



# NEWSLETTER

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## NBCT Now Leads the National Board

Peggy Brookins, NBCT, was recently appointed as president and CEO of the National Board. This is the first time our organization has been led by an NBCT. Peggy served as executive vice president of the National Board since December 2014 and as interim president and CEO since June 2015.



Peggy Brookins, left, and Amber Parker (Sr. VP for Outreach & Engagement) at the NB Network Academy held in Arizona in July

## Development of a Statewide NBCT Network Moving Foreword

In October Amy Brown, Sarah Payne, Bevin Reinen, Gloria Roberts, and Nancy Winter Traynor represented Region 2 at a meeting in Richmond to further the work in establishing a network for the NBCTs across the entire commonwealth of Virginia. All 5 NBCTs representing Region 2 were SEVA members!

This new organization has been recognized as a network by the National Board and the by-laws and structure are being developed.

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## Congratulations to New and Renewed NBCTs

SEVA is very proud of the 20 NBCTs who renewed their certification this fall. Since the NB process is in transition we are delighted that as of November 7<sup>th</sup> there are 16 new NBCTs in our region. We will celebrate the accomplishment of these NBCTs at our **Recognition Reception on Friday, February 5, 2016...SAVE THE DATE!!!**

## And Another Reason to Celebrate—Lauren Osborn named Region 2 TOY

Lauren Osborn, SEVA Secretary, was one of the honorees at the governor's reception in Richmond for the finalists for the Virginia Teacher of the Year. Of the 8 finalists, 4 were NBCTs and the state teacher of the year, Natalie Difusco-Funk, is also a National Board Certified Teacher! The finalists from this year and last year will become fellows for The Academy to Envision Tomorrow's Schools, a group of teacher leaders, sponsored by Moseley Architects and Virginia Tech, who will help shape the future of education in Virginia. NBCTs will certainly have a strong voice at the table.



Lauren Osborn, Region 2 Teacher of the Year, with her husband and Governor Terry McAuliffe (center)

## Component 3 Released

As the roll-out of new components to the National Board process continues, component 3 was released in November. It requires video recordings and is similar to old entries 2 and 3 combined. Component 4 will be released during the next school year. To access the directions for components 1, 2, and 3 go to:

<http://boardcertifiedteachers.org/certificate-areas>.

## Candidate Support Provider Training held October 10th

Many NBCTs in Region 2 have requested CSP training. SEVA member, Sarah Payne, provided that training at our fall conference. The 4-hour session focused on good questioning techniques and strategies to support candidates on their journey through the process.

## Election Held

At the October 10<sup>th</sup> annual business meeting Sarah Payne was elected our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Lauren Osborn was reelected as our Secretary.

## Candidate Workshop planned for February 27, 2016

SEVA will present a workshop with sessions for candidates working on Components 1, 2, or 3 on Saturday, February 27 at Virginia Wesleyan College. Time will also be set aside for networking with each other and with current NBCTs. Any candidate who so wishes will be connected to a Candidate Support Provider on that day as well. Breakfast will be provided and lunch will be available as this workshop will run from 8 until 3.

If there is interest among renewal candidates or advanced candidates, sessions may be provided for those groups as well. If you would like more information or you would like to help with the workshop, please contact Nancy Winter Traynor at [NWT@cox.net](mailto:NWT@cox.net).

Next SEVA Board Meeting  
Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10 am  
Pretlow Library, Norfolk

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### Development & Fundraising Committee

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