

GUIDELINES FOR STATE-LEVEL MEMBERSHIPS

1. The State Coalition

The state coalition can be either (i) a single organization or (ii) multiple organizations within the state that act together for NASSMC purposes under a written memorandum of understanding. At a minimum, each state coalition must meet the criteria in Section 2 below unless, by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, one or more criteria are waived to permit a particular state coalition to be seated for the balance of the term and to vote on matters that come before the Representative Assembly.

No state shall receive more than one voting membership, although it may have as many representatives or delegates as it wishes attend meetings of the Representative Assembly. In cases of competition for membership from different potential state coalitions, the NASSMC Board of Directors shall determine in its sole and exclusive judgment which application to recognize and accept based on the recommendations of a task force composed of members of the Representative Assembly.

The state coalition itself may be composed of individual associations, groups, coalitions or other organizations which overlap or complement one another within their state; but such an assembly of groups must still meet the other minimum qualifications and its constituents must have duly signed a joint memorandum of understanding that defines their relationship.

2. Criteria for Membership

- a. **Mission and Goals:** The state coalition must be formally organized with a written mission and goals. The mission and goals must be related to the advancement of science, mathematics, engineering, technical education, or public understanding of these subjects, or any combination thereof.
- b. **Diversity:** Since a state coalition serves diverse populations within the state, the organization should seek to include underrepresented and underserved communities in its planning development and implementation activities. Membership in the coalition should be nondiscriminatory.
- c. **Governing Body:** The state coalition must have a formal governing body with distributed representation from each of four sectors: the public policy and government sector; the private industry and commerce sector; the education sector; and the community sector (such as museums, publicly supported radio and television stations, social groups, and other organizations of citizens with a concern for the purpose of the state coalition).
- d. **Operating Procedures:** The state coalition must have regular written operating procedures, such as bylaws, and must provide NASSMC a written annual report of its members, finances and activities. A membership application or renewal shall not be accepted without being accompanied by this report covering the time that has elapsed since the last such submitted report.
- e. **Annual Fee:** The NASSMC Board of Directors—at its September 2002 meeting in Lexington, KY—established the one-year membership fee of \$200. **The state coalition must submit the required annual fee at the time of submitting its annual report.**

3. Other Political Entities

The District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Pacific Island Network, or other independent jurisdictions eligible to receive domestic funding support from agencies of the United States government, such as the National Science Foundation or the U. S. Department of Education, are also eligible to become members under this provision. In each such case, the appropriate name of the jurisdiction shall be substituted for the word "state" wherever it appears.

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