

Purpose

The purpose of the Master Board Member Program is to develop a diverse team of highly skilled, knowledgeable and experienced school board leaders who promote the best practices of school board governance and are committed to sharing their expertise by serving as resources, mentors and role models for all school board members in New Mexico.

Goals

The goals of the Master Board Member Program are as follow:

- Encourage school board members to participate in an advanced level of professional development training.
- Provide experienced mentorship and guidance to school board members in areas that promote governance aimed at student success.
- Assemble a group of school board members skilled in advocating for public education and cultivating community trust.
- Develop and maintain a curriculum in key areas of school board governance and a team of highly qualified master instructors.
- Supplement the training, leadership development, and staff resources of the Association.
- Recognize school board members that complete the advanced level of training.

Process

1. Candidate must have achieved the Outstanding Leadership Award (Level II) resulting in 36 hours of professional development training.

2. Candidate must submit the Master Board Member Declaration of Candidacy form with the NMSBA. Upon declaration, they become a “Master Board Member Candidate” and the Programs Director will provide them a written curriculum review to help them determine what areas they need to concentrate on to achieve the MBM distinction.

3. Candidate must complete an advanced curriculum and earn a total of 12 Master Board Member Points as follows:

1. MBM Orientation Class 1 point
2. MBM Core Classes (1 in each Area) 4 points
Finance (1 point), Legal Issues (1 point)
Legislative (1 point) Boardsmanship (1 point)
3. MBM Advanced Classes (Labeled on Agenda) 3 points
4. MBM Practicum (Six options @ point each) 4 points*
 1. Participate at Interim Legislative Meeting
 2. Lobby at State and or National Level
 3. Lead a Day at the Capital
 4. Serve on a State or Region Task Force
 5. Present at an NMSBA Conference
 6. Other activity with prior NMSBA approval

All practicum points require NMSBA prior approval. Candidate must provide evidence, demonstrate achievement and/or develop a report substantiating completion of activity.

Total = 12 points

4. Upon completion of the advanced curriculum the Candidate shall submit the MBM Completion Checklist Form with the Final Application Form to the NMSBA, 300 Galisteo Street, Suite 204, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

5. The MBM Completion Form will be reviewed by the Programs Director and certified complete. When complete, the NMSBA Executive Director can recommend approval of the MBM Candidate to the Executive Board.

6. Upon approval, the Candidate is presented a lapel pin and a blazer with an embroidered MBM patch at the opening general session of the next NMSBA Conference.

7. Recipients of the Master Board Member Certification may conduct training and presentations and provide other services including mentoring to members on behalf of the Association during their tenure and after they have left school board service.

Administrative Guidelines (For Information Only)

- New process will go into effect once approved by the Board of Directors.
- Declared candidates prior to 2008 will be allowed to continue under the original program requirements.
- The MBM Program will be publicized at all conferences and on the website.
- Brief follow-up communications, such as curriculum reviews, will be sent to declared MBM Candidates as a means of keeping them on track to complete the program.
- An MBM Resource List with a pool of trainers will be available upon request to all boards.
- Efforts will be made to pair experienced Master Board Members with newly elected board members.
- **Presentation Guidelines (previously utilized)**
 - To be considered for points, the candidate must be the lead presenter (does not include being a moderator) in a session where the presenter is working for approximately forty-five minutes or more.
 - Presentations of less than 45 minutes, but more than 25 minutes will be awarded .5 point.
 - No points are awarded when a candidate only presents to his/her own board.
 - Board members can be reimbursed for their travel expenses for in-state workshops presented for individual local boards if NMSBA requested that they present. No other compensation is paid.

Question about the MBM process? Call NMSBA Programs Director, Wendy Sawyer at the NMSBA Office (505) 983-5041 or e-mail direct at wsawyer@nmsba.org