

## NSBA Annual Convention 2023 Orlando/OSBA Board Report /Sonja Mckenzie



### Oregon delegation included:

Jim Green(OSBA Executive Director) Sonja Mckenzie(OSBA President), Scott Rogers (Past President) and Neelam Gupta (OSBMCC President-Minority Delegate), Sami Al-Abdrabbuh (President-Elect) Chris Cronin (Vice- President) and Bill Graupp(Treasurer)

### NSBA Delegate Assembly in Orlando

Our Oregon delegates also worked to improve resolutions before the body today and did an excellent job working collaboratively with our state associations to include more inclusive language in beliefs and resolutions presented during delegate assembly. The Pacific Region provided guidance to other regions on how to create a successful system of monthly meetings, communication and planning as a region. We will work on sharing our structure with the realigned regions. This year we also had representation from Oregon at the national level- **Jim Green** OSBA Executive Director serves on the National School Board Association Board of Directors, as Chair of the Organization of State Association Executive Directors. Secondly **Sami Al-Abdrabbuh** Serves on the National School Board Association Board of Directors representing the Pacific Region.



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The Conference for Public Education Leaders

# **Delegate Assembly Handbook**

**March 31, 2023**

Orange County Convention Center  
(West Concourse) Valencia B-C, Level 4

Note: The Beliefs & Resolutions and Constitution & Bylaws Committee  
Hearings will be held Friday, March 31 at 8:30 a.m. in Room W414, Level 4,  
Orange County Convention Center (West Concourse).

## **What is 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 decisions you make on April 1 will establish the policies that govern NSBA and provide direction for the advocacy work of the association. Now more than ever, public education must be our nation's top priority. NSBA's strong legislative, legal, and public advocacy on behalf of public education and local school governance leads the way toward that goal! The Delegate Assembly will be considering proposed Beliefs & Resolutions. Beliefs are the enduring principles of NSBA and form the philosophical basis of the association and its work. Resolutions exist for one year and form the advocacy agenda for the year, as we seek to influence legislation, legal decisions, and other governmental policy decisions. **During the 2023 Delegate assembly 6 Bylaws and 40 Beliefs and resolutions were approved.**

## **NSBA Pacific Region/Delegate Assembly**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> as Pacific Region Chair I met with delegates from the Pacific region, and we reviewed each by-law, belief and resolution and listened for feedback and/or suggestions for edits modifications that we would present as a region during the delegate assembly. As a region we had 1 proposal to add language to beliefs and resolutions.

We met as a region prior to delegate assembly on March 31<sup>st</sup> to plan our motions on the floor to present our 1 proposal for the beliefs and resolutions.

**Pacific Region Board representatives came from the following states :**

Utah

Oregon

Alaska

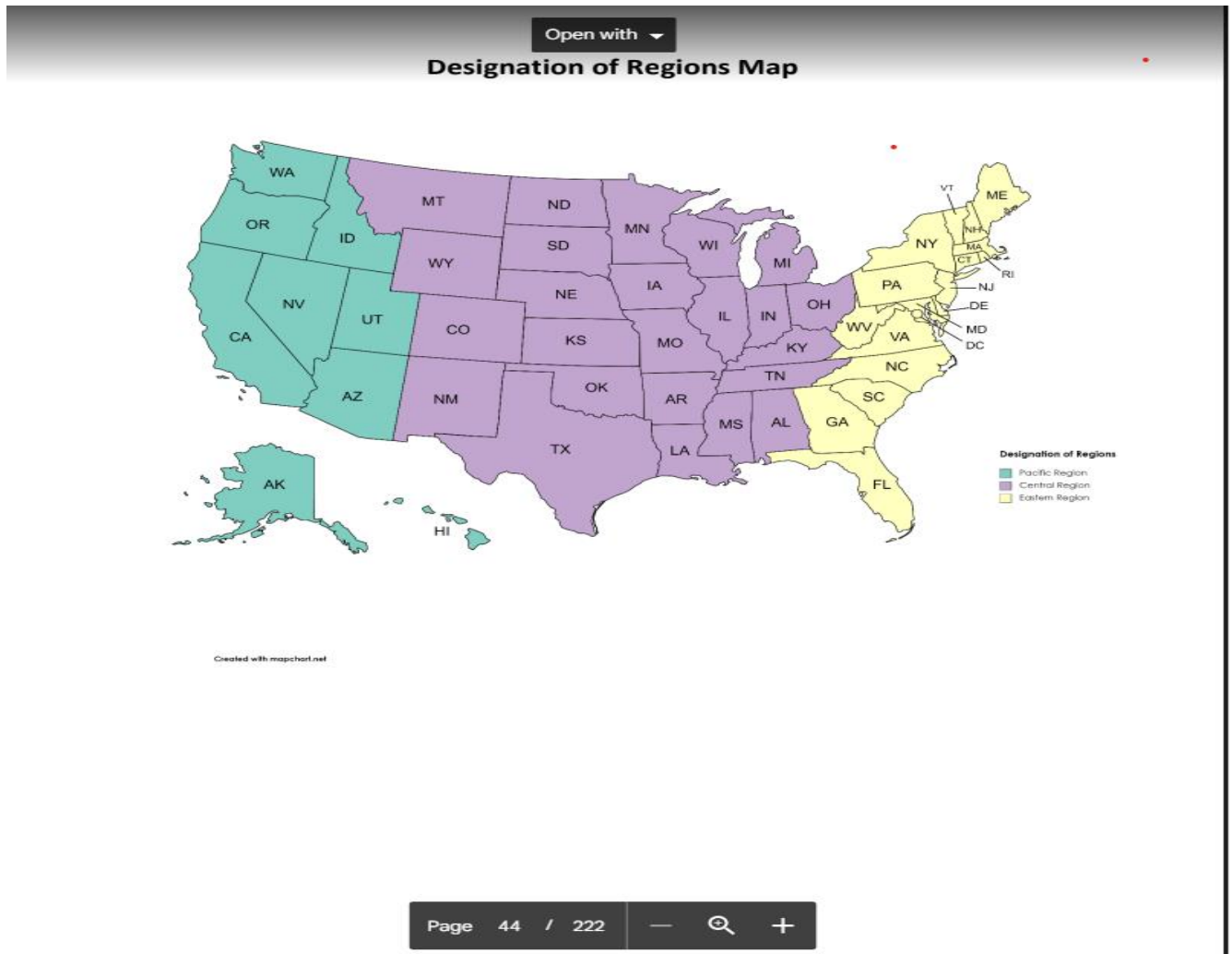
Washington

Nevada

### **NSBA Pacific Region Meeting Debrief**

As Pacific Region Chair I facilitated a meeting of the Pacific Region to debrief afterwards to discuss how delegate assembly went this year to meet as a region (introductions ) and began discussions/planning regarding Summer Leadership Institute (Utah) and our Pacific Region Winter Meeting (Oregon) on Friday, March 31 at 4 pm. Our meeting agenda included a report from State associations, a preview of presentations from Pacific region states at the convention, Magana Awards to a Pacific region state, OR (Portland Public Schools), NSBA Board of Director Reports from (Al- Abdrabbuh (OR), Maraldo (WA) and Hoepfner(AK). Our upcoming meetings President's meeting—May 17 Winter Region meeting—Oct 13-15, Bend, OR

# Realignment of NSBA Regions



1. There shall be up to **THREE** Regions that may be composed of the following states, District of Columbia and offshore flag areas of the United States:

**CENTRAL REGION:** ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, COLORADO, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, KANSAS, Kentucky, LOUISIANA, Michigan, Minnesota, MISSISSIPPI, Missouri, MONTANA, NEBRASKA, NEW MEXICO, NORTH DAKOTA, Ohio, OKLAHOMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, and Wisconsin, AND WYOMING.

**EASTERN REGION:** Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia,

## **Realignment of NSBA Regions**

FLORIDA, GEORGIA, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, NORTH CAROLINA, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, SOUTH CAROLINA, Vermont, and VIRGINIA, Virgin Islands, AND WEST VIRGINIA.

**PACIFIC REGION:** Alaska, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

2. CURRENT REGIONAL DIRECTORS WILL REMAIN IN THEIR SEATS UNTIL THEIR TERMS EXPIRE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIGNATION OF REGIONS. THE NSBA BOARD WILL DEVELOP IN BOARD POLICY A TRANSITION PLAN TO FILL VACANCIES.
3. THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE DESIGNATION OF REGIONS YEARLY. CONFORMING LANGUAGE CHANGES ARE AUTHORIZED TO THE NSBA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REFLECTING THESE PROVISIONS.



# Annual Convention

## New Leadership at NSBA



Kristi Swett (UT) NSBA President

Verjeana McCotter-Jacobs NSBA Executive Dr

## The Oregon Delegation at Convention



## **Oregon Represented on the National Stage!**

### **State President's walk**

Sonja Mckenzie-OSBA President



### **NSBA Director's introduced**

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh NSBA Director -Pacific Region

Jim Green NSBA Director- (NSBAB)





## National Black Council (NBC) Luncheon

Keynote Speaker **Rodney Robinson** was the Council of Chief States School's Officers 2019 National Teacher of the year, the most prestigious teacher recognition in the country

**“In regard to curriculum and cultural representation “Are your schools a window for your students or a is it a mirror for them?”**

How do we replace the loss of Black Education Capital?

- Create Better Experiences for Black students in school
- Create Better Experiences for Black educators
- Investment in the Pipeline
  - Examine and remove systemic barriers in place
  - Partner with folks doing the work
- Create Culturally Responsive Schools with Diverse Curriculums

Wakefield High School football players called n-word, spit on during game, parent alleges

Bill would prohibit teaching Idaho students about racism, sexism...

Missouri teachers under fire for photograph spelling out racial slur in giant letters

White teacher forces Black child to unclog toilet with his bare hands

Bill passed in Tennessee House that could permanently remove disruptive students from class

The Teacher's Discipline Act would give a teacher the authority to remove a student after following six steps.


Black boy, 11, forced to kneel and apologize by white headmaster who called it the 'African way'

Chesterfield School Resource Officer terminated after white supremacist investigation

Critical Self Questions for Anti-Racist Supports

- Level 1
- Who am I?
- Is this the right environment for me?
- Do I empathize or sympathize with my students?
- What is my privilege?
- Do I truly believe that all students can be successful with the proper supports?
- Am I consistently working to improve my culturally relevant pedagogy?
- What biases am I bringing into my classroom pedagogy and relationships?
- Am I open to feedback from students and parents that are critical of my pedagogy?

Dr Constance Lindsey



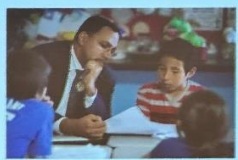
- Increasing teacher diversity can decrease dropout rate for all students
- Black students who get one Black teacher in elementary school are 39% less likely to drop out
- Black students who get one black teacher in elementary school are 19% more likely to go to college
- Increasing teacher diversity can reduce suspensions and expulsions of black students
- Increasing teacher diversity helps the discipline of white students

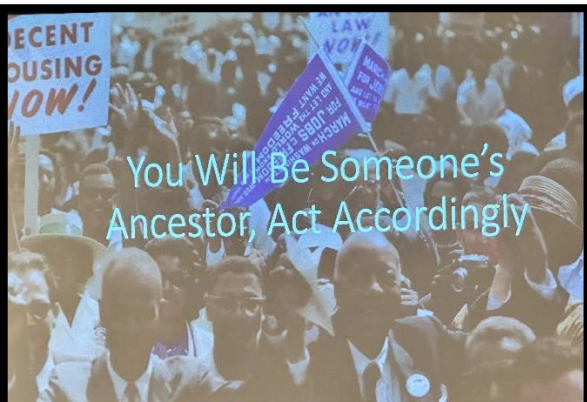
Opinions

### The invisible tax on teachers of color

Teachers of Color Pay an 'Invisible Tax' That Leads to Burnout, Ed. Sec. Writes

By Phaedra Wooten | June 15, 2018 | Education





RECENT PROTESTING NOW!

LAW NOT

YOU WILL BE SOMEONE'S ANCESTOR, ACT ACCORDINGLY

## Keynotes

**Saturday, April 1**



**Sunday, April 2**



**Monday, April 3**



- **Janelle James** shared how her childhood school experiences impacted her life
- **Jenna Hager** talked about her experience as a classroom teacher and the importance of literacy and support for access to library books
- **Adam Cheyer** shared insights on the impacts of technology on education on the future of virtual education

### **Sessions Attended:**

**1. A delicate Balance: The Relationship Between the Superintendent and School Board Members**

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:18713f29-ccaa-3b15-97f0-417caea1a7d8>

**2. Visual and Performing Arts: Engaging All Students for Success**

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:671e9042-dfd2-31a1-bcba-daab5fd4cc6f>

**3. Parent's Rights in Education:**

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:4e232d25-58b5-3f6b-9198-a094a1294873>

### **Recommended Sessions:**

**4. Modeling Civility in Your School Districts**

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:fo8b537b-6653-3df8-9b98-46383c21bef7>

**5. Equity for Rural Students: An Urgent Need to Fix the Digital Divide**

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:878e9805-e724-3202-bc69-6979d6a05bfe>

**Fun time in Orlando!!**

**MegaCon!**



**Universal Studios, Orlando**

