New School Board Member Orientation

WHEREAS, boards of education are committed to and accountable for establishing and
maintaining excellent public schools in the districts that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the complexity as well as the import of the decisions that local boards must make
have increased significantly in response to public expectations for the performance of public
school students; and

WHEREAS, effective board service requires deep understanding of myriad complex issues and
uncommon analytical and interpersonal skills to serve the public well; and

WHEREAS, boards of education are called upon to lead by example and to promote the value of
continuous learning by adults as well as children; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Association of Boards of Education provides a continuum of
professional development for board members beginning with a comprehensive new board
member orientation; and

WHEREAS, most new board members do enroll for new board member orientation and other
professional development program opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Association do hereby affirm
the responsibility of every board member to participate in a new board member orientation
program.