



New Jersey School Boards Association

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Take-Away Points:

NJSBA Board of Directors Meeting

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1. **Annual Audit** By a unanimous vote, the Board of Directors accepted the Association's audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The independent auditor issued an unqualified (i.e., clean) opinion on the Association's financial statements for this period. Additionally, the auditor found no deficiencies in the Association's internal controls. The audit can be accessed on NJSBA's website under the "About NJSBA" tab.
2. **iSTEAM Resolution** The Board of Directors unanimously approved the submission of a resolution to the National School Boards Association's delegate assembly, calling for federal support of integrative STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) education. The resolution urges Congress, the President and the U.S. Department of Education to identify the advancement of STEAM education as a high priority. It also calls on the National School Boards Association to support initiatives that provide local school districts with resources to implement integrative STEAM education programs.

The resolution, which is available on NJSBA's homepage under the "News" heading, describes the benefit of integrative STEAM education to our student's future success. The national delegate assembly will take place in March.

3. **New Jersey School Boards Association Nominating Committee** The NJSBA President's four at-large appointees to the Association's Nominating Committee received the Board of Director's consent. The committee includes 12 members—four appointed by the President; four by the Board of Directors, and four by the County Association Leadership. The Nominating Committee will recommend a slate of candidates for the offices of President, Vice President for County Activities, Vice President for Finance and Vice President for Legislation/Resolution for the 2017-2019 term. The election will take place at NJSBA's May 20 Delegate Assembly.

Procedures, application and timelines for the nomination process were included in *School Board Notes* and can be found on NJSBA's website.

4. **Workshop 2016** This year's annual conference exceeded all training, attendance and financial goals. Ninety-four percent of the state's boards of education were represented at Workshop 2016. The program included more than 250 training and information sessions, many of which provided Board Member Academy credit to our members, as well as approximately 1,200 professional development certificates for Qualified Purchasing Agents and Building and Grounds administrators. There was a 10 percent increase in exhibitors, and our operating expenses were reduced.

The NJSBA staff is currently reviewing responses to the survey of participants as part of its planning for Workshop 2017.