



March 2016

MABE Calendar

April

- 1 - [School Funding Adequacy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting](#)
- 1, 8, & 15 - Green Street Coalition Meetings
- 4 - [Legislative Committee Meeting](#)
- 8 - MABE Reception at the NSBA Conference
- 9-11 - [NSBA Conference](#)
- 14 - [Workers Compensation Fund Trustees Meeting](#)
- 15 - [Boardsmanship Academy Workshop](#)
- 18 - LSA Directors Meeting
- 22 - [Conference Program Committee Meeting](#)
- 21-22 - [Group Insurance Pool Trustees Retreat](#)
- 25 - [Legislative Committee Meeting](#)
- 26 - [State Board Meeting](#)
- 27 - [Board of Directors Meeting](#)
- 29 - School Risk Managers Meeting

May

- 3 - Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Meeting
- 5 - OPEB Trust Meeting
- 6 - [LSA Seminar](#) - Sports Law
- 6 - Maintenance Managers Meeting
- 12 - [LSA Seminar](#) - School Counselor Law
- 13 - [Boardsmanship Academy Workshop](#)
- 19 - [Conference Program Committee Meeting](#)
- 20 - School Security Directors Meeting
- 26 - [LSA Seminar](#) - Pupil Personnel Workers Law
- 30 - Memorial Day, Office Closed

Oct. 5-7 - MABE [Annual Conference](#)

(For a complete calendar with details, please visit the [MABE website](#).)

President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Despite some cold days and a few half-hearted attempts at snow, spring has definitely arrived in Maryland. I hope this finds board members looking forward to budgets being approved and the legislative session coming to a close.

With less than two weeks remaining in the legislative session, we continue to monitor and lobby on a record number of bills pending before the General Assembly. MABE has compiled a [Priority Bill Tracking Report](#) to focus on pending bills which are passing, or which we oppose and continue to monitor. Please continue to check your mailbox for regular updates and alerts, including the [GreenSheet](#) Legislative Update.

As we move into April, MABE officers and staff are gearing up to join you and our colleagues from around the country at the National School Boards Association's [Annual Conference](#) in Boston, Massachusetts. We begin our work with NSBA's Delegate Assembly all day Friday, representing Maryland in the business of the national association. After that, we continue as you do, attending General Sessions and workshops that teach us to more effectively and efficiently serve our students, staff, and communities.

I hope to see each of you at the [MABE Reception](#) on Friday, April 8, 5:30-7:30 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Let's take some time to connect as we embark on our own learning experience.

My best -

Warner

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Warner I. Sumpter
MABE President

The Maryland Association of Boards of Education invites you to a reception

Friday, April 8, 2016
5:30-7:30 p.m.
The Seaport Hotel
Flagship Ballroom
200 Seaport Boulevard

Start your 2016
NSBA Conference by making
time to connect with
Maryland colleagues.
Join us!



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NSBA Conference App & Workshops

The National School Boards Association has launched their conference app! Search the iTunes Store for this convenient tool that enables you to browse and save your events. If you are interested in setting your schedule prior to leaving for the conference, be sure to add in these workshops conducted by MABE staff and Maryland board members:

The NEW Key Work of School Boards: An Overview for New School Board Members

Saturday, April 9, 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, April 10, 3:45 p.m.
Kitty Blumsack, Directory of Board Member Development, MABE

Social Media for Board Members

Sunday, April 10, 3:45 p.m.
Sandi Barry, Communications & Marketing Coordinator, MABE
Steve Bounds, Director of Legal & Policy Services, MABE

The Latest in School Law

Saturday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.
Steve Bounds, Director of Legal & Policy Services, MABE

Return on Investment: Quantifying the Economic Impact of your School System on the Local Economy

Saturday, April 9, 3:45 p.m.
Stacy Korbela, President, Anne Arundel County Board of Education
Patricia Nalley, Member, Anne Arundel County Board of Education

Collaborating with Community Resources to Maximize Education

Saturday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.
Renee A. Foose, Superintendent, Howard County Public Schools

Gateway to Success: A Blended Learning Model to Prepare Students for College Success

Saturday, April 9, 3:45 p.m.
Segun Eubanks, Chair, Prince George's County Public Schools
Bernadette Ortiz-Brewster, Principal, Prince George's County Public Schools

Board Development News

Former Kent County board member and Washington College professor Michael Harvey conducted an academy course entitled Writing Skills for Board Members. Beginning with a discussion of potential topics that ranged from Career and Technology Education to school construction to teacher compensation, Harvey then taught the basics of construction, and provided guidelines for clarity, simplicity, and accountability. Harvey stated,

"Good expository writing about people helps your reader understand the answer to a key question - who does what?" Attendees came away with a better understanding of the importance of communicating with the public, and the need to tell a story through writing.

Upcoming Boardsmanship Academy Workshops

Friday, April 15, 2016

Making Your Meetings Work Using Parliamentary Procedure

Do your meetings drag on for too long? Do you "call the question" at the right time? Effective board leaders know and understand the elements of parliamentary procedure and how to use them to make your meetings efficiently. Led by Tyson Bennett, managing partner at Carney, Kelehan, Bresler, Bennett and Scherr, LLP, this session promises to be highly interactive and engaging, providing you with a clear understanding of ways to make your meetings both effective and productive.

Who should attend: Board Members, Superintendents

Key work areas: Community Leadership, Board and Superintendent Relationships

Location: MABE office

Friday, May 13, 2016

The Press is Calling! Media Relations for School Board Members

Board member interactions with radio, television, and newspaper news teams are vitally important to school systems. Join Carey Gaddis, Supervisor of Community and Media Relations, Carroll County Public Schools, and Sandi Barry, Communications and Marketing Coordinator, MABE, to learn the basics of responding to inquiries, managing interviews, and in general, sharpening your media relations skills.

Who should attend: Board Members, Public Information Officers/School System Communications Staff, Superintendents

Key work areas: Community Leadership, Board and Superintendent Relationships

Location: MABE office

Photos below; more available on [Flickr](#).

NSBA Rescheduled Events

As a result of the January snowstorm, the National School Boards Association had to reschedule two events. Please click on the event name for details and registration information.

[Equity Symposium](#) - June 11, 2016 - Educating and Leading: Addressing Equity through Effective Policy and Strategies

[Advocacy Institute](#) - June 12-14, 2016 - Election Year Politics & Public Schools

Current Issue of [American School Board Journal](#)

What's Good in Public Education

The top 10 things to celebrate about public schools

by Patte Barth

This spring marks the 10th anniversary of NSBA's Center for Public Education (CPE). Our charge-then and now-is to present information about education that is timely, evidence-based, and understandable to the general public. When we began, our audience was mostly interested in topics that had practical implications for local decision-making. Over time, we were asked to examine issues with broad political implications. [\(more\)](#)

MABE Affiliate Program

The MABE Affiliates Program is a business opportunity specifically designed to benefit both businesses and our members. Affiliates are able to reach key decision makers with information about products and services through our publications, website, sponsorships opportunities, and conference exhibit hall. Best of all, your affiliate membership supports public education in Maryland.

The Affiliates Program is open to businesses and organizations that provide products and services to Maryland public schools, subject to MABE Board of Director approval.

The annual Affiliate fee is \$500 for businesses and \$400 for non-profits.

Affiliate Benefits:

Affiliates are:

- Listed in the MABE Directory

- Listed in the Annual Conference Program
- Listed on the MABE website with a link to their website

Affiliates receive:

- The MABE Directory of school systems and members
- Our electronic publications including our legislative updates, state board meeting summary, and quarterly newsletter
- A MABE Affiliate Partner certificate to display at your place of business

Affiliates are entitled to:

- First opportunity to sponsor MABE events
- A 20% discount on advertising in our directory, conference program, and quarterly e-newsletter
- A 20% discount on exhibitor space at our annual conference

For more information about the Affiliates Programs, please contact Sandi Barry, Communications & Marketing Coordinator, sbarry@mabe.org

[Affiliates Program Brochure](#)

[Affiliates Program Application](#)

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Scenes from MABE

Below are a few photos from MABE events. To view all photos, please visit MABE's [Flickr](#) page.



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