

NSBA Annual Convention 2024 April 5-8 New Orleans LA.
OSBA Board Report /Sonja Mckenzie

What is the NSBA delegate Assembly?

In essence, the Delegate Assembly is NSBA's legislature. It adopts its own rules of procedure and hears and acts upon its committee reports. The Delegate Assembly meets at least once each year, at the time of the NSBA Conference, and the President and Executive Director of NSBA serve as President and Secretary of the Assembly, respectfully

How are delegates selected?

Each State Association Member selects its delegates according to its own procedures. The only requirement is that a delegate be a school board member and not an employee of a state association. Members of NSBA's Board of Directors serve as ex officio non-voting delegates if they have not been selected as voting delegates from their state

WORK OF THE NSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

The work really begins with the hearing conducted by the Committee on Beliefs and Resolutions. At the hearing, the Committee may receive new proposed resolutions and changes to previously proposed resolutions. Delegates and State Association Members have an additional opportunity to share their views via the Delegate Assembly microsite: <https://community.nsba.org/2024delegateassembly/> home. The online forum allows you to preview all items to be considered by the Delegate Assembly and exchange ideas about them before debate begins on the Delegate Assembly floor. After the Beliefs and Resolutions hearing, the Delegate Assembly meets in a general business session in which the proposals are debated for adoption, and officers and regional members of NSBA's Board of Directors are elected. The meeting of the Delegate Assembly operates very much like a political convention, with delegates and alternates seated in groups under signs bearing the name of their state.

The NSBA President presides over the Delegate Assembly, assisted by the Executive Director and the Delegate Assembly Parliamentarian. The NSBA Board of Directors also attends, as do the members of other committees reporting to the Delegate Assembly. The entire proceedings are reported by a certified court reporter. Press may be present.

Appropriate decorum is requested of all attendees and may be enforced by Sergeants-at-Arms positioned around the hall who are appointed by the President.

During the 2024 Delegate assembly 15 Bylaws, 5 beliefs and 35 Resolutions were approved.

Oregon delegation included: Emielle Nischik (OSBA Acting- Executive Director) Sami Al-Abdrabbuh (OSBA President), Sonja Mckenzie(Past President) Chris Cronin, (President-Elect) Emily Smith (Vice- President) and Dawn Watson (Treasurer)

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**DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
HANDBOOK**

April 5, 2024
New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
La Nouvelle C, Level 2
(Located above Halls E & F)

Note: The Beliefs & Resolutions Committee Hearing
will be held on Friday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m. in Rooms 252-254
New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Level 2
(Located above Halls E & F).

April 5, 2024 Pacific Region Meeting Summary

President Hanks called the Pacific Region Meeting to order @ 3:50pm in Room 262,
NOLA Convention Center

Pacific Region Board representatives came from the following states :

Utah

Oregon

Alaska

Washington

Nevada

Meeting minutes:

President Hanks welcomed the group and asked for reflections on the Delegate Assembly (DA) Meeting which preceded the region meeting. Responses from group included:

- efficient
- smooth
- everything passed
- no opposition
- trusted the work of the committee
- streamlined process

A few members shared concerns regarding the national organization's fiscal health. These concerns focused on the following:

1. Current deficit (\$2+ Million)
2. Pension Report
3. Building Lease

Marnie, Kristi and Devin spoke to the group about the concerns. Advised members that the ED inherited a budget and ineffective internal processes that have not serve the organization well. There is no evidence of malfeasance and positive changes are underway to address the organization's fiscal health. Members are encouraged to continue to share their questions and concerns with their ED.

State Updates:

Oregon:

Lots of moving parts in this Legislative session. The fiscal cliff is growing. Legislative advocacy will be huge in 2025. Districts in Portland, Salem-Keizer authorized strikes and have settled Teacher Contracts. The association is preparing to hold community and legislative conversations around accountability and education funding (how much is needed now and adjustments to the formula). Lots of staff changes on the horizon. Students are involved in 15-17 conversations with legislators. Successes from the Advocacy Institute in DC last January include:

- Accessing Medicaid Funding
- One Oregon Legislator has signed on to support full funding for IDEA.

Conference Sectionals:

The following states reported offering pre-conference and/or conference sectionals during the 2024 NSBA Conference:

Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Utah.

Alaska:

Governor vetoed SB140, a landmark bipartisan education funding bill. The vote to override the governor's veto failed by 1 vote! Devastating to the Alaska Education community. All districts are struggling and depending on relief from the legislature. Issues the Governor wants, that were not in SB 140, includes moving approval of public charter schools from local districts to the State Board of Education and teacher bonuses. Preparing for our spring Board of Directors meeting and our Boardsmanship Academy. Both will be held in Anchorage and will run concurrently with the Alaska Science of Reading Symposium.

Nevada:

Only 17 School Districts in NV. Two districts voted to leave NSBA. The NV Association Team met with both districts and brought them back in. The NV Association is preparing now for the next biennial Legislative session. Priorities will include:

- Capital improvements
- Student safety
- Planning to hold Legislative forums to advocate and create the narrative for information that is accurate and true!
- Working with Legislators to do a joint resolution for the federal government to fund breakfast and lunch for all students.

Utah:

Legislative session is over! Some bills were helpful, some were not! The Governor commented that some Education Bills could have been addressed with a phone call.

Washington:

The WSSDA Association reported a subversive movement among some legislators to encourage school boards to pull out of NSBA.

Recent Legislative actions:

- New Graduation requirements
 - Removal of the statute of limitations for sexual assault and,
 - Switched the burden of proof
- Tim is leaving. ED search underway.

NSBA BOD Updates:

Tasked with evaluating the ED. Cited confidence, trust, experience, connections and the ability to make courageous decisions as positive strengths for the ED.

Encouraged members to give feedback on the 2024 Conference.

A new NSBA vision, mission and tagline will be released during the conference.

Sessions I attended:

- **General Session with Ruby Bridges: Breaking barriers**
- **NSBA CUBE Luncheon: Teaching that transforms with Dr Eddie Connor**
- **Making Employee Wellness a Priority: How one School District Found 'Hope AFter Heartbreak' Building Life Saving Employee Wellness Program**
- **Healing the the Breach-Strategies and skills for bridging political and cultural divides**

Extending a formal apology to the national icon Ruby Bridges

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) invited [Ruby Bridges](#) to its 2024 Annual Conference in New Orleans to meet a national audience of school board members from across the nation for the first time. On November 14, 1960, Ruby was the very first African American child to reintegrate into American schools by attending the all-white public William Frantz Elementary School. Federal marshals escorted Ruby and her mother to the school.



This was made possible with strong advocacy from the NAACP and other civil rights advocates following the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court ruling on *Brown v. Board of Education*, which found that sanctioned segregation of public schools violated the 14th Amendment and was unconstitutional. NSBA and OSBA were on the wrong side of history in backing and defending sanctioned segregation.

NSBA board member Al-Abdrabbuh recognized the significance of acknowledging that these incidents are less than a one-lifetime away and the moral responsibility for NSBA to recognize its role as an institution in the past and its responsibility in the present. Following these remarks, Verjeana McCotter-Jacobs, Esq., a former chair of a board of education and the first-ever former board member and Black CEO of NSBA, extended an apology that is 'decades overdue' and recognizes the role and responsibility of school board members across the nation today in advocating for equality and justice for each student.



Ruby discussed contemporary racial equality issues, such as attempts to change and rewrite history and banning books. A partial recording of Ruby’s conversation with Vergeana on the stage is available to share upon request.

Director Al-Abdrabbuh extends his deepest gratitude to the local school district staff and students advocating for equity for being his teachers on racial equality, the local community, and fellow board members for their support and advocacy for equity, which allowed him to be part of this critical conversation and step in NSBA’s journey toward racial equality.

Oregon Rural school students participate in a panel about rural education

OSBA participated in planning a student panel at the first-ever National School Boards Association’s Rural Education Summit. Oregon students Javier Quintana (second from right) and Riley Templeton (right) made up half of a student panel Friday at the National School Boards Association’s Rural Education Summit in New Orleans. Javier attends Phoenix High School; Riley attends Yoncalla High School.



Our Oregon group enjoyed great food and speakers



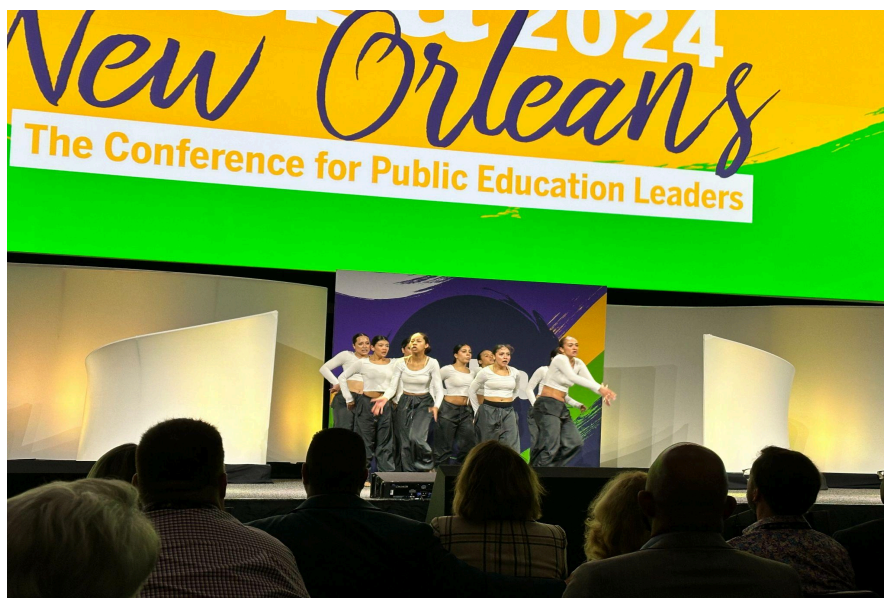
Our delegation celebrated Sami as our state President!!



Enjoyed the Annual CUBE Night out event!



Enjoyed student performances!



Sami and I in Texas witnessed the Solar eclipse with 4.5 minutes of totality! (We were in Mountain Home, TX)

