



January 18, 2013

MABE Calendar

January 23 – Board of Directors meeting

January 26-27 – NSBA Leadership Conference

January 27-29 – NSBA Federal Network Relations (FRN) Conference

January 31 – Group Insurance Pool meeting

February 4 – Legislative Committee meeting

February 7 – Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Fund meeting

February 15 – OPEB Trust Meeting

February 20 – Board of Directors meeting

February 22 – Risk Managers Group meeting

February 26 – Boardmanship Academy course: Understanding the Work of the State Board

(For a complete calendar with details, please visit the [MABE website](http://www.mabe.org).)

A Message from the Executive Director

Happy New Year! Thus far it has been an active, exciting month for me as your new executive director. Many thanks to the board of directors and staff for warmly welcoming me to the association, and especially Carl Smith, who so graciously allowed me to accompany him as he conducted the organization's business in December. I look forward to building on Carl's impressive legacy, and to serving Maryland's school boards as they provide effective local governance in education's changing, unpredictable environment.

I also look forward to meeting our school board members across the state whose commitment to public education and the students of Maryland is unwavering. We have a busy and challenging year ahead, and MABE is pleased to serve and support local boards in the vital work of public education.

-Francie Glendening

MABE Communication Survey Ongoing

As the Board of Directors begins the process of writing a new strategic plan, surveying our members has become an important task. Throughout the year, members will receive a series of surveys designed to gauge their level of satisfaction with MABE services. The first survey on the topic of communication was sent on January 9th, with reminders going out weekly. Please participate! The survey is very short, only seven questions, and should take no more than five minutes of your time. If you have not received a survey, please contact Sandi Barry, sbarry@mabe.org.

MABE President Appointed to NSBA's Nominating Committee

Ed Massey, president of the National School Board Association (NSBA) has appointed MABE President Rodger Janssen to the 2013 National Nominating Committee. Rodger will be representing the Northeast Region when the committee meets during the NSBA Leadership Conference in late January.

2013 Legislative Session Begins

Be sure to keep up with all the news during legislative session with MABE's *GreenSheet Legislative Update*, sent to members via email and posted on the MABE [website](#). MABE also updates the [Advocacy](#) section of the website on a regular basis with the latest news and materials. If you are not receiving the *GreenSheet*, please contact Sandi Barry, sbarry@mabe.org.

Reminder: MABE's Legislative Committee meets on a regular basis during session. Complete details including dates and handouts from past meetings are available on the [Legislative Committee](#) page of the website.

MABE's Annual Legislative Day Luncheon provides a forum for legislative leaders to share their perspectives and positions on education funding and policy issues and for local board members to advocate for MABE's legislative priorities. The President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and education and budget committee chairs and vice-chairs present remarks, share lunch, and engage local board members in lively discussions. All members of the House and Senate are invited and many attend looking for their local boards and their input on pending bills.

MABE's Annual Legislative Day Luncheon

Sponsored by Senator Roy Dyson

Tuesday, March 5, 2013
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Miller Senate Building, Annapolis, MD
Pre-Luncheon Meeting for Legislative Committee Members
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Convenient parking at [Navy/Marine Corps Stadium](#)
Details of scheduled speakers to follow

For additional information please contact
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NSBA Launches National School Boards Action Center

The National School Boards Action Center (NSBAC), a new 501(c)(4) organization has been founded by NSBA to strengthen school board advocacy at the federal and national level for the advancement of public

education, local school board leadership, and excellence and equity in our nation's public schools. "Our mission is to enhance school board advocacy to support public education, student achievement, and local decision-making on Capitol Hill and in federal agencies," said Kevin E. Ciak, president of NSBAC and the vice president of the board of education for New Jersey's Sayreville Public Schools. "During this election season, NSBAC is engaging in a number of activities to bring school board issues into Congressional campaigns."

For more information, please visit [NSBAC's website](#).

Performance Matters Case Study Conducted in Wicomico County

MABE partner Performance Matters has been the web-based assessment and data management system of choice in many school systems across Maryland. In 2012, a case study was conducted in one of those systems, Wicomico County Public Schools.

The results were impressive with Wicomico realizing time savings for teachers and administrators, increased use of data at all levels, and improved data-driven decision making occurring. The complete results of the case study are available on the MABE website.

Information about MABE's many partnership services, including Performance Matters, can be found at: <http://www.mabe.org/services/partnership-services/>. Contact Steve James, sjames@mabe.org, or Sandi Barry, sbarry@mabe.org, for more information.

What is ASBO?

The Association of School Business Officials (ASBO), Maryland and the District of Columbia, is the professional development organization in Maryland that provides inexpensive, realistic, and relevant training to all of the school systems business officials involved in the business infrastructure of schools and classrooms. Through two annual conferences, workshops, discussions of best practices, quarterly news journal, professional networking, daily access to national education news, scholarship opportunities, and meaningful professional certification based upon nine Foundations of School Business courses, ASBO members have the opportunity to learn about the most efficient, current, and effective ways of doing their jobs. All of the learning opportunities are very reasonably priced and keep finance officers, transportation managers, IT teams, purchasing staff, and all of the other business members of the school team at the top of their game. When school systems are coping with diminishing resources, ASBO members are learning from other practitioners how to do more with less.

Please visit the ASBO website at asbo.org to become a member or learn more about how ASBO supports your school system, call 410-608-0911, or email them at asbomddc1@gmail.com.

NSBA Charter School Guide and Tool Kit for School Board Members

NSBA's advocacy team has announced the new [Charter School Resource Center](#), and online tool for state associations and school board members. The website has two primary goals: 1) to provide useful information for state associations and school board members to address charter school legislation and

policy in their states; and 2) to showcase school board leadership in public accountability and stewardship over taxpayers and funds in charter school oversight.

The website will be updated as new information emerges. Please contact Katherine Shek, Legislative Analyst, at kshek@nsba.org if you have any questions or suggestions.