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**NASBE ELECTS ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEMBER STEPHANIE BELL AS SOUTHERN REGION OFFICER**

Jackie Zeigler  
District I

Montgomery, Ala. – The *National Association of State Boards of Education* (NASBE) announced the election of five new members to the national board of directors, during its recent Annual Conference in Denver.

Betty Peters  
District II

**Stephanie Bell**, member of the Alabama State Board of Education was reelected regional officer for the NASBE Southern Region. She will serve a two-year term.

Stephanie Bell  
District III

Also, **Rachel Wise**, member of the Nebraska State Board of Education, was elected chair of the board. **Brooke Axiotis**, member of the Iowa State Board of Education, was voted chair-elect. The NASBE membership also elected the following regional officers:

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV

- **Karen Williams**, District of Columbia, (Northeastern Region)
- **Vic Lenz**, Missouri (reelected to the Central Region)
- **Janet Cannon**, Utah (Western Region)
- **Jason Dean**, Mississippi (New State Board Member Representative)
- **Todd Allen**, Kentucky (NCOSEA Representative, serving one year)

Ella B. Bell  
District V

“I am honored to serve on the NASBE Board of Directors at a time of transition when states are working to return control of education to the state and local level,” said Alabama State Board of Education Member Stephanie Bell. “As the only organization established to provide support and networking opportunities for state school board members, NASBE brings leaders together to discuss solutions to common problems, including teacher preparation and shortages, student achievement, school safety, and many other significant education issues. My hope is that we will all continue to benefit as a result of our desire to support and strengthen communications among state board members across the United States, in Washington, DC, and throughout the U.S. Territories.”

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.  
District VI  
Vice President

For 60 years, NASBE has served as the only membership organization for state boards of education. “Our new [strategic plan](#) is focused on empowering state boards to fully embrace their role as citizen leaders while continuing to offer combined decades of expertise to meet boards’ ongoing needs and ensuring sustainability,” said NASBE President Kristen Amundson. “*Members of NASBE’s board of directors will lead our organization in this important work.*”

Jeff Newman  
District VII  
President Pro Tem

This year’s newly-elected members will join eight returning board members, who are in the second year of their elected terms. A nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, NASBE elevates state board members’ voices in national policymaking and facilitates the exchange of innovative ideas. Learn more about this highly respected organization at [www.nasbe.org](http://www.nasbe.org).

Mary Scott Hunter, J.D.  
District VIII

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