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12th Annual Recognition Reception

On Friday, February 3, 2017, SEVA and Virginia Wesleyan College held an event to honor the twenty-nine Region 2 educators who had earned or renewed their National Board Certification this past November. The 14 honorees who attended the ceremony are pictured above: (back row) Patricia Hood, Heidi Wimbush, Natalia Goodloe, Michelle Bowers, Mark Clemente, Darlene Sabol, and Beth Neydon, (front row) Maria Apape, Maria Solock, Sally Lewis, Christine Woods, Charlotte Greene, Allison Tyler and Gwen Mawhinney.

The evening of celebration was attended by Eleanor Joyce of the VA Department of Education and the inspiring speakers were Lauren Osborn, the 2016 Region 2 Teacher of the Year, and Dr. Autumn Nabors, who is the chair of the newly formed Virginia Network for NBCTs.

The recognition continued as this year's Karen Shinn Award was presented to Sarah Payne. Sarah is a professional learning specialist for Virginia Beach Schools, where she leads the division's support program for National Board candidates. She is worthy of this award for many reasons, not the least of which is that all new NBCTs in region 2 are from Virginia Beach.

Informational Meetings Planned

Now that all 4 components are rolled out a candidate has the option of doing all 4 in one year or breaking the initial submissions up over three years. To help inform and encourage educators to pursue certification, SEVA will be holding two informational meeting in March. If you would like a meeting at your school or school district office, we would be happy to accommodate you. Please contact President Amy Brown. Please spread the word about these sessions to all who may be interested.

Informational Meetings

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

York County Public Library

Tabb Branch

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Norfolk Public Library

Mary Pretlow Branch

10:00-11:30 a.m.



Statewide Network

The VA NBCT Network continues to grow and currently has more than 150 members. If you have not already, please register to join this free professional organization. The link to the registration also asks if you would like to serve on a committee or represent your region - [VA NBCT Network Registration](#).

The VA Network listserv has also been established. Be sure to join (see [directions](#)). Future communications will be sent through the listserv. Finally, check out the website <https://vanbct.wordpress.com/> and be looking for information about a fall meeting.

Fall Conference and January Workshop Held for Candidates and Renewal Candidates

A full-day workshop was held on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Sessions were available for candidates on all 4 components as well as introductory sessions. For NBCTs there were sessions on Renewal and Candidate Support Provider Training. On January 21, SEVA held a half day workshop that continued to support renewing NBCTs and candidates, included time with Candidate Support Providers.

Both events were well attended and well received, with many participants from out of Region 2.

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Next Board Meeting

**Saturday, March 18, 2017 10am-Noon
Panera's in Hampton
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