

November 18, 2009

Dear NIRSA Student Members,

On behalf of the NIRSA Student Leadership Team, we would like to thank you for your continued support and attention to the various changes associated with our new Governance processes that will go into effect at the 2010 Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. As indicated in prior communications, our Association will fully populate the new Governance structure at the 2010 Annual Conference by creating the Regional Member Network, launching the Assembly and re-defining the role of the Board of Directors.

At this time, we feel it is critical that all student members are fully aware of the timeline and schedules that have been established in order to meet these goals. Prior to the NIRSA Annual Conference in April 2010, students will be expected to have conducted elections for the 2010-2011 Student Leadership Team, composed of the National Student Leader and the six Regional Student Leaders. Through various communications from Regional Student Representatives and State Student Representatives at the Regional and State meetings this fall, there posed a greater opportunity to further understand the dynamics associated with our new Governance model, and to review with NIRSA leaders any questions or concerns you may have regarding the processes.

The Student Leadership Team plans to conduct elections for National Student Leader and Regional Student Leaders electronically at the same time national elections will be occurring for new Board of Director positions and Regional Representative positions. We would like to encourage you, as a student member, to help identify individuals that might be interested in serving as National Student Leader or Regional Student Leader. The Regional Student Representatives and the State Student Representatives will serve on their Student Regional Nominations and Appointment Committees to identify two candidates for the Regional Student Leader slate that meet the criteria to stand for election. These individuals' names will then be forwarded to the Student Nominations and Elections sub-committee to be certified and placed on the electronic ballot.

The following timeline was endorsed as a part of the Future First Governance Implementation Plan:

October, 2009

Extensive communication throughout Regional Conferences and State Meetings to ensure that the membership fully understands all issues associated with our new Governance model. Regional Student Representatives and State Student Representatives will be asked to serve on Student Regional Nominations and Appointment Committees.

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Student and professional members within each region will have the option to submit nominations to the Student Nominations and Elections sub-committee of individuals to be considered as possible candidates for the positions of National Student Leader and/or Regional Student Leader in the Member Network. Interested candidates will submit application materials by December 1.

December, 2009

The Student Nominations and Elections sub-committee will review the applications for National Student Leader. Names of applicants who are not selected as a candidate for National Student Leader, but also indicate an interest in the Regional Student Leader position will be forwarded to appropriate the Student Regional Nominations and Appointments Committee.

The Student Regional Nominations and Appointment Committees will review applications for Regional Student Leader and propose candidates to the Student Nominations and Elections sub-committee.

The proposed candidates will be forwarded to the Nominations and Elections Committee for certification.

January, 2010

Candidate bios and position statements are posted to the NIRSA and regional websites.

February, 2010

Electronic elections will begin on February 3, 2010 and will conclude February 17, 2010. Election results will be announced February 19, 2010, 60 days prior to the NIRSA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California.

For more information and [details about the application](#) for National Student Leader and Regional Student Leader, please follow the link to access requirements, expectations, and application materials.

Thank you for your attention and for your participation in this important step for our Association. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me or your [Regional Student Representative](#).

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