



NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Excellence in North Dakota public education through local school board governance



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TO: Administrators, Business Managers, Legal Services Affiliation, County Superintendents, Multidistrict Directors

FROM: Alexis Baxley, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **CONVENTION PREREGISTRATION**

The 2017 NDSBA Annual Convention will be held on **Thursday and Friday, October 26-27**, at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. The New Member Seminar and School Law Seminar will be on Thursday, October 26.

The **New Member Seminar** is designed to meet the requirements of law mandating in-service training for newly elected school board members. Attendees will receive certificates of completion in the mail after the convention.

The **School Law Seminar** falls under the NDSBA Legal Services Program and will be administered along with the convention. Registration for the School Law Seminar is available as an option on the convention registration form.

Please review the enclosed information carefully. If you have questions about completing the registration form, please call our office.

Convention delegates and alternates must have their names submitted to the NDSBA office BY OCTOBER 13 in order to vote in the Delegate Assembly. There will be no exceptions. If you're not sure who will be attending, submit all possible names as either delegate or alternate. They will be allowed to **change** status at the convention only if their names were submitted by the deadline.

The formula for determining delegates is:

<u>Number of Teachers Employed</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>
0-10	1
11-30	2
31 and over	3

In addition, districts with a pupil population of 1,000 or more shall be authorized increased representation as follows:

<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Additional Delegates</u>
1,000-4,999	1
5,000 and over	2

The maximum number of delegates a district may have is five.

Only elected school board members may serve as delegates and alternates--administrators, county superintendents, and business managers are not eligible to vote. Counties and multidistricts are nonvoting members.

NOTE: Annual dues must be paid in order for delegates to vote at the annual convention.

NEW MEMBER SEMINAR – THURSDAY, October 26, 2017

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Seminar

TOPICS COVERED:

Role of the School Board

School Board Member Duties and Responsibilities

Boardsmanship

School Finance

Panel of Experienced School Board Members

NOTE: This session meets requirements of the law mandating in-service training for newly elected school board members. Attendees will receive certificates of completion in the mail after the convention.

NDSBA ANNUAL CONVENTION

THURSDAY, October 26, 2017

3:00 p.m. CONVENTION OPENING SESSION

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4:00 p.m. FIRST BUSINESS SESSION AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, October 27, 2017

7:30 a.m. Registration -- Continental Breakfast -- Exhibits Open

8:00 **GENERAL SESSION – *Crucial Conversations about America’s Public Schools***

Dr. John Draper

1:15 **GENERAL SESSION – *How Communication and Relationships Impact Student Achievement***

C. Ed Massey

TENTATIVE CLINIC TOPICS:

- Innovative Education Programs
- What’s New at TFFR? 2017 Update
- Construction Projects from Start to Finish
- Paddling Upstream in a Public School Canoe: Public Schools that Work
- Budget Forecast 2017-19
- From Good to Great: Four Tips for Creating a World Class Organization
- Mavericks, Malcontents, and Mutineers
- Conversation with State Superintendent Kirsten Baesler
- Turning Negative Heat into Positive Energy
- School Finance 101
- Implementing Innovation
- Special Education in North Dakota
- 2017 Legislative Panel
- Superintendent, Business Manager, and Board Evaluation
- Rural Teacher Corps Project: Stakeholder Dialogue
- 10 Things That Bug Us About Each Other – Superintendent/Business Manager/Board Members
- Medical Marijuana in Schools
- Open Record and Meeting Laws in North Dakota
- Teaching Tribal Sovereignty on the Spirit Lake Nation
- Small Organized Schools: Checklist of School Safety Policies
- Small Organized Schools: SMART Labs – Blended & Project-Based Learning
- Small Organized Schools: Annual Meeting

3:30 SECOND BUSINESS SESSION AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

4:30 ADJOURN CONVENTION