
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS: NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD
DATE 7/28/03
CC: FILE

The NBPTS has sent the attached resolution reducing the size of the board from 63 to 54 for your vote.

NBPTS first discussed this issue at its April Board meeting and discussed it again in June. When NBPTS was founded, a large governing board was thought to be essential in developing support for the revolutionary and controversial concept of National Board Certification. Having representation from all the content fields while the standards and assessments were being developed was also considered to be critical to the National Board's credibility. The development of the entire framework of certificates is now complete, lessening the need for as great a number of specific content experts in the Board of directors' deliberations. More recently, the question of whether the size of the Board could be reduced while working to increase its effectiveness has been frequently raised, especially in the search for the last 2 presidents.

President Joe Aguerrebere has indicated an interest in developing advisory groups, involving larger numbers of individuals than NBPTS currently does through membership on the Board. The unusual number of mid-term resignations, coupled with the number of directors who will be term-limited out sparked a Nominating Committee conversation about the rare window of opportunity arising this October. There was general agreement on the following:

1. The ratios established in the Bylaws, (e.g., majority of regularly engaged teachers, two-thirds professional educators, etc.) were more critical than the actual number of 63. Any reduction to the size of the Board would have to be accomplished by maintaining all the ratios as currently defined.
2. While cost was not the driving factor behind the concept of reducing the Board's size, it surely must be considered. A reduction of nine Board members assuming at least seven would attend each meeting, could save NBPTS approximately \$33,600. Additional savings would be realized in mailings and staff time.

With the criteria cited, there will be a total of 12 openings due to term limits and resignations this October. It was determined that a reduction of 9 positions on the Board could be accomplished and still maintain the ratios stipulated in the Bylaws

I am recommending that you vote in favor of the resolution. **Please mark your vote on the attached ballot and sign and date the ballot.** Thanks!