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NEWS RELEASE

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New Mexico School Boards Association Elects Officers Presents Awards to Outstanding Members and Boards

School board members from across New Mexico met in Albuquerque on December 2-3 to participate in the 2010 Annual Convention of the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA). During the Convention the Association elected new officers and members of the Executive Board for the coming year. The Association also honored school board members for their outstanding accomplishments at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

Newly Elected Officers

Dion Sandoval was elected as President of the 450+ member New Mexico School Boards Association for 2012. Dion has served on the **Grants-Cibola** Board of Education since 2001; He has been member of the NMSBA Board of Directors for seven years and served the Association as President-Elect in 2011, Vice-President in 2010 and Secretary-Treasurer in 2009. He also represents NMSBA on the New Mexico Activities Association Board of Directors.

Andrew J. Chávez, a member of the **Española** School Board, was elected by the membership to serve as President-Elect of the Association for 2012 and will serve as Association President in 2013. Andrew is Past-President of NMSBA's Region II and is a member of the NMSBA Board of Directors. Andrew is completing five years on his local board and has been extremely active serving on several of the Association's Committees.

The Association elected **Jennifer Viramontes, Gadsden** School Board President, to serve as its Vice-President for 2012. By virtue of her election Jennifer will serve as President-Elect in 2013 and Association President in 2014. Jennifer is completing her sixth year on her local board and serves as Region VII President. She has been a member of the NMSBA Board of Directors for several years and is active on several of the Association's Committees.

Audrey Jaramillo, Vice President of the **Moriarty-Edgewood** Board of Education, was elected by her colleagues to serve as the Association's Secretary-Treasurer for 2012. Audrey is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner and is completing her first term on the local board of education where she serves on her local board's budget and audit committees.

Outgoing Association President **Terry Martin** will serve as Immediate Past-President of the Association for 2012. Terry is completing nine years of service on the **Clovis** Board of Education where he serves as President. He is a member of the NMSBA Board Directors, and also served

as President-Elect in 2010 and Vice-President of the Association in 2009. Terry also serves as the NMSBA Representative on the NMAA Athletic Commission.

At the Convention the Association membership also recognized the **Twenty-Four Year Service, Board Member of the Year** and **School Boards of the Year** recipients and presented **Leadership Development Training Awards** to well over 140 School Board Members from across New Mexico. **A listing of all award recipients follows:**

2011 NMSBA Recognition Award Recipients

24-Year Service Award

Frank Cordova – Cobre Municipal Schools

Frank has served on his local board for 24 years. He has held all leadership positions on his local board as well as for Region VIII as a representative on the NMSBA Board of Directors. He has been a member of the state association's Resolutions, Policy and Ad-Hoc Awards Committee. He earned the highest NMSBA leadership development and training distinction as a Master Board Member in 2003. He leads by example as he continues to earn an average of 36 training hours per year by attending regional, state and national training opportunities while also fulfilling his local duties. Frank was recognized as the NSMBA Board Member of the Year in 2009 where his continuing commitment to students was highlighted.

Board Member of the Year

Karen Ransom – Bloomfield Schools

Karen has served on her local board for 14 years. She has served as both Board President and as a Region I representative on the NMSBA Board of Directors for 12 years of those 14 years. She has been a member of the state association's Resolutions Committee and has served as Parliamentarian for the Delegate Assembly several times. She has earned the highest NMSBA leadership development and training distinction as a Master Board Member in 2002. She has also earned the Exemplary training status, earning more than 20 hours of training each program year, for every year that the award has been in effect. Karen retired from teaching, but continues her service and commitment to students and her community. She was recognized in 2006 with the Christine Donisthorpe Leadership Award by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce for her leadership and commitment to the community.

Board of Education of the Year

Small District: Aztec Board of Education

The 2010-11 Aztec Municipal Schools Board of Education includes: President **Mitch Waggoner**, Vice-President **Roger Collins**, Secretary **Wayne Farmer**, and members **Christy Lillywhite** and **Wayne Ritter**. In support of the board's nomination, Superintendent Kirk Carpenter noted many of the qualities that make the board exceptional: They are visible in the community and engaging with students; they are balanced with regard to paying attention to detail but not micromanaging; and they are dedicated to serving and diligent to their duties while also being supportive to others. In addition, four of the five board members (one member is still in his first term) have all earned training distinctions through the second level, Outstanding Leadership, in the Leadership Development Program and the entire board exceeds mandated training requirements for each program year.

Large District: Albuquerque Board of Education

The 2010-11 Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education includes: President **Paula Maes**, Vice-President **Dr. Analee Maestas**, Secretary **Kathy Korte**, and members **Martin Esquivel**, **Lorenzo Garcia**, **David L. Robbins** and **Dr. David E. Peerey**. In support of the board's nomination, it was noted by Superintendent Winston Brooks that Albuquerque Public Schools is the 30th largest school district in the nation with 90,000 students and 14,000 employees. There are 89 elementary schools, 27 middle schools, 13 high schools and eight alternative schools. While the board faces many challenges, they realize "student achievement is impacted by the strength or weakness of a district's governing body." Therefore, the APS board has diligently sought community input via local community meetings, sound fiscal management through ongoing policy and audit developments, and focusing on improving student achievement by improving graduation rates and math scores. Albuquerque schools BOE will be one of only three large school districts in the nation participating in the Harvard School of Education's Strategic Data Project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation over a two-year time period.

2011 Leadership Development Awards

The following were recognized with certificates and lapel pins at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, December 2nd at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1901 University Blvd, NE in Albuquerque

Level I = 24 cumulative training hours
 Level II = 36 cumulative training hours
 E = Exemplary - earned 20 or more training hours within the 2010-2011 year

Alamogordo

David Ceballes - E
 Mike Jones - I
 Dr. Allan Rickman - E

Albuquerque

Lorenzo Garcia - I
 Katherine Korte - E
 Dr. Analee Maestas - I, E
 David Peercy - II, E
 David Robbins - II

Animas

Jared Fralie - I
 William Hurt - E
 Levi Klump - E
 Mike Pompeo - I

Aztec

Wayne Farmer - I
 Christina Lillywhite - E
 Mitch Waggoner - E

Bernalillo

Olivia Calabaza - E

Bloomfield

Jim Conyers - E
 Karen Ransom - E

Capitan

Robin Parks - E

Carlsbad

Doris B. Carleton - E
 Andrew Harris - E
 Ron Singleton - E
 Steve West - E

Central

Bernice Benally - II, E
 Randy Manning - E
 Matthew Tso - E
 Lupita White - I, E

Cimarron

Ronald Anderson - I, E
 Annette Johnson - II, E

Clayton

Bill Birdwell - II, E
 Andrea Naranjo - I

Cloudcroft

Douglas Porch - II

Clovis

Lola Bryant - E
 Paul Cordova - E
 Charles Guthals - I, E
 Terry Martin - E

Cobre

Frank Cordova - E
 Frances Kelly - I, E
 Freddie Rodriguez - E

Cuba

Happy Martinez - I
 Marty Vigil - E

Deming

W. Bayne Anderson - E
 Dr. Andrew Hernandez - II

Dora

John Mohon - II
 Bill Prater - I
 Gary Simpson - E

Dulce

Bob Cooke - E
 David Montoya - E

Espanola

Jose Archuleta - E
 Andrew J. Chavez - E
 Pablo E. Lujan - I, E

Farmington

Nancy Delong - II
 Mike Isaacson - E

Floyd

Jim Chandler - E
 Clovis Gray - I
 James Love - II

Fort Sumner

Scott Stinnett - E
 Cody West - I
 Tom Wilton - II

Gadsden

Craig Ford - E
 Maria Saenz - E
 Jennifer Viramontes - E

Gallup-McKinley

Joseph Menini - E
 Chee Smith - I, II, E
 Bruce Tempest - E

Grady

Rod Bone - II
 Bill Page - E

Grants-Cibola Co.

William Estevan - E
 Dion W. Sandoval - E
 Jerry Smith - I, II

Hatch

David Franzoy - I

House

Hilous Hargrove - II

Jal

Jackie Ford - E
 Bobby Kimball - I

Jemez Valley

Gail Madalena - I

Las Cruces

Chuck Davis - E
 Maria Flores - II
 Dr. Bonnie Votaw - II

Las Vegas City

Felix Alderete - E
 Gabriel Lucero - II

Logan

Tom Bruhn - II
 Tom Humble - II

Lordsburg

Maria Sanchez - I, E

Los Alamos

Thelma Hahn - II
 Melanie McKinley - II

Loving

Rey Armendarez - E
Lynn Ballard – II
Francisco Chacon - E
Olga Onsurez - E

Magdalena

Gail Armstrong – E
Barbara Gordon - E
Julie Herrera - E

Maxwell

Dustin Long – I

Melrose

Keith McAllister – I

Mesa Vista

Marvyn Jaramillo – I, II

Mora

Vanee Lujan – I, E
Arthur Romero - E

Mountainair

Gabe Chavez - II

Pecos

Michael Flores – II
Victor Ortiz - E

Penasco

Isabel Duran - II

Pojoaque

Sharon Dogruel – II, E
David Ortiz - E

Portales

Inez Rodriguez - E
Antonio R. Sanchez, Jr- I, E

Questa

Tammy Jaramillo – I, E
Mathew Ortega – II, E

Raton

Sheila Castellini – E
Michael Anne Holland - E

Rio Rancho

Craig Brandt – I, II

Roswell

Mackenzie Hunt – I
Pauline Ponce – I, E

Roy

Joe Blair Clavel - I

Ruidoso

Kerry Gladden - II
Devin Marshall – I, E
Rhonda Vincent - E

San Jon

Cynthia Lee - I

Santa Fe

Barbara Gudwin – E
Glen Wikle - E

Santa Rosa

Pablita Abeyta - E

Silver

Charlotte McGaughey - II

Socorro

James Chavez – I, II, E
Pauline Jaramillo - E
Ann Shiells - E

Springer

Linda Baca - E
Raughn Ramirez – I, II, E
Robert Tafoya - E

Taos

Stella Gallegos – II

Texico

Duwain Hill – I, II

Tucumcari

Carlos Romero – I
Marion Payton - I

Tularosa

Kim Chavez - II
Samuel Sanchez - II

Vaughn

Louis Gauna - E
Rudy Martinez – I, E
Floraida Tapia - E

West Las Vegas

Henry Abeyta - E
Gary Gold – E
Christine Ludi - E
Marvin J. Martinez – I, E
David G. Romero - E

Zuni

George Devries - E
Tyler Lastiyano – I
Carmelita Sanchez - II

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