; and 3. NEA members who have pursued National Board Certification, and the impact their candidacy has had on their instructional practice and Association leadership.” Annice Benamy and Carol Bauer spoke on this NBI.

After discussion and debate, the NBIs were bundled for referral (which means the NEA Board will work throughout the year to determine if the NBI can be addressed) to committee in part because there was no cost connected to them. We are hopeful that the NEA Board will address these suggestions and report back to us before the start of the next RA (in Atlanta). **(Editor's Note: On October 2, 2019, we received an email from NEA that both NBIs were accepted by NEA.)**

NBI 126. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Fees

NEA will work with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to explore the possibility of securing a reduced fee, perhaps for members participating in a cohort, as a benefit of Association membership, for NEA members pursuing National Board certification.

NEA will implement this item. NEA recognizes the importance of National Board Certified Teachers as reflective practitioners and understands the benefit of accomplished teachers in the learning environment. Professional learning is most effective when facilitated in collegial environments. However, for some of our members, districts do not have robust support systems or financial offsets for potential candidates.

132. National Board of Professional Teaching Standards

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1. NEA has a historic and current commitment to the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification process;
2. Affiliates that offer programs such as Jump Start and/or a candidate support program as a benefit of membership and organizing opportunity; and
3. NEA members who have pursued National Board Certification, and the impact their candidacy has had on their instructional practice and Association leadership.

This item is already being accomplished under the NEA Strategic Plan and Budget. Our affiliates have effective programs from which our members can benefit. NEA often covers in appropriate publications the benefits of how National Board certification furthers teacher quality and student outcomes, and will continue to do so.

I was excited to be a part of the event again joining over 7,000 educators and ESPs. The hundreds of exhibits were exciting and engaging. Hearing from 10 presidential candidates was exhilarating and informative. I got to take a picture with Rodney Perkins, Teacher of the Year. Participants from the Conference on Racial and Social Justice walked to a nearby detention center to protest holding immigrant children.



NEA-NBCTs standing in support of NBIs.

Our Caucus meetings were also the space for other actions such as revising membership dues, Caucus elections, social media availability via the website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and NEAEd Communities. Make sure you connect with all the Social Media platforms to keep up with the latest information. I look forward to be a delegate at NEA-RA 2020 in Atlanta.

From the Board Room by Melissa Albright, NBCT and NBPTS Board of Director

Have you ever wondered who the Board of Directors are for NBPTS? Well, here is the scoop.

The National Board is governed by a 29-member board of directors. The majority of the board are National Board Certified Teachers and teaching professionals. The other directors include a former state commissioner of education, school board leaders, higher education officials, union leaders, and community leaders. The Board meets in person twice a year: April and November. Other meetings are held via webinars and conference calls. Currently, Melissa Albright Vice-Chair of the NEA NBCT Caucus, serves as one of the Board of Directors members.

At the upcoming November meeting, a new slate of Board members will be recommended by the nominating committee chaired by Melissa Albright. Each summer potential members are recommended by peers and go through a rigorous application process to be considered for election to the board.

In addition, NEA leaders Lily Eskelsen Garcia and Shelly Moore-Krajacic also serve on the Board. Former NEA NBCT leader Doug Lea also serves on the Board.

Halloween Word Scramble

Unscramble the Halloween words and write the letters in the boxes. Use the letters in the shaded boxes to form a new word that answers the riddle.

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LABKC

OLSETENK

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ATHPNOM

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Q. What is a witch's favorite food?

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Happy Halloween

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BATS
BLACK CAT
BOO
BRIMSTONE
CACKLE
CAULDRON
COBWEB

CONJURE
EERIE
FRIGHTFUL
GHOST
GOOSE BUMPS
JACK-O-LANTERN
MOON
MYSTERIOUS
PHANTOM

POTION
PUMPKIN
SKELETON
SPELL
SPOOKY
TRICK OR TREAT
TWILIGHT
WITCH



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Do You Receive Letters Like This?

Dear,

As we head back to school, I want to wish you and your students the best of luck for a year filled with learning.

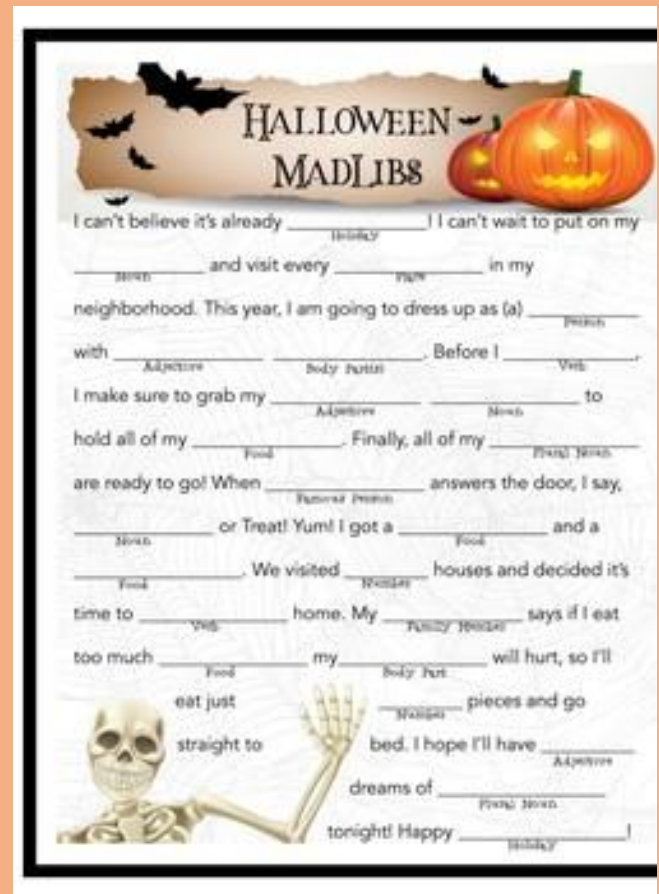
Over the past several years, we have seen a growing commitment to education -- and to support and respect for teachers -- and that sentiment is only continuing to gain momentum.

National Board Certified Teachers, and those teachers working toward Board certification, have used their voices to advocate for students and the teaching profession--and people are listening. We want to hear your voice, too.

Tell us: what do you need from your administrators, local elected officials and policy makers to make this the best school year ever?

NBCTs and candidates have taken their advocacy to the next level by championing students in need, by demanding better conditions in their schools and for their careers, and, at times, by walking out of their classrooms to raise awareness for what's needed in our schools. Americans rose up to support local teachers, and our leaders took notice.

A new school year always brings new opportunity and an opportunity to recommit to the most important profession--educating our nation's children. This year, we're excited to support NBCTs across the country in their classrooms and schools; we're excited for all of the candidates who are working toward Board certification; and we're excited for all of the new teachers who will begin their journey. And our commitment is to advocate for support and respect for NBCTs and the teaching profession. (Cont page 5)



Please make sure NBPTS has your most updated contact information so that you can continue to be an advocate for your students and for public education.

What is it you are excited about this school year, and what support or action would you like to see to improve education in America? Let us know!

Warm regards,

Joe Doctor
Chief Operating Officer

P.S. Want more resources to lift up your voice? Check out our new webpage for NBCT advocacy [here](#).

Share your thoughts by emailing takeaction@nbpts.org.

