

Nevada Association of School Boards
Award Recipients

1997 – Fallon

School Board of the Year – Elko
Board Member of the Year (statewide) – Cheri Johnson (Douglas)
Board Member of the Year (local) – Paul Hinz (Churchill)
Administrator of the Year – Harold Ridgeway (Elko)

1998 – Las Vegas

School Board – Washoe
Board Member (statewide) – Don Forrester (Douglas)
Board Member (local) – Vicki Jones (Churchill)
Administrator – Geraldine Harge (Nye)

1999 – Elko

School Board – White Pine
Board Member (statewide) – Anne Loring (Washoe)
Board Member (local) – Ann Gustin (Elko)
Administrator – Dr. Brian Cramm (Clark)

2000 – Pahrump

School Board – Mineral
Board Member (statewide) – Joan Westover (Lander)
Board Member (local) – Debra Zayac (Churchill)
Administrator – Marcia Bandera (Elko)

2001 – Lovelock (new awards)

Distinguished Service Awards:

School Board – Pershing
School Administrator – Rick Kester
Veteran Board Member – Ruth Johnson (Clark)
New Board Member – Curt Chapman (Storey)

Leadership Award: (school board and board member of the year)

Board Member – Georgeanna Smith (Elko)
School Board – Clark

Superintendent of the Year – Dan Fox (Pershing)
NASB Director of the Year – Nancy Hollinger (Washoe)
NASB Officer of the Year – Anne Loring (Washoe)

2002 – Las Vegas

Distinguished Service Awards:

School Board – White Pine
School Administrator – Walt Rulffes (Clark)
Veteran Board Member – Marilyn Fendelander
New Board Member – Glen Terry (White Pine)

Leadership Awards:

Board Member – Shirley Barber (Clark)
School Board – (awarded to White Pine above)

Superintendent of the Year – Ron Flores (Churchill)

NASB Director of the Year – Paul Hinz (Churchill)

NASB Officer of the Year – Murry Whipple (Lincoln)

2003 – Sparks

Distinguished Service Awards:

School Board – (not awarded)
School Administrator – Joyce Haldeman (Clark); Dotty Merrill (Washoe)
Veteran Board Member – Susan Brager Wellman (Clark)
New School Board Member – Dennis Keating (Nye)

Leadership Awards:

Board Member – Irene Chachas (White Pine)
School Board – Lyon

Superintendents of the Year – Carlos Garcia (Clark); John Soderman (Douglas); Jim Hager (Washoe); Mary Pierczynski (Carson)

NASB Director of the Year – Norm Scoggin (Carson)

NASB Officer of the Year – Anne Loring (Washoe)

2004 – Elko

Distinguished Service Awards:

School Board – Churchill
School Administrator – Judy Ellen Pratt (Churchill); Dorothy Boone (White Pine); Roy Casey (Douglas)
Veteran Board Member – Nancy Hollinger (Washoe)
New Board Member – Eugene McNutt (White Pine)

Leadership Awards:

Board Member – Ruth Johnson (Clark)
School Board – White Pine

Superintendent of the Year – Dr. Rob Roberts (Nye)

NASB Director of the Year – Sharla Hales (Douglas)

NASB Officer of the Year – Curt Chapman (Storey)

2005 – Las Vegas

Distinguished Service Awards:

School Board – Lincoln
School Administrator – Adam Young (White Pine)
Veteran School Board Member – Deborah Westcoatt (Nye)
New Board Member – Barbara Price (Washoe)

Leadership Awards:

Board Member – Sheila Moulton (Clark)
School Board – White Pine

Superintendent of the Year – Dr. Mary Pierczynski (Carson)

NASB Director of the Year – Irene Chachas (White Pine)

NASB Officer of the Year – Curt Chapman (Storey)

NASB Executive Director's Leadership Award - Eureka County

2006 – Carson City, Pinon Plaza Hotel

Distinguished Service Awards:

School Board – Clark County

School Administrator – DSA Team:

Wade Johnson (Lyon), Paul Johnson (White Pine), Bob Anderson (Carson City), Mike Alastuey (NASB/NASS), Randy Robison (NASB/NASS), Rick Kester (Douglas), Keith Bradford (Clark), Bill Sampson (Clark), Mike Schroeder (Washoe), Jeff Zander (Elko), Ben Zunino (Eureka), Gary Horton (NDE), Jim Wells (NDE), Doug Thunder (NDE), Dr. Keith Rheault (NDE)

Veteran School Board Member – Rachel Clingan (Pershing)

New School Board Member – Pete Magnum (White Pine)

Leadership Awards: (Board of the Year and Board Member of the Year)

Board Member – Debbie Getto-Smith (Churchill)

School Board – Carson City

Superintendent of the Year – Nat Lommori (Lyon)

NASB Director of the Year – Reuben Palmer (Mineral)

NASB Officer of the Year – Sharla Hales, Vice President (Douglas)

NASB Executive Director's Leadership Award – John Smales (Elko)

2007 – Reno, Airport Plaza Hotel & Conference Center

Distinguished Service Awards:

School Board – Lincoln County

School Administrator – Sam Santillo, Carson Middle School, Carson City School District

Veteran School Board Member – Keith Roman (Douglas)

New School Board Member – Harold Tokerud (Nye)

Leadership Awards: (Board of the Year and Board Member of the Year)

Board Member – Dennis Keating (Nye)

School Board – Douglas County
Superintendent of the Year – Antoinette Cavanaugh (Elko)
NASB Director of the Year – Paul Hinz (Churchill)
NASB Officer of the Year – Sheila Moulton, President (Clark)
Distinguished Service Award--Friend to Public Education or Advocacy Organization – Dr. Mary Pierczynski (Carson City)
NASB Executive Director's Leadership Award – Marty Johnson, JNA Consulting Group (Boulder City)

2008 – Reno, Airport Plaza Hotel & Conference Center

Distinguished Service Award, K-12 Public Education Advocacy Organization—Nevadans for Quality Education
Distinguished Service Award, Local School Board—Storey County School District Board of Trustees
Executive Director's Award for Contributions to Nevada School Districts and the Association—Dr. Jane Nichols, Vice Chancellor for Student and Academic Affairs, Nevada System of Higher Education
Leadership Award, Individual School Board Member—John Seeliger, Humboldt County School District
NASB Director's Award, Director of the Year—Carolyn Edwards, Clark County School District
NASB Officer of the Year—Irene Chachas, White Pine County School District
NASB Distinguished Service Award, New School Board Member—Shelly Noble, Humboldt County School District
NASB Distinguished Service Award, Veteran School Board Member—Linda Schrempp, Humboldt County School District
School Administrator of the Year—Lisa Primas, Principal, Paul Culley Empowerment School, Clark County School District
School Administrator of the Year—Melinda Johnson, Yerington Elementary School, Lyon County School District
Superintendent of the Year—Dr. Walt Rulffes, Clark County School District
NASB Leadership Award, School Board of the Year—Clark County School District Board of Trustees

2009 – Reno, Airport Plaza Hotel & Conference Center

NASB Director of the Year—Susan Davis, Lander County School District
New School Board Member of the Year—Estela LeVario Gutierrez, Washoe County School District
Veteran School Board Member of the Year—Bob Burnham, Eureka County School District
Individual School Board Member of the Year—Kevin Pape, Nye County School District

Innovative Educator of the Year—Aaron Hansen, White Pine Middle School, White Pine County School District
School Administrator of the Year—Dr. Terry Owens, Hafen Elementary School, Nye County School District
School Administrator of the Year—Brian Messmer, Jackpot Combined School, Elko County School District
Superintendent of the Year—Ben Zunino, Eureka County School District
Media Award for Outstanding Education Reporting—Jessica Garcia, Sparks Tribune, Washoe County
Individual Friend to K-12 Public Education—Cathy Girard, Nye County
Executive Director’s Award for Contributions to Nevada School Boards and the Association—Carolyn Edwards, Clark County School District, and Sharla Hales, Douglas County School District
Local Governance Team of the Year—Lyon County School District Board of Trustees and Superintendent Caroline McIntosh
School Board of the Year—Carson City School District Board of Trustees

2010 – Las Vegas, South Point Hotel Casino Spa

NASB Director of the Year—James Huckaby, Lyon County School District
New School Board Member of the Year—Kathleen Ancho, Lander County School District
Veteran School Board Member of the Year—Teri Jamin, Douglas County School District
Individual School Board Member of the Year—Sheila Moulton, Clark County School District
Innovative Educator of the Year—Damon Etter, Lyon County School District
School Administrator of the Year—Dr. Beverly Mathis, Clark County School District
Superintendent of the Year—Dr. Rob Slaby, Storey County School District
Media Award for Outstanding Education Reporting—Scott Neuffer, *The Record Courier*, Douglas County
Individual Friend to K-12 Public Education—NAACP Las Vegas Chapter, Clark County
Executive Director’s Awards for Contributions to Nevada School Boards and the Association—Norm Scoggin [Carson City], Sheila Moulton [Clark], Murry Whipple [Lincoln], Reuben Palmer [Mineral], and Nancy Hollinger [Washoe]
Local Governance Team of the Year—not awarded
School Board of the Year—Lander County School District Board of Trustees

2011 – Reno, Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

NASB Director of the Year—Pamela Smith, Storey County School District

New School Board Member of the Year—Erin Cranor, Clark County School District

Veteran School Board Member of the Year—Carolyn Edwards, Clark County School District

Individual School Board Member of the Year—Sharla Hales, Douglas County School District

Innovative Educator of the Year—Holly Marich, White Pine County School District

School Administrators of the Year—Debra Biersdorff, Washoe County School District, and Todd Hess, Storey County School District

Superintendent of the Year—Dr. Heath Morrison, Washoe County School District

Media Award for Outstanding Education Reporting—Heather Gula, *The Humboldt Sun*

Individual Friend to K-12 Public Education—Lina Sharp, Nye County School District

Executive Director’s Awards for Contributions to Nevada School Boards and the Association—Marty Johnson, JNA Consulting Group LLC, and Assemblywoman Debbie Smith, Washoe District 30

Local Governance Team of the Year—Clark County School District Board of School Trustees, Superintendent Dwight Jones, Deputy Superintendent Pedro Martinez, and Dr. Ken Turner, Assistant to the Superintendent awarded

School Board of the Year—Washoe County School District Board of School Trustees