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I. PURPOSE

In recognition of the need for continuing professional development for its members, the purpose of this policy is to encourage the members of the Minnesota State Academies (MSA) board to participate in professional development activities designed for them so that they may perform their responsibilities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. New board members shall be provided the opportunity and encouragement to attend orientation and training sessions provided by the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA). At the beginning of new board members' first term on the board, the MSA board chair and the MSA superintendent will provide the new board members with orientation and information about the operations of the academies as well as a tour of the campus and school programs/personnel. New board members shall also receive information about MSA financial sources and reports from the MSA director of fiscal services.
- B. New board members and officers shall be offered the opportunity to receive training on data privacy and open meeting laws provided by the Minnesota Department of Administration Data Practices Office.
- C. All MSA board members are encouraged to participate in board and related workshops and activities to learn about the operations and programs provided by MSA. Board members are also encouraged to attend the annual MSBA convention. All board members are expected to attend the annual MSA board retreat each year in July.
- D. MSA board members are expected to report back to the board with materials of interest gathered at the various meetings and workshops.
- E. The MSA board will reimburse the necessary expenses of all board members who attend meetings and conventions pertaining to school activities and the objectives of the board, within the approved policy and budget allocations of the MSA board relating to the reimbursement of expenses involving the attendance at workshops and conventions.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 2 (School Board Member Training)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 214 (Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 412 (Expense Reimbursement)