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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 5-7, 2019 to participate in the 2019 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

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

Olivia Calabaza, Bernalillo Board of Education President was elected to serve as President-Elect of the Association for 2020. Olivia has been a member of her local board for ten years serving as President, Vice President and Secretary. She is a member of the NMSBA Board of Directors, serves 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 2020 Vice President. Marvyn is serving his second term on his local board, served as NMSBA Secretary-Treasurer in 2019, serves as NMSBA Region II President and has been a member of the NMSBA Board of Directors. 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.

Dymorie Maker, President of the **Lovington** Board of Education, was elected by her peers as Secretary-Treasurer of NMSBA for 2020. Dymorie is the NMSBA Region VI President, serves on the NMSBA Board of Directors and received her Master Board Member Certification in 2018. Dymorie is an Early Childhood Instructional Coach.

Pauline Jaramillo, member of the **Socorro** Board of Education, will serve as the Association's Immediate Past-President in 2020. Pauline is in her third term on her local board, served as Association President in 2019, 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 family own and operate a plumbing and heating company in Socorro.



2019 NMSBA Recognition Award Recipients

24 Year Service Award

Bill Noland – House Board of Education



Bill Noland was first elected to the House Board of Education in 1979 and served two terms through 1987. He returned to board service in 2001 and continues to serve. It should be noted the community of House recognized Bills outstanding leadership and commitment and recently elected him to a remarkable seventh term on the House Board of Education, Bill has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Member of the local board. Bill takes his responsibilities on the board very seriously and has dedicated hundreds of hours of his time to help improve educational opportunities for his students. In addition to his work on the school board Bill works for the United States Postal Service, operates his farm and ranch and considers his highest achievement as having three grandchildren and e great grandchildren. Bill has been a very active member of NMSBA, serving on the Board of Directors. He is a true public servant and has made school board service a major part of his life.

Hall of Fame Award

Ron Singleton – Carlsbad Board of Education



Ron Singleton has enjoyed a very successful and distinguished school board career since being appointed to the Carlsbad board in 2008. At the local level he served as Board President, Vice President and Secretary. At the Region level he served as Region VI President and Vice-President At the state level he served as NMSBA Vice President, NMSBA President Elect and in 2016 served as NMSBA President and Chair of the Executive Board. Ron has also served as Past President for two terms and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2013. Ron has served on the Western Region Nominating Committee, National Nominating Committee, National Policies and Resolutions Committee and was a voting delegate to the National Delegate Assembly for three years. Ron has earned all NMSBA's training awards, in 2015 received Master Board Member Certification and in 2016 was voted NMSBA Board Member of the Year. Ron has been a true ambassador for public schools and NMSBA and is an outstanding addition to the Hall of Fame.

Board Member of the Year

Olivia Calabaza – Bernalillo Board of Education



Since her election to the Bernalillo Board of Education in 2009, Olivia Calabaza has provided exemplary service to students, staff, parents and community. Olivia has served as Board President, Vice Present and Secretary of the Bernalillo Board and serves on the finance, audit and calendar committees. She currently serves as Region IV President, NMSBA Vice President, member of the Executive Board and Board of Directors. Olivia also serves as a delegate to the National School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. She has received all of NMSBA's training awards including the Exemplary Award for seven consecutive years. Ms. Calabaza strives to promote equity in education and has high expectations for the district and herself. She continually thinks outside the box and welcomes innovative and creative ideas to problem solving. She puts students and staff first when making decisions strives to move the School Board forward. In his letter of nomination Superintendent Keith Cowan says he simply cannot think of anyone more deserving of this recognition than Olivia Calabaza.



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Board of Education of the Year

Small District: Zuni Board of Education



The Zuni Board of Education members are President Stephanie Vicente, Vice President Willard Zunie, Secretary Masika Sweewyne, and members Anthony Lucio and Jerome Haskie. In his letter of nomination Superintendent Daniel Benavidez praised the board of education for maintaining consistency in local school board governance and for their commitment to providing quality education opportunities for the children of the community of Zuni. The board of education takes their responsibilities very serious, establishing a vision and goals for the district, creating district policies, and overseeing the school district budget, thus allowing the superintendent to serve as the chief education leader. The board has been extremely responsive to students, parents and community members and have implemented many initiatives that have had a positive impact on the education program. The Zuni board is active at the local, region, state and national levels taking advantage of quality opportunities to expand their knowledge and improve their governance skills. They have received advanced training awards and they serve their constituency with no promise of reward or recognition. They serve only to ensure that their students get the very best education possible. They are a shining example of what a rural and all Native American school board can accomplish when they all work together. The Zuni Board of Education is truly deserving of this award.

Large District: Bernalillo Board of Education



The Bernalillo Board of Education members include President Olivia Calabaza, Vice President Isaac Herrera, Secretary Jodilynn Ortiz, and members Ramona “Monie” Salazar and Vincent Montoya. The board works collectively as one to make a positive impact in our schools and community. Over the last two years the impact has been noticed by staff, parents and community. It is evident that they all working together to improve the outcomes for teaching and learning within the school district. The board is very active in region, and national board activities and meetings. Board members are members of the NSBA American Indian Council and Hispanic Caucus. Several board members also attend the National Indian Education Association Conferences as well as NALEO to learn more about best practices and policy. Our members take an active role in examining policy and attending all board meetings. The Board places students as their priority and ensures that equity across the district is in place. They attend events such as plays, open houses, athletic and extracurricular, graduation and countless other events. The Board is also very active in committee work and encourages and promotes reading at all levels. Superintendent Keith Cowan says he is impressed with the level of professionalism the Board demonstrates in and out of meetings. The board has adopted board norms and revisits them during every work session to ensure accountability and continued growth. They have quarterly retreats which focus on board best practices, legislative highlights, policy and community relations. The Bernalillo Board of Education is a shining example of a high functioning board.



2019 Leadership Development Program Awards

The following board members were recognized with certificates and lapel pins at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1000 Woodward Place, NE in Albuquerque. An explanation of each level is listed below.

Level I = Reached 24 cumulative training hours within the 2018-2019 program/training year;
Level II = Reached 36 cumulative training hours within the 2018-2019 program/training year;
E = Exemplary = Earned 20 or more hours within the 2018-2019 program/training year;
MBM = Master Board Member distinction – 44 cumulative hours plus presentations/practicums and coursework

Alamogordo

Angela M. Cadwallader – I, II
Carol Teweleit – E, II
Timothy Wolfe – E

Albuquerque

Elizabeth Armijo – I, II
Lorenzo Garcia – E
Yolanda Montoya-Cordova – E, II
Peggy Muller-Aragon – E
Candelaria Patterson – E, II
Dr. David Percy – E
Barbara Petersen – E

Artesia

David Conklin – I, II
Luis Florez – E, II
Lowell Irby – E
Cherie Widmayer – I

Belen

Elizabeth Chavez – E, II
Jim Danner – E, I, II
Larry Lindberg – E
Yvonne McCloud – E, I, II

Bernalillo

Olivia Calabaza – E
Isaac Herrera – I, II
Jodilynn Ortiz – E
Ramona Salazar – E

Bloomfield

Tony DeHerrera – I
Veronica Tso – E

Capitan

Daryl Lindsay – I, II
Dennis Rich – I, II
Troy Stone – I, II
Gary Tregembo – E

Carlsbad

Ron Singleton – E
David Shoup – E, I, II

Carrizozo

Kelly Zamora – I, II

Central

Christina Aspaas – E
Sheldon Pickering – I, II

Chama

Earl James Martinez – E

Cimarron

Ronald Anderson – E
Nancy Hooker – E, II

Clayton

Kim Leal – II

Cloudcroft

Kody Adams – I
Bill Denney – E
Gerold Green – E
Arlan Ponder – E
Lance Wright – E

Clovis

Shawn Hamilton – I
Terry Martin – E
Cindy Osburn – I, II

Cobre

Frank Cordova – E
Ralph "Toy" Sepulveda – E

Cuba

Vivian Keetso – E
Dianna Maestas – E
Elizabeth Martin – E, II
Taylor Pinto – E

Deming

Sophia Cruz – II
Matt Robinson – II
William "Billy" Ruiz – I, II

Des Moines

Lloyd (Red) Miller – I

Dexter

Amanda Bogle – I, II
Mike Gomez – II
Bobby Vaughn – II

Dora

Ty Tipton – I

Dulce

Darlene Gomez – I
Lavonna James – E, II
Levi Pesata – II
Phillip Salazar – II

Elida

Garland Creighton – II

Espanola

Yolanda Salazar – II
Gilbert Serrano – E, II

Estancia

Elaine Darnell – E
Randol Riley – E
Lee Widner – E, I, II

Eunice

Dr. Kenneth Reed – II
Johnny Gaskins – I

Farmington

Robyn Hoffman – E

Fort Sumner

Scott Lewis – I, II
Lecil Richards – I
Kyle Sparks – II

Gadsden

Daniel Castillo – E
Daniel Estupinan – E
Laura Salazar Flores – E
Jennifer Viramontes – E

Gallup-McKinley Co.

Charles Long – II
Priscilla Manuelito – E
Kevin Mitchell – E
Michael Schaaf – I

Grady

Gerald Garland – I
Colten Grau – I
Jimmy Schell – I

Grants-Cibola Co.

Guy Archambeau – II
Ronald Ortiz – II

Hagerman

Heidi Gray – I, II
Destry Moss – I, II

Hatch Valley

Lupe Castillo – I
Merlinda Hinojos – E, I

Hobbs

Gary Eidson – E
Joseph Calderon – E
Terry O'Brain – E, I, II

Hondo Valley

Philbert Candelaria - I

House

Bill Noland – E
Clint Runyan – II
Phillip Runyan – I, II

Jal

Jaime Earp – II
Jenny Edwards – I, II
Kayla Lujan – I, II
Bert Galindo – I, II

Jemez Mountain

Antonette Serrano – E
Robert Vigil – I, II

Jemez Valley

Anthony Delgarito – E
Mary Maloney – II
Peter Madalena – I, II
Penelope Vigil – E, I

Lake Arthur

Gene Bassett – E

Las Cruces

Maury Castro – E
Terrie Dallman – II
Edward Frank – E
Ray Jaramillo – I, II

Las Vegas City

Gabriel Lucero – E
Dennis Romero – E, I, II

Logan

Lynn Birch – E

Lordsburg

Susie Cole – I, II
Edgar Gomez – I
Maria Sanchez – I, II

Los Alamos

Andrea Cunningham – I, II

Jennifer McCumber – I

Los Alamos (continued)

Bill Hargraves – E, I, II
Ellen Ben-Naim – I

Los Lunas

Brandon Campanella – E, I
Sonya C' Moya – E
Milo W. Moody – E
Bryan Smith – E

Lovington

Dymorie Maker – E
Greg Maxie – E
Mara Salcido-Alcantar – II

Magdalena

Sharon Harris – E, II
Mary Lynn Major – E, II
Linda Montoya – E, II
Kelby Stephens – I, II

Maxwell

Monica Hoy – I, II

Melrose

Cedar Rush – I
Tyler Belcher – I, II

Mesa Vista

John Garcia – E
Marvyn Jaramillo – E
Moises Pena – I

Mora

Michael Benjamin – I
Tranquilino Hurtado – II
Lillian Maestas – I

Moriarty-Edgewood

Selia Gomez – I
Becky King Spindle -- I

Mosquero

Amanda Culbertson – I
Floyd Padilla – II

Mountainair

Frances Gonzales – E
Mary Kate Gustin – E, I, II
Dustin Kayser – I, II

Pecos

Harold Garcia – II

Penasco

Leroy Lopez – E
Dorothy Lopez-Sherman – E, I
Mary Trujillo Mascarenas – E

Portales

Dr. Alan Garrett – E
Inez Rodriguez – E
Portales (continued)
Antonio Sanchez – E

Quemado

Nathan BoerVis – I
Carm Chavez – E, II
Eileen Dodds – E, I

Questa

Ellis Garcia – E, I, II
Daryl Ortega – II
Mathew Ortega – E, II
Tammy Jaramillo – II

Raton

Beaver Segotta – I
Abraham Elliott – I

Reserve

Sharon Armijo – I
Carl Livingston – II

Rio Rancho

Wynne Coleman – E, II
Ramon Montaño – E
Ryan Parra – I

Roswell

Alan Gedde – E, I, II
Mona Kirk – E
Kathleen Pittman – E, I, II
Ruben Sanchez – II

Roy

Cody Hazen – I
Alfred Martinez – I
Phillip Trujillo – I

Ruidoso

Marc Beatty – I, II
Shane Holder – II
Gina Klinekole – I, II
Luther Light – E

Santa Fe

Maureen Cashmon – II

Santa Rosa

Marcella Sisneros – E
Lorraine Madrid – E
Jennifer Muniz – E, II

Silver

Mike McMillan – I
Patrick Cohn – I, II

Socorro

Pauline Jaramillo – E
JC Trujillo – E
Carlos Vega – II

Springer

Zita Rae Lopez – I, II
Robert Tafoya – E

T or C

Brett Smith – I, II

Texico

Chad Davis – I
Clay Franklin – I
Craig Rohrback – I

Tucumcari

Leif Gray – I, II
Heather Gonzales – I
Evelyn Corinne Hayes – I

Tularosa

Cody Hill – I, II
Freddy Leal – E, II

Vaughn

Maria Antonia Martinez Sanchez – I
Chris Matson – E
Floraida Tapia – E

Wagon Mound

Tom Herrera – II
Andy Martinez – II
Sonia Cruz-Olguin – E, II

West Las Vegas

Christine Ludi – E
Marvin J. Martinez – E
Linda M. Montoya – E, II

Zuni

Jerome Haskie – E
Anthony Otto Lucio – E, I, II
Stephanie Vicenti – E
Willard Zunie – II
