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Dear NIRSA Professional:

On behalf of the NIRSA Board of Directors, 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 members in Regions I, III and V 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, Regions I, III and V will be expected to have selected their Regional Representatives to the Member Network for a one year appointment.

It is important to note that in future years this position will be elected by the regional membership to a two-year term. In order to prevent a situation where all six Regional Representative terms would expire in the same year, an every other year system was the recommendation of the transition team necessitating a one-time one year term for Regions I, III and V.

The State Directors in Regions I, III and V will serve on Regional Nominations and Appointment Committees and will assist the Regional Vice Presidents to identify two candidates that meet the criteria. These individuals' names will then be forwarded to the National Nominations and Elections Committee to have their eligibility certified. The State Directors will then make a final recommendation to the Regional Vice President.

During the recent NIRSA Board of Directors Midyear Meeting, the following timeline was endorsed as a part of the Future First Governance Implementation Plan:

October, 2009

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

November, 2009

The members within each region will submit to their Regional Nominations and Appointment Committee names of individuals to be considered as possible candidates for the position of Regional Representative in the Network. Interested candidates will submit application materials by December 1.

December 2009 – January 2010

The Regional Nominations and Appointment Committees will review the credentials of all applicants and propose two applicants to the Regional Vice President by January 31, 2009. The proposed finalists will be forwarded to the National Nominations and Elections Committee for certification of eligibility.

February, 2010

The state directors within Regions I, III and V, in cooperation with the Regional Vice President will recommend one individual to be appointed Regional Representative no later than February 17, 2010. The Regional Representative appointee will be announced February 19, 2010, 60 days prior to the Annual Conference in Anaheim, California.

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 your Regional Vice President.

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