

Section 2. National Distinguished Principal (NDP) Award:

The National Distinguished Principal's Award program was established in 1984 to recognizing exemplary elementary school principals. This award is sponsored by the National Association of elementary school principals, the US Department of Education in corporate partnership with the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC) of the American General Financial Group.

The goals of this awards program are:

- to obtain national recognition for exemplary public and private elementary and middle school principals
- to inspire the educational community to pay tribute to its outstanding leaders
- to increase public awareness of the importance of the principalship through broad media coverage of the event
- to offer the opportunity for professionals to meet and share their experiences in solving problems and meeting common goals.

The North Dakota National Distinguished Principal Award is given in accordance with the NAESP criteria.

These include:

1. Active membership in NAESP the year in which the award is conferred.
2. Membership in BOTH NDAESP and NAESP
3. At least 5 years as an elementary principal
4. Highly regarded by students, staff, and parents,
5. Active in professional organizations and in their community

Ineligible persons include: current NDAESP President, President-Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Zone Director, and State Representative.

~~The NDP will be chosen from one of the Regional Principals of the Year recipients.~~

Regional Principals of the Year will be considered for the NDP award. At large nominations for the NDP award will also be accepted and considered.

Section 8. NDAESP Awards Committee Practices and Procedures

B. Members

The NDAESP Awards Committee is made up of the four-most recent NDP's and the NDAESP Vice-President. NDP's will serve on the committee for four years. The chairperson of the committee will be the NDP that is serving in their final year on that committee. All members of the committee have voting privileges. In the event an NDP is not able to complete their four year term on this committee, the most recent NDP to go off the committee will be asked to complete that person's term. If that NDP is not available the next in line will be asked until the vacancy is filled. If the Vice-President is unable to serve their one-year term, the NDAESP President will assign someone to fill in for that year. **Nominating Committee members are not allowed to make nominations during their tenure on the Nominations Committee.**

Article IV. Amendments

Section 1.

Amendments to the By-Laws can be voted on by the NDAESP Executive Board after a 30-day notice has been provided in writing directly to the members of that board, or through the minutes of an Executive Board meeting mailed to members 30 days or more prior to the meeting at which the vote is to occur. Amendments to the By-Laws require only a majority vote to pass.