

# CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

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## **National Alliance of Black School Educators**

### **PREAMBLE**

The mission of NABSE is to enhance and facilitate the education of students of African descent throughout the nation and world.

The National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) affirms the inherent worth, dignity and educability of people of African descent.

NABSE promotes the achievement, development and educational opportunities for youth and adults, and will challenge forces that impede these processes. NABSE will research issues and develop strategies to eliminate barriers to quality education for all children and particularly children of African descent.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name of the Organization**

The name of the organization shall be the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE).

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Purpose and Functions of the Organization**

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of NABSE is to promote and facilitate quality education for all students, particularly students of African descent; to establish a coalition of educators of African descent and others involved in the educational process; to identify and develop teachers and other professionals of African descent who will assume leadership positions in education; to foster the recruitment, development and retention of teachers and prospective teachers of African descent; to create various forums for the exchange of ideas and strategies to improve educational opportunities; to develop funding streams for NABSE-related programs and activities; to influence public policy concerning the education of people of African descent; to promote and strongly encourage persons of African descent to research and develop teaching and learning strategies that enhance achievement of students of African descent.

Section 2. Function. The functions of NABSE shall be:

- 1) To work to eliminate and rectify the effects of racism in education.
- 2) To work to increase the academic achievement level of all students, particularly those of African descent, by promoting programs and effective teaching techniques.
- 3) To influence the development of specialized training for teachers and others who will positively affect the learning outcomes of students (early childhood to higher education).
- 4) To provide services that inform and promote the general welfare of the membership.
- 5) To develop and articulate positions on key issues which affect the education of students of African descent and impact public policies.
- 6) To pioneer research related to the education of students of African descent and to foster the dissemination of effective teaching and learning strategies and findings.

## ARTICLE III

### Organization

Section 1. Membership. Any person who serves or has served in an administrative, teaching, supportive, supervisory or policy position or who is associated with any phase of educational work shall be eligible for active membership in NABSE. Parents, students and other persons who support the mission of NABSE shall also be eligible for membership. The educational service for those eligible for membership may be in a public or non-public school; regional, state, national, international or federal educational agency or association; or college or university.

Each member may participate in the job-alike group or interest group of his/her choice. Selection of a job-alike group or interest group shall be made upon registration for a convention or when establishing or renewing membership. Job-alike and interest groups shall be functionally related to a member's position and/or aspirations.

- 1) A member is in good standing with NABSE when the Executive Director or designated staff member has confirmed payment of national dues.
- 2) Any library, professional organization, governmental agency, private corporation or other institution wishing to support NABSE and to receive such publications as authorized by the Board of Directors may become an institutional member. NABSE may create additional categories of membership, as deemed necessary.
- 3) The categories of membership shall include:
  - a) Individual
  - b) Student
  - c) Retiree
  - d) Life
  - e) Subscribing Life
  - f) Institutional
  - g) Corporate
  - h) Parent

Section 2. Commissions. The National Alliance of Black School Educators shall have Commissions, each of which shall be organized for the purpose of affording meaningful dialogue and participation of members with like jobs and interests. Commissions shall maintain a minimum of eight national members of NABSE, in good standing. Each Commission shall nominate a Chair-Elect and a Secretary. The Chair-Elect and Secretary shall be elected during the second year of the sitting Commission Chair's three-year term.

Elections shall take place by electronic ballot by March 31st of the following year.

The duties of the Commission Chair shall be to conduct the meetings and coordinate activities of the Commission, and such other duties as identified by the Board of Directors. The duties of the Commission Secretary shall be to record minutes of all meetings and to keep a record of commission membership.

- 1) Administration Commission. The function of this Commission shall be directly related to the administration and governance of school districts, the management of local schools, and the exploration of innovative practices related to school operation.
- 2) Governance in Education Commission. The function of this Commission shall be directly related to examining existing federal or state statutes and regulations or prevailing policies of local governing boards of school districts or institutions of higher education to ensure the most advantageous policies regarding the welfare of Black students and staff are effect. Where analyses of existing statutes, regulations and/or policies suggest that modifications are required, it shall be the responsibility of this Commission to develop a proposed new policy, regulation or legislation.
- 3) Instruction and Instructional Support Commission. The function of this Commission shall be directly related to instructional strategies and programs and those supportive services delivered in a classroom setting.
- 4) Higher Education Commission. The function of this Commission shall be directly related to programs and services of higher education.
- 5) Superintendents' Commission. This Commission shall be composed of superintendents and former superintendents who have served as visionary leaders to NABSE and provided critical visionary leadership for African American education. The Superintendents' Commission's primary function is to share and extend that vision to the NABSE membership.
- 6) Retired Educators' Commission. This Commission shall be composed of members who are no longer in the active workforce. The function of this Commission shall be directly related to the retention and continuing involvement of retirees in NABSE, and the development of programs for enhancing the quality of life for NABSE members.
- 7) Parent Commission. This Commission shall be composed of members who are parents, caregivers of children, court-recognized advocates, or educators who do parent engagement work. The function of this Commission shall be directly related to the motivation and collaboration of parents who support the NABSE mission.

Section 3. The Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly shall be the governing and policymaking body of NABSE. It shall be composed of all members in good standing, whose

national dues are current. Any NABSE member in good standing is a delegate and is eligible and expected to participate fully in the Delegate Assembly Meeting.

- 1) Delegates, identified by their badges, in attendance at the Delegate Assembly shall constitute a quorum.
- 2) Each Delegate shall have one vote. A majority vote or a 2/3rd vote where applicable of the Delegates present at the Delegate Assembly Meeting is necessary to carry the motion.
- 3) The Delegate Assembly shall meet at the annual conference not less than twice, with additional meetings as the President or Presiding Officer may deem necessary, to carry out the business of NABSE. No other activities shall be scheduled during this time.
- 4) The Delegate Assembly shall:
  - a) Be comprised of Delegates who are financial members in good standing, and value and understand the importance of participating actively in the meeting and who have read the Delegate Assembly agenda and supporting information prior to the meeting.
  - b) Receive and act on the role of the Delegate, the importance of actively participating in the meeting, and reading the Delegate Assembly agenda and supporting information prior to attending the meeting.
  - c) Adopt Standing Rules for the conference.
  - d) Adopt the agenda submitted by the Board of Directors in the registration packet.
  - e) Receive and act on the report of the Nominating Committee.
  - f) Receive and act on proposed amendments to the by-laws by the Committee. A two-thirds vote of Delegates present at the Delegate Assembly Meeting is required for adoption.
  - g) Act on resolutions which shall have been submitted by the Resolutions Committee, by no later than January 31st, and approved by the NABSE Board of Directors for consideration by the Delegate Assembly. Approved resolutions must be sent to all members at least forty days prior to the meeting of the Delegate Assembly.
    - i. Resolutions that are submitted to the Resolutions Committee that will have a financial impact on NABSE should recommend a funding source prior to submission to the Resolutions Committee.
    - ii. Adopted resolutions, with certified funds identified, shall be referred to the Board of Directors for implementation.
  - h) Receive a copy of the reported activities of the Executive Director.
  - i) Receive and act on the financial and annual reports of the Board of Directors.
  - j) Receive and act on the financial and audit reports.
  - k) Receive and act on recommendations for the dues structure for membership in NABSE.

- 1) Receive and act on reports of the general officers, Council of Affiliate Presidents, and all standing committees if there is a recommendation for action by NABSE.

Section 4. The Board of Directors - The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected and appointed officers of NABSE, the Foundation Chair, a Corporate Member, six Regional Representatives, Seven Commission Chairs and the Director of the NABSE Research and Development Institute (NABSE R&D) as a non-voting member of the Board. The Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors. The Immediate Past President shall remain on the Board for one year following his/her term. The term of the corporate member of the Board shall be consistent with the term of the President of NABSE. The Corporate member of the Board shall be a paid corporate member at the time of appointment. The President of the organization shall chair the meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall serve as the representative of the membership and shall be empowered to make decisions regarding policies established by NABSE when the Delegate Assembly is not in session.

- 1) The Board of Directors shall meet every two months. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by at least four Board Members, with ten (10) days notice.
- 2) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board.
- 3) Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote, and any official action shall require a majority vote.
- 4) Excluding the office of President, when any officer is unable to complete their term of office, the Board shall appoint a member of NABSE who fits the criteria for the office to complete the unexpired term. In the case of a vacancy of a Commission Chair, the NABSE Board shall by majority vote select a member of NABSE who fits the criteria for the office to fill the unexpired term.
- 5) An Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary and two members of the Board of Directors elected by the Board. The Executive Committee may act on issues assigned by the Board in the interim between Board meetings.
- 6) The Board of Directors shall determine the time and place of the NABSE Annual Conference, which shall serve as the Annual Meeting.
- 7) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the employment and termination of an Executive Director and shall execute a contract that shall include duties and responsibilities, salary and benefits, length of contract, and a procedure for an annual



review of performance.

- 8) The Board of Directors shall prepare an annual report for the membership. The annual report shall include the status of the resolutions.
- 9) The Board shall adopt a priority theme and focus on it annually as it addresses all students and particularly students of African descent.
- 10) All Board meetings are open to financial members of NABSE, in good standing, except when personnel and legal matters are discussed, or a motion to meet in Executive Session is adopted.
- 11) The Operating Policy and Procedures manual shall serve to provide operational guidance for NABSE, and shall not conflict with the NABSE Bylaws, or add stipulations that do not exist in the NABSE Bylaws.

Section 5. Affiliates. In order to implement its goals and objectives, NABSE supports and encourages the establishment of state and local groups of educators at all levels who wish to affiliate. Affiliates shall maintain a minimum of 10 national members of NABSE, in good standing. Each Affiliate shall be responsible at the local level to implement the national agenda, priorities of NABSE, and of the Region they are established under. The Affiliates shall be required to submit plans and documentation of their implementation on an annual basis. The National Office shall ensure the Affiliates fulfill the requirements.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to establish, review and revise criteria for Affiliates of the National Alliance of Black School Educators. Any bylaws established by Regions or Affiliates shall conform to the purpose and functions of NABSE's Constitution and By-Laws and not conflict with them in any way. When amendments to the national bylaws are made, regional and affiliate bylaws must automatically be updated where applicable, to ensure consistency.

The Local Affiliates shall provide an Annual Report on their goals and accomplishments, to the State President, where there is an organized state body, and in turn, the State President shall provide the same to the Regional Representative.

Affiliate dues shall be \$150.

Section 6A - Regional Representatives and Affiliate Presidents. To further enhance the attainment of the goals and objectives of NABSE, each Region shall be represented by an elected Regional Representative. Regional Representatives shall have the mission of assisting interested parties in establishing new Affiliates, and assisting Affiliate Presidents in facilitating communication, interaction, networking and problem solving in their

affiliate group. During every two-year term, the Regional Representatives shall prepare and present a statement of goals and objectives for their region to the National President in writing and perform other duties as established and approved by the Board of Directors. Regional Representatives, by majority vote, shall elect a Coordinator, who's responsibility shall be to convene the Regional Representatives in the months where the NABSE Board of Directors does not meet, for the purposes of sharing Best Practices, successful strategies, and feedback for the NABSE Board on needed areas of support. The coordinator shall also facilitate ensuring that the written reports of the Regional Representatives are ready to be shared with the NABSE Board at its bi-monthly meetings. The coordinator shall serve concurrently with the terms of newly elected Executive Committee Officers of NABSE.

Section 6B. Regional Representatives. The membership of NABSE, both nationally and internationally, shall be divided into six regions: Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest, West and International. The local Affiliate Presidents in each region shall meet bi-annually (at the National Conference) to elect one representative who shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

- 1) Regional Representatives shall be responsible for seeking funding to support their regional operations. The policy and procedures manual shall detail the responsibilities and tasks of the Regional Representatives.
- 2) As the number of Affiliates grows, it may become necessary to adjust the regions so that equal representation is maintained. The NABSE National Board shall evaluate, and when needed adjust by a majority vote, when the need arises.
- 3) Each Regional Representative shall serve a two-year term and cannot succeed him- or herself as a member of the Board of Directors.
- 4) The policy and procedures manual shall detail the provide additional guidance for Regional Representatives.

Section 7. NABSE Research and Development Institute (NABSE R&D). NABSE has created the NABSE Research and Development Institute (NABSE R&D) to:

- 1) Conduct research related to effective African American education.
- 2) Study high achieving, effective African American schools.
- 3) Identify practices effective in the teaching-learning process to African American students.
- 4) Issue reports to the Board of Directors and the Delegate Assembly on its research findings annually.
- 5) Write position papers on pertinent topics for the Board of Directors and the Delegate Assembly/general membership.

- 6) Serve as a repository for data and information on Demonstration Schools and the work of Ronald R. Edmonds and the Effective School Paradigm.
- 7) Conduct the Research Roundtable at the Annual Meeting.
- 8) Research issues and develop strategies to eliminate barriers to quality education for students of African descent and develop programs and effective teaching techniques proven to be effective with African American students.

The NABSE R&D Institute shall be guided by a Committee of 10 appointed by the Board of Directors from the membership of the Higher Education and Special Projects, Research and Evaluation Commissions, whose research agenda shall now be promoted, advanced and supported by the NABSE R&D Institute. The Committee shall offer three unranked candidates to the Board of Directors for the selection of the Director of the NABSE R&D Institute for a period of three years beginning in 2012. The NABSE Research and Development Institute Director shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Officers**

Section 1. Designation. The general officers of the National Alliance of Black School Educators shall be President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Additionally, there shall be a Parliamentarian, Historian, and Chaplain, appointed by the President. All elected and appointed officers shall be from among NABSE membership. No two general offices shall be held by the same person.

Section 2. Term Office. The term of office shall be two years or until a successor is elected and installed.

Terms of Officer for President, President-Elect and Past President shall not exceed five years of total service (President 2 years, President-Elect 2 years, and 1 year as Past President). The recording Secretary, corresponding secretary, financial secretary and treasurer shall serve one three-year term. The term of office for all other board members shall not exceed 3 years.

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Section 3. Removal. Any person holding an elected or appointed office of NABSE may be removed for good cause by a two-third vote of the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of the organization shall be served. An appeal of such action can

be considered by the Appeals Committee.

Section 4. Vacancies. Excluding the office of President, when any general officer is unable to complete the term of office, the Board shall appoint a person to complete the unexpired term.

In the event that a vacancy does occur in the office of President-Elect, nominations shall be made at the next Annual Meeting, and elections shall be conducted (March 31, of the following year) in the spring.

Section 5. President. The President shall have all powers and duties incident to the office of President. The President shall preside at all Delegate Assemblies, Annual Meetings, Board of Directors Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings, and special meetings as specified by these By-Laws. The President shall establish and appoint the Chairs of all standing and ad hoc committees and shall establish other Committees as needed. The President shall designate a Parliamentarian to preside at all business meetings.

Section 6. President-Elect. There shall be a President-Elect whose Commission membership must be different from that of the President. The President-Elect shall assume the office of President upon the expiration of the President's term. In the absence or disability of the President, the President-Elect shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. The President-Elect shall also perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the President.

Section 7. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Delegate Assembly meetings and shall perform other appropriate duties and functions as assigned by the President.

Section 8. Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall read and conduct correspondence as directed by the Executive Board or the President, send a call of the meeting to each applicable member, including a copy of the minutes, and all relevant information, update the calendar and communicate important issues to the membership, and assist the Recording Secretary with maintaining the Membership Roster and fulfill such other duties as may be assigned by the unit, the Executive Board, or the President.

Section 9. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the Chair of the Budget Committee, which shall study all official audit reports and make recommendations to NABSE and shall serve on the Audit Committee. The Treasurer, in accordance with sound fiscal management procedures

and policies as established by the Board of Directors, shall execute those procedures for signing and disbursement of checks.

The Treasurer shall present quarterly reports to the Board of Directors regarding all income including the organization's disbursement of checks, report of expenditures and profits from all national activities by the next annual conference.

Section 10. Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary shall verify receive all funds, issue receipts for funds received and maintain a record of all financial transactions, assist the Executive Director in maintaining a record of members in good standing, submit all funds received to the Treasurer within two (2) business days, receive financial reports from Standing and Special committees within thirty (30) days of event/activity including any event/activity receipts and request for reimbursement, and assist the Treasurer with preparation of the annual budget, preparation and filing of tax documents and audit committee review.

Commission Chairs. The Commission Chairs shall be elected from the Commissions that they represent and shall serve three-year staggered terms on the Board of Directors. Where there is a vacancy in the position of Chair-Elect, the term of office of the sitting Commission Chair shall be extended through the term of the Chair-Elect.

The duty of the Commission Chair shall be to conduct the meetings and coordinate all activities of the Commission, represent the Commission as a member of the Board of Directors and assume other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Commission Chair-Elect shall act in the absence of the Commission Chair.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Executive Director**

Section 1. Employment. There shall be an Executive Director appointed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Duties. The Executive Director shall manage the operations of NABSE and shall be directly responsible to the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the implementation of policies and procedures as specified by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director may recommend policy that is in the best interest of the organization. The Executive Director shall be ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

The specific duties, compensation and performance evaluation information shall be found in the Executive Director's contract and the Policies and Procedures Manual.

The Executive Director shall be bonded, shall arrange for an audit of the financial records with supportive documents by a certified public accountant approved by the Board of Directors and shall provide a written report of the audit to the Audit Committee. The Executive Director shall study the financial needs and income of the organization, and shall be responsible, with the Budget Committee, for drafting a budget to be approved by the Board of Directors and subsequently presented to the Delegate Assembly for final action at the Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Standing Committees**

The standing Committees of the national organization shall include but not be limited to the following: Budget, Audit, Membership, Resolutions, Legislation, Appeals, Nominating, Elections, Constitution and By-Laws, Communications, Long Range Planning, National Conference, Ethics, Professional Development and Information Management/Technology. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may appoint additional standing Committees.

The duties and responsibilities of these standing Committees shall be determined by the Board of Directors with advice and counsel of the membership through the Council of Affiliate Presidents, the Commissions and Regional Representatives. The duties shall be defined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Elections and Voting Procedures**

Section 1. Time of Elections. General Officers of the organization shall be elected six months after the annual meeting at which they were nominated. Newly elected officers shall be installed at the annual meeting following their election.

Section 2. Nominations. The Nominations Committee shall be appointed biennially by the President and approved by the Board of Directors at its first meeting after installation. It shall be comprised of one representative from each Commission, and an equal number of Affiliate representatives. The members of this Committee shall not be current National Officers. The Nominating Committee shall present qualified

nominees for each office at the Annual Meeting. Additional may be made from the floor by members in good standing at the Delegate Assembly.

### Section 3. Criteria

Members in good standing running for elective office must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Three years active membership and service to NABSE.
- 2) Life or Subscribing Life Membership status.
- 3) Attended a minimum of three of the last five National Conferences
- 4) Active in local or state NABSE Affiliate and/or NABSE Commission.
- 5) Anyone seeking the office of President-Elect must have at least one (1) degree in education.

The Nominations Committee shall present a slate of at least two (2) nominees for each office at Delegate Assembly I during the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by members in good standing at Delegate Assembly I.

Section 4. The Elections Committee shall be comprised of the Immediate Past President, the Nominating Committee Chair, and a Chair appointed by the NABSE president, and approved by a majority vote, at the first Executive Board meeting convened following installation of the new officers. The Elections Committee Chair shall collaborate with each Regional Representative to recruit one member from each NABSE region to serve on the committee.

### Responsibilities:

#### 1. General

- a. The Elections Committee shall convene after its establishment to review responsibilities and propose a tentative schedule of elections, consistent with the bylaws, as well as related activities for the year.
- b. Working in conjunction with the Nominating Committee, Commission Chairs, and Regional Representatives, a schedule of elections should be proposed, consistent with the bylaws.
- c. The proposed dates and times of elections that occur during the annual NABSE conference within designated commission meetings, and meetings of

regional representatives and affiliate presidents, shall be submitted to and approved by the NABSE Executive Committee.

- d. The proposed date(s) for the election of NABSE officers between annual conferences should be submitted and approved by the Executive Committee.

## 2. Pre-Conference

- a. The approved schedule of elections to be conducted at the annual conference, and between annual conferences, shall be communicated to the NABSE membership at least 60 days in advance of each annual conference.
- b. The NABSE website, newsletter, email and annual conference registration information should be utilized to communicate NABSE elections information.

## 3. At the NABSE Conference

- a. The schedule of elections to occur during the NABSE conference shall be announced at Delegate Assembly 1 and be included in electronic conference program information.
- b. Results of elections conducted during the NABSE conference shall be reported to the Delegate Assembly by the Elections Committee Chair at Delegate Assembly 2.

## 4. Between NABSE Conferences

- a. The election of NABSE officers occurs biennially between NABSE conferences.
- b. The Elections Committee chair should announce the approved date and time to the membership at Delegate Assembly 1 and 2, as well as via the NABSE website, newsletters, and email.
- c. Results of the election conducted electronically should be reported by the Elections Committee chair via email, the NABSE website and newsletters.

## 5. Due Diligence

- a. Prior to, and after, every election, the Elections committee should monitor and assess the quality of all procedures, processes and products associated with NABSE's elections.
- b. The Elections Committee should assess the efficiency and effectiveness of elections software in current use by NABSE.



- c. The Elections Committee should be responsible for researching and making recommendations of elections software that is suitable, user-friendly and cost-efficient for utilization by NABSE.
- d. The Elections Committee shall propose policies and procedures to address election disputes.

#### Section 5. Voting.

- 1) All members in good standing shall be eligible to vote.
- 2) Voting may be conducted by either mail-in ballot to an accounting firm or electronically using an electronic election system approved by the NABSE Board of Directors.
- 3) The election results shall be decided by a plurality of votes cast. In the event of a tie, there shall be a run-off election held by mail-in ballots or electronically.
- 4) All mail in ballots shall be forwarded to the National Office to be held for twelve months following the election.
- 5) Membership shall be notified of the results of the election within thirty days following the tallying of ballots.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meetings. There shall be an Annual Conference of the membership. In so far as possible, this conference shall commence at a similar time each year as determined by the Board of Directors. Members shall be provided with the proposed place, time and general information six months prior to the conference.

During the Annual Conference, the following meetings shall occur:

- 1) Delegate Assembly Meetings. There shall be at least one meeting of the membership to conduct the official business of the organization. No other meetings should be scheduled which conflict with Delegate Assembly meetings. A quorum shall consist of members present.
- 2) Commission Meetings. There shall be at least two meetings of each Commission in order to address pertinent topics and concerns as they relate to the purposes of the organization and to conduct official Commission business. To conduct official business, a quorum shall consist of not less than 25 registered Commission members for the conference.
- 3) Affiliate Council Meetings. Regional representatives shall have at least two meetings with their respective Affiliate Presidents and designees in order to address pertinent topics and concerns as they relate to the purpose of the organization and to conduct official Affiliate business. To conduct official business, a quorum shall consist of at least 50% of Affiliate Presidents and designees registered for the conference.
- 4) Affiliate President's Designee. If the President cannot attend the meeting, another member of the Affiliate may be designated by the President to attend the meeting with voting privileges. To qualify as an official designee of the President the following criteria must be met:
  - a) A written request to send a Designee must be received by the Executive Director at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
  - b) The Designee must be an active member of both the local Affiliate and the national organization.
  - c) The Executive Director must provide written authorization for the representative or designee to attend and participate in the Affiliate Presidents' meeting prior to the meeting, with a copy to the appropriate Regional Representative.

In addition, the following meetings may occur:

- i. General Assembly Meetings A general assembly meeting may be held to promote the goals and purposes of NABSE and to acquaint the host community with the organization's activities. Such meetings may be open to the public, or closed to NABSE delegates only, as per the President or by an adopted motion to go into Executive Session.
- ii. Plenary Meetings. Plenary Meetings shall be held to present relevant topics of interest and concern to the membership and to showcase best practices and research to include, but not be limited to, the NABSE Demonstration Schools Project, Research and Development Institute and the Ron Edmonds Academy. Such meetings may be open to the public.
- iii. Caucus Meetings. Caucus meetings may be called by any Commission as deemed feasible by a majority of its membership.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of NABSE may be called at the discretion of the President upon approval of at least four members of the Board of Directors, by written request submitted to the President, of at least a third of the general Membership in good standing. Written notice of such special meetings shall be mailed to the Membership at least thirty days prior to the date of the meeting. The business of the special meeting shall be limited to the agenda as listed on the notice.

Section 3. Other Meetings. Commissions may hold other meetings throughout the year as deemed feasible by their members. The local, state and regional Affiliates may hold other meetings throughout the year as deemed feasible by their members. The President shall authorize meetings of standing, ad hoc or other Committees.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Dues**

Dues structure shall be recommended by the NABSE Board of Directors and submitted to the Delegate Assembly for approval.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Amendments**

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at the Annual Meeting if the following criteria are met:

- 1) Submit the proposed amendment(s) in writing by April 2 to the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
- 2) The Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee forward the proposed amendment(s) to the general membership no later than 60 days prior to the start of the NABSE Annual Conference.
- 3) The proposed bylaws amendment(s) are placed on the agenda for the Annual Meeting.
- 4) The proposed amendment(s) are adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Delegate Assembly.
- 5) The NABSE Constitution and Bylaws shall be amended Bi-annually, by the Delegate Assembly, unless a law or rules that ranks it requires its amendment.
- 6) No person or persons serving in the employ of NABSE, in a full-time, part-time, or consultancy capacity shall be permitted to submit or amend the bylaws of NABSE.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Order of Business**

The President and Board of Directors shall establish an agenda for the Annual Meeting. Recommendations and/or suggestions should be received on or before July 1. The following shall be the order of business for the Annual Meeting:

- 1) Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
- 2) Adoption Of the Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes
- 4) Report of Officers
- 5) Report of Regional Directors
- 6) Report of Commission Chairs
- 7) Report of Standing Committees
- 8) Report of Special Committees
- 9) Report of Nominating Committee
- 10) Report of Elections Committees
- 11) Report of the Foundation
- 12) Unfinished business

- 13) New Business
- 14) Good & Welfare
- 15) Adjournment

The most recently published edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all official meetings of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, when it does not conflict with the By-Laws of the organization.

## **ARTICLE XII**

This Constitution and By-Laws shall be in effect, upon approval, at the end of the Annual Conference of the National Alliance of Black School Educators during which they are approved.

## APPENDIX I

### NABSE PAST PRESIDENTS

Ulysses Byas, Ed.D.	1972-73
Charles W. Townsel, Ph.D.	1973-75
Deborah C. Wolfe, Ed.D.	1975-77
Joseph Hill, M.A.	1977-79
Ernest E. Hartzog, Ph.D.	1979-81
Marvin L. Greene, Ph.D.	1981-83
Donald H. Smith, Ph.D.	1983-85
Charles R. Thomas, Ph.D.	1985-87
Patricia A. Ackerman, Ph.D.	1987-89
J. Jerome Harris, Ph.D.	1989-91
Ted D. Kimbrough, J.D.	1991-93
Alfred L. Roberts, Sr., Ph.D.	1993-95
Charlie M. Knight, Ed.D.	1995-97
Joseph A. Drayton, Ed.D.	1997-99
Lois Harrison-Jones, Ed.D.	1999-01
André J. Hornsby, Ed.D.	2001-03
Delores M. Saunders, Ph.D.	2003-05
Emma L. Marshall Epps, Ed.D.	2005-07
Deborah Hunter-Harvill, Ed.D.	2007-09
Carrol A. Thomas, Ed.D.	2009-12
Bernard Hamilton, Ed. D	2012-15
Marietta English	2015-18
Michael McFarland, Ed. D	2018-21
Nardos King, Ed. D	2021-23
LaTonya Goffney, Ed. D	2023-25
Kimberly McLeod, Ed. D	2025-