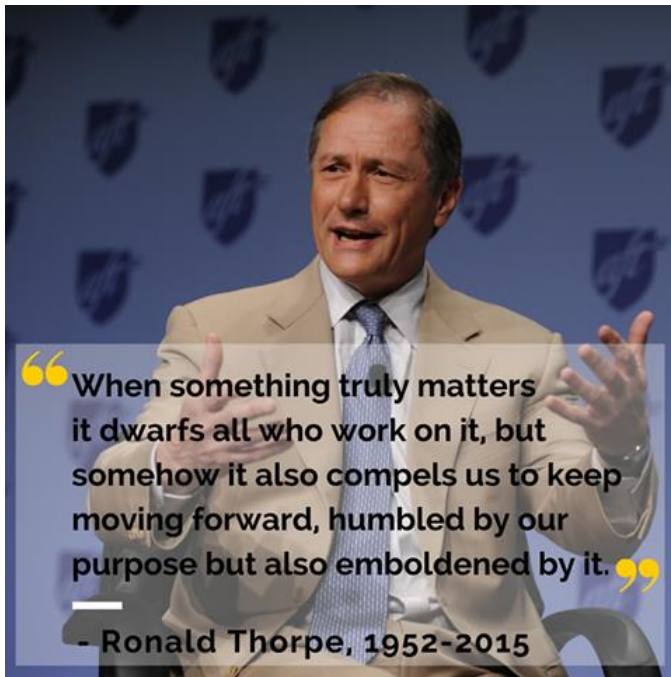




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“When something truly matters it dwarfs all who work on it, but somehow it also compels us to keep moving forward, humbled by our purpose but also emboldened by it.”

- Ronald Thorpe, 1952-2015

On July 1, 2015, National Board President and CEO Ronald Thorpe lost his yearlong battle with cancer. The National Board released a statement including the following: “During his nearly four years at the helm of the Board, Ron’s extraordinary vision reinvigorated our organization and transformed the way we view teaching as a profession—one that must be boldly led by accomplished teachers in support of students and their learning, and in which Board certification must become the norm and expectation for all teachers.”

Peggy Brookins will serve as interim President and CEO of NBPTS. Ms. Brookins is an NBCT who has served as an Executive VP on the NPBTS Board since 2014 and is a member of President Obama's President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

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Development of a Statewide NBCT Network Underway

In April, SEVA members Amy Brown, Nancy Winter Traynor and Sarah Payne attended a meeting in Richmond to help create a network for the NBCTs across the entire commonwealth of Virginia. Stake holders present included representation from the National Board, VEA, VA DOE, The Center for Teacher Leadership and NBCTs from many areas in Virginia. As the most established network in the state, we had much to bring to the table. Nancy and Sarah continued this work by attending a National Board network building event in July.

Call for Nominations

The offices of 1st vice president and secretary are up for reelection this fall. The duties of the 1st VP are primarily to preside over meetings in the absence of the president and oversee the standing committees. To nominate another or yourself, please contact President Amy Brown before September 15, 2015.

Candidate Support Training Available at Fall Conference On October 10th

We are in the early stages of planning our Fall Conference and a follow-up Workshop, tentatively planned for February. Each event will provide sessions for candidates. The Fall Conference on Saturday, October 10th, will also include a 4 hour session for NBCTs wanting to be trained as Candidate Support Providers. The National Board is not currently offering this training, but it is encouraging networks of already trained CSPs to provide training to others.

Anyone interested in helping with any of these workshops is asked to contact 2nd VP Nancy Winter Traynor.

Karen Shinn Award

Each year SEVA honors an individual in Region 2 who has promoted and supported the National Board process through work with NBCTs and National Board candidates. If you would like to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please email Nancy Winter Traynor for an application. Nominations must be received by November 1, 2015.

Call for Volunteers

SEVA needs volunteers at all levels of involvement from helping the day of an event to planning these events, or helping with tasks that are behind the scenes. Anyone with an interest in seeking out grants or sources of funding would be a great help to the organization. We welcome any help with maintaining our website or creating our newsletters. Anyone interested in trying any of these things would be guided by those currently working in those areas to the extent they prefer.

We all know that many hands make light work, so please consider getting involved in the many undertakings of SEVA. Please contact 1st VP Karen Nelson if you have any questions or interest in working with the committees below:

Committees

Membership & Recruitment Committee

Chair Kimberly Ellis (kimberly.ellis@vbschools.com)

Communication Committee

Co-chairs Nancy Winter Traynor (nwt@cox.net) and Meredith Correia (meredith.correia@gmail.com)

Action Plan Committee

Chair Amy Brown (mcguffin@cox.net)

Recognition Committee

Chair to Be Determined

Development & Fundraising Committee

Chair to Be Determined

Congratulations

Jeremy Utt, SEVA Hampton representative until June, is being married in August and has a new teaching position in Stafford County. Lauren Osborn, SEVA secretary, was named Poquoson Teacher of the Year. Bevin Reinen, a new SEVA member, is the Virginia Beach Teacher of the Year. Congratulation to all!

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Next SEVA Board Meeting
Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10 am
Pretlow Library in Norfolk

