



NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

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RUNNING FOR 2011 NJASC STATE OFFICE

Candidates for each office on the 2011 NJASC Executive Board will be accepted from the following NORTHERN counties of the state: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren.

The decision to enter a candidate from your school must be made soon, as the deadline for returning their application is a postmark date of **Wednesday November 10, 2010**. This will allow us enough time to review each application prior to our December Executive Interview Meeting at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South. **Please select ONE CANDIDATE from your school prior to the Fall Business Meeting, on Tuesday October 19 at The College of New Jersey.** A mandatory session, "Running for State Office", will be held that day for all prospective candidates and their advisors. If the prospective candidate is not in attendance at that session, he or she cannot be permitted under our Constitution to run for State Office.

The following seven requirements and future responsibilities must be met in order to run for the NJASC Executive Board:

1. All applications must be signed by the required school officials.
2. Remember that there may only be **ONE applicant** per school.
3. Each candidate must be nominated by a Student Council that is a member of the NJASC.
4. The candidate must be a **sophomore** or **junior** except for the position of Middle Level Representative, whose grade level must enable him/her to remain in the same Middle School for the full term of office (January 2011 to February 2012).
5. Before declaring his/her candidacy, the student must be willing to devote considerable attention to Student Council activities. It is also understood and mandatory that **all officers will attend each NJASC monthly meeting with an advisor**. The State Board of Education Representative must also attend New Jersey State Board of Education meetings as well as the NJASC monthly executive meetings.
6. All State Officers will be expected to lead our state delegation to the **NASC National Conference** from June 24-29, 2011 in St. Louis, MO. Please note that ALL State Officers must also attend **both sessions of LTC 2011**, which will be from July 12-20, 2011.
7. It is expected that if elected, the student will regard NJASC State Office as their **highest priority**, demonstrating commitment and keeping their schedule open to fulfill all obligations and responsibilities to the NJASC and their fellow Executive Members.

The school/district of each State Officer should assist with the financial support of his/her trip to the NASC National Conference. The NJASC will pay the conference registration fee for each State Officer, but expects the school to support all other costs (transportation, hotel, food, etc.) incurred by their trip.

2010 NJASC STATE OFFICERS

President – Stephen Desilets, Shawnee HS
Vice President – Samantha Campbell, Shore Regional HS
Secretary – Aisya Wilson, Burlington Township HS
Treasurer – Nick Nahrwold, Palmyra HS
State BOE Rep. – Tabitha Nicodemus, Rancocas Valley Reg. HS

Executive Members

Charity – Sergio Ingato, West Windsor-Plainsboro HS South
Projects – Mary Furgione, Oakcrest HS
Publications – Rajhon White, Buena Regional HS
Middle Level Rep. – Russell Bauer, Kenneth R. Olson MS

NJASC STATE OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS:



This brief outline may help potential candidates make a decision as to which office would be their first choice. Please understand that the present NJASC Executive Board will determine the final placement of each candidate following interviews which will take place at their December monthly meeting.

PRESIDENT

He/she shall preside over all meetings, serving as chairperson of the NJASC Executive Board. Previous knowledge of the association, its programs, and philosophy would be helpful for this position. **A candidate running for President must have attended LTC.**

VICE PRESIDENT

He/she shall be in charge of the following year's State Officer elections, presides over the NJASC Executive Board in the absence of the President, and will serve a one-year term on the NJASC Board of Trustees. **A candidate running for Vice President must have attended LTC.**

SECRETARY

He/she shall record all minutes of each meeting and maintain a scrapbook of the year's activities.

TREASURER

He/she shall keep the books of the association, pay the bills, review dues for membership, and coordinate the Top Ten Projects program.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS – there will be three, one in charge of each of the following (to be determined after the votes have been counted):

Publications

He/she will serve as editor of the NJASC Review, LTC Ledger, and be in charge of publicity releases for the organization.

State Charity

He/she will have the responsibility of chairing all efforts toward the NJASC State Charity.

Special Projects

He/she will coordinate the Community Smile and Standards of Excellence programs.

MIDDLE LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE – he/she shall coordinate New Jersey Student Council Week and the Honor School Program.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE – he/she shall be the official voice of the students of New Jersey, as a non-voting member at each monthly State Board of Education meeting, and will report to the NJASC Executive Board concerning the activities of the State Board of Education.

Each State Officer will have the opportunity to attend one State Board of Education Meeting in Trenton and speak on an educational topic of their choice.

Each school having a State Officer is expected to host one monthly meeting for the NJASC Executive Board, and should be willing to make facilities available for meeting, copying, and telephone calls. Advisors are expected to accompany State Officers to each monthly meeting and to assist them in their work throughout their term in office.

TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR STATE OFFICE:



*Your candidate **MUST** be present at the Fall Business Meeting at The College of New Jersey on Tuesday October 19, 2010, and **MUST** attend the "Running For State Office" workshop with an Advisor. He/she will receive an application form, which must be completely filled out and mailed back to the address indicated below with a postmark no later than **Wednesday November 10, 2010**.*

The NJASC Executive Board will interview your candidate during its' December Executive Interview Meeting, which will be held at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South. After the interviews have been completed, your candidate will be slated to the position that best suits his/her abilities, and the election procedures will be explained.

Applicants are reminded that all high school State Officers will be expected to lead our state delegation to the 2011 NASC National Conference, which will be held from June 24-29, 2011 in St. Louis, MO. The Middle Level Representative will be encouraged to attend this trip, as will the Advisor of each State Officer. The school or district of each State Officer should financially support his or her registration and travel expenses for this event.

All State Officers must also attend both sessions of LTC 2010, which will be held at The College of New Jersey from July 12-20, 2011. NJASC will pay the expenses for each State Officer to be at both sessions of LTC.

All State Officers will be expected to represent our state and assist our host school at the annual Region 2 Conference, which will be in Canandaigua, NY from April 8-10, 2011. NJASC will pay the registration cost for each State Officer to participate in this event.

The completed application, along with the accompanying essay and advisor letter of recommendation, must be postmarked by **Wednesday November 10, 2011** and sent to:

NJASC – Lou Miller, Executive Director
25 Linda Place
Denville, NJ 07834

Each application will be scanned and e-mailed to the 2010 State Officers, so that they may review them prior to the Interview Meeting in December. Upon receipt of the completed application, you will be sent an e-mail confirmation and directions to West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South for the Interview Meeting.