



## New Mexico School Boards Association

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## NEWS RELEASE

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

School board members from across New Mexico gathered in Albuquerque December 7-8, 2018 to participate in the 2018 Annual Convention of the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque. School board members listened to keynote speakers and participated in informative breakout sessions. Association members also elected new officers for the coming year and recognized school board members for their outstanding service and training accomplishments.

#### NEWLY ELECTED NMSBA OFFICERS

**Pauline Jaramillo**, member of the **Socorro** Board of Education, was elected by her colleagues to serve as 2019 President of the New Mexico School Boards Association. Pauline is in her third term on her local board, served as President-Elect of the Association in 2018 and Region IV President previously. She was selected as School Board Member of the Year in 2017. Pauline and her husband own and operate a plumbing and heating company in Socorro.

**Arlan Ponder**, member of the **Cloudcroft** Board of Education was elected to serve as President-Elect of the Association for 2019. Arlan is in the second term on his local board, served as the Association's Vice President in 2018, Region VII President previously and earned Master Board Member Certification in 2017. By virtue of his election, Arlan will serve as Association President in 2020. Arlan is Director of Media Relations at Holloman Air Force Base.

**Olivia Calabaza**, Bernalillo Board of Education President was elected to serve as Vice-President of the Association for 2019. Olivia has been a member of her local board for nine years serving as President, Vice President and Secretary. She is serving as NMSBA Region III President and earned Master Board Member Distinction in 2016. Olivia is Marketing Director of Native American Art.

**Marvyn Jaramillo**, President of the **Mesa Vista** Board of Education was elected to serve as the Association's 2019 Secretary-Treasurer. Marvyn is serving his second term on his local board, serves as NMSBA Region II President and has been a member of the NMSBA Board of Directors for several years. Marvyn is currently a Deputy with the Santa Fe Sheriff's Department and is active with the NM National Guard serving as a Staff Sergeant.

**Ramon Montañó**, **Rio Rancho** School Board President, will serve as the Association's Immediate Past-President in 2019. Ramon served as Association President in 2010 and 2018 and has been a member of the Association's Executive Committee and Board of Directors for several years. He is a member of the NMSBA Hall of Fame, he is a Master Board Member and has been active at the region at national school board levels. Ramon is an Account Manager with Honeywell, Inc.

## 2018 NMSBA RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

### 24 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

#### **George A. Trujillo – Mora Board of Education**

George Trujillo was first elected to the Mora Independent Schools Board of Education in February of 1995. The community of Mora has recognized George's outstanding leadership and commitment and has elected him to a remarkable six terms on the Mora Board of Education. During his tenure on the board George has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Member of the local board. George takes his responsibilities on the board very seriously and has dedicated hundreds of hours of his time to help improve educational opportunities in Mora. In addition to his work on the school board, George serves on the Mora County Commission and retired from the New Mexico Department of Transportation with over 28 years of service. George has been a very active member of NMSBA, is a true public servant and has made school board service a major part of his life.

### BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

#### **Mary Trujillo Mascareñas – Peñasco Board of Education**

Mary Mascareñas is a longtime member of the Penasco Independent Schools Board of Education. She is described by her family, colleagues and members of the community as passionate, dedicated and truly committed to improving public education in her community and throughout our great state. Mary is an outstanding advocate for students and focuses her energy on getting the good news out about the many successes in the Peñasco School District. First elected to the school board in 2007, Mary was re-elected in 2011 and again in 2015. She serves as President on her local board and has served as Secretary of NMSBA's Region II for several years. She has been an active member of the NMSBA Board of Directors and is a member of the Resolutions/Legislative Committee and Policy Review Committee. Mary is a Master Board Member Candidate and has received the Outstanding Leadership, Leadership Development and Exemplary Training Awards. Mary is an outstanding school board member always willing to share advice and offer assistance.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE YEAR

#### **Small District: Santa Rosa Board of Education**

The 2018 Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools Board of Education includes: President Lorraine Madrid, Vice-President Jennifer Muniz, Secretary Gilda Gonzales, Member Pablita Abeyta and Member Marcella Sisneros who also serves as NMSBA Region III Secretary. As described by Superintendent Richard Perea, the Board is a five-member female school board who has prioritized academics and is proactive and progressive. They understand the importance of crafting district policies and procedures for the betterment of students, staff and community. Their collaborative leadership and vision have been instrumental in creating a progressive school system. Combined, they have a total of over 55 years of school board experience. As stakeholders for education, they have a cool, calm collective disposition to all school matters. The Board believes in sustaining collaborative partnerships as evidenced by their superb relations with the City of Santa Rosa and County of Guadalupe. Their attendance at Region Meetings, NMSBA conferences and National School Board Association conferences is commendable. The Board has demonstrated a willingness to embrace responsibility to improve education and community. The Board's collaborative communication and partnerships allow the district to sustain academic and extracurricular programs while meeting the myriad of demands imposed by state and federal requirements. The Board respects the opinions of all stakeholders, they serve as superb role models, and are deserving of this recognition.

## Large District: Artesia Board of Education

The 2018 Artesia Public Schools Board of Education includes: President Lowell Irby, Vice-President Jeff Bowman, Secretary Cherie Widmayer, and Members Luis Flores and David Conklin. Superintendent Crit Caton says the Board is dedicated to enriching the public-school experience for their students. The stability of the Board is one of its many strengths. The Board has 64 years of combined service, with one member currently serving his 41st year. There are no hidden agendas among its members. They serve on the board for one reason, “to help kids”, as evidenced by their attendance at many student activities, support for our students’ interests, and responsiveness to their constituents. The Board supports district efforts and provides the tools to support students and staff and constantly strives for proactive solutions to educational challenges. They work diligently to provide the best solutions to the financial and bureaucratic problems they encounter. The Board is an active member of NMSBA and Region VI and recently received the best attendance award for 2017-2018. Each member views their membership as a service to the community’s children and are especially concerned about improving educational opportunities for future success. The Artesia Public School District has an exemplary Board of Education and they are deserving of this award.

### 2018 NMSBA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AWARDS

The following school board members were recognized with certificates and lapel pins at the NMMSBA Awards Luncheon on Friday, December 7, 2018. A description of each level of training award follows:

**Leadership Achievement Award (Level I) = Reached 24 cumulative training hours within the training year;**

**Outstanding Leadership Award (Level II) = Reached 36 cumulative training hours within the training year;**

**Exemplary Award (E) = Earned 20 or more hours within the training year;**

**Master Board Member Certification (MBM) = 44 cumulative hours plus presentations/practicums**

#### Alamogordo

Carol Teweleit – E  
Timothy Wolfe -- E

#### Albuquerque

Yolanda Montoya-Cordova–E, I  
Peggy Muller-Aragon – E  
Candelaria Patterson – E  
Dr. David Percy – E  
Barbara Petersen – E

#### Artesia

Luis Florez – E, I

#### Aztec

Roger Collins -- E  
Fran Dobey – E, II  
E. Wayne Ritter – E

#### Belen

Larry Lindberg – E

#### Bernalillo

Olivia Calabaza – E  
Jodilynn Ortiz – E, II  
Ramona Salazar – E

#### Bloomfield

Elizabeth “Liza” Gomez -- E  
Dale Maes – E

#### Carlsbad

Andrew Harris – E  
Abel Montoya -- E  
Ron Singleton – E

#### Carrizozo

John Hemphill -- E

#### Central

Christina Aspaas -- E  
Adam Begaye – E  
Ruthda Thomas – E

#### Chama

Monica Cordova – E  
Tirzio Lopez -- E  
Stephanie Maestas – E

#### Cimarron

Ronald Anderson – E  
Nancy Hooker – E, I

#### Cimarron (continued)

Annie Jo Lindsey – E  
Bret Wier – E

#### Cloudcroft

Bill Denney – E  
Gerold Green – E  
Arlan Ponder- E  
Lance Wright – E

#### Clovis

Terry Martin -- E

#### Cobre

Frank Cordova -- E  
Frank Gomez -- E  
Ralph “Toy” Sepulveda – E

#### Cuba

Vivian Keetso -- E  
Dianna Maestas – E  
Elizabeth Martin – E, I  
Taylor Pinto – E

#### Deming

Sophia Cruz – E  
William “Billy” Ruiz -- E

Dulce

Lavonna James -- E  
Wesley Vigil -- E

Espanola \* All Exemplary

Ruben Archuleta -- E  
Patrick Herrera -- E, I  
Pablo E. Lujan -- E  
Yolanda Salazar -- E  
Gilbert Serrano -- E, I

Estancia

Elaine Darnell -- E  
Randol Riley -- E  
Lee Widner -- E

Farmington

Sherry Galloway -- E  
Robyn Hoffman -- E

Fort Sumner

Kyle Sparks -- E, I

Gadsden \* All Exemplary

Daniel Castillo -- E  
Daniel Estupinan -- E  
Maria Saenz -- E  
Laura Salazar -- Flores -- E, II  
Jennifer Viramontes -- E

Gallup-McKinley Co.

Charles Long -- E  
Priscilla Manuelito -- E  
Kevin Mitchell -- E

Grants-Cibola Co.

Guy Archambeau -- E  
Ronald Ortiz -- E, I

Hobbs

Gary Eidson -- E  
Terry O'Brain -- E

House

Bill Noland -- E

Jal

Jim Gooss -- E

Las Cruces

Maury Castro -- E  
Terrie Dallman -- E  
Edward Frank -- E

Las Vegas City

Gabriel Lucero -- E

Logan

Lynn Birch -- E  
Tom Humble -- E

Lordsburg

Alfredo Morelos, Jr. -- E  
Maria Sanchez -- E

Los Alamos

Bill Hargraves -- E

Los Lunas

Sonya C' Moya -- E  
Frank Otero -- E  
Georgia Otero-Kirkham -- E  
Bryan Smith -- E

Lovington

Dymorie Maker -- E  
Greg Maxie -- E

Magdalena

Sharon Harris -- E  
Mary Lynn Major -- E, I  
Linda Montoya -- E, I

Mesa Vista

Marvyn Jaramillo -- E  
Moises Pena -- E

Mora

Tranquilino Hurtado -- E  
Lillian Maestas -- E

Pecos

Harold Garcia -- E  
Victor Ortiz -- E

Penasco

Sherry Archuleta -- E, I  
Amanda Bissell -- E  
Leroy Lopez -- E  
Mary Trujillo Mascarenas -- E

Pojoaque

Jeffrey Atencio -- E  
Fernando Quintana -- E

Portales

Dr. Alan Garrett -- E  
Inez Rodriguez -- E  
Rod Savage -- E

Questa

Ellis Garcia -- E  
Daryl Ortega -- E, I

Rio Rancho

Wynne Coleman -- E  
Ramon Montaño -- E

Roswell

Alan Gedde -- E  
Mona Kirk -- E  
Kathleen Pitman -- E  
Ruben Sanchez -- E

Ruidoso

Gina Klinekole -- E  
Luther Light -- E, I, II

Santa Rosa

Marcella Sisneros -- E  
Jennifer Muniz -- E, I

Socorro

James Chavez -- E  
Pauline Jaramillo -- E  
JC Trujillo -- E  
Carlos Vega -- E

Springer

Zita Rae Lopez -- E  
Robert Tafoya -- E

Taos

James Sanborn -- E

Tularosa

Fernando Leal -- E, I

Vaughn \* All Exemplary

Antonio Castillo -- E  
Rudy Martinez -- E  
Maria A. Martinez-Sanchez -- E  
Chris Matson -- E  
Floraida Tapia -- E

Wagon Mound

Sonia Cruz-Olguin -- E  
Tony Rubin -- E

West Las Vegas

Christine Ludi -- E  
Marvin Martinez -- E  
Linda M. Montoya -- E

Zuni

Jerome Haskie -- E