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*Working with and through  
our State Associations,  
NSBA Advocates for  
Equity and Excellence in  
Public Education through  
School Board Leadership*

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As President of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) I am writing in support of Dr. **Anne Bryant's** nomination to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors as Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts. In addition to my role as NSBA president, I am also a local school board President and understand the importance of national leadership in the area of education technology in order to meet the needs of local school districts and the communities they serve.

Dr. Bryant has the deep knowledge and experience necessary to represent the needs of schools and to successfully oversee administration of the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (E-Rate program) as a current Board representative for schools. As executive director of the National School Boards Association, Dr. Bryant has led the organization in support of transforming learning through education technology. NSBA's Technology Leadership Network and regional Site Visits provide capacity-building and recognition for innovative school districts.

The schools and libraries universal service support mechanism is a vital component of this learning transformation. Dr. Bryant's knowledge and experience will be especially beneficial as the USAC implements recommendations from the National Broadband Plan and prepares for a comprehensive update to the Universal Service Fund.

I support the reappointment of Dr. Bryant to the USAC Board of Directors. A copy of Dr. Bryant's professional biography is attached. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Earl C. Rickman III, President  
National School Boards Association

Attachment

cc: Zachary Katz, Legal Advisor

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**1996-Present**

### **Executive Director**

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (NSBA)

### **Job Responsibilities**

- directs 100 member staff
- manages consolidated budgets of \$23 million
- develops strategic plans, goal setting, and budgets
- testifies before Congress in areas of top priority to association
- speaks to internal (50 state and territorial organizations) and external audiences
- serves as a media spokesperson for the organization
- seeks corporate and foundation support for NSBA programs

NSBA is a Federation of 50 state and territorial organizations, dedicated to advancing education through citizen governance of public schools. The Federation reaches 14,890 school board districts, including 95,000 school board members.

NSBA incorporates several strategically aligned organizations: the Council of Urban Boards of Education (117 largest urban school districts), Council of School Attorneys (3,000 lawyers who serve school districts), the National Black Caucus of School Board Members, the National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members, and the National Caucus of American Indian/Alaska Native School Board Members.

**1986-1996**

**Executive Director**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)  
AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

AAUW had, at the time of Bryant's leadership, a membership of 160,000 college and university graduates, a local branch (chapter) system in 1,700 communities, and 850 college and university members. It is one of the oldest and largest women's organizations devoted to advancing equity and education for women and girls. The AAUW Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund are the philanthropic arms of the organization. Together there are 120 staff and total budgets for all three corporations of \$14.4 million. Assets of the three corporations are over \$100 million.

The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, focuses on promoting education and equity for women and girls. Through its national, state, and local organizations it works on such issues as: educational reform, civil rights, equal pay for equal work, reproductive rights, and vocational and higher education.

The AAUW Educational Foundation awards fellowships, research, and community action grants to international and American women scholars, public school teachers, and community organizations. The Foundation administers a \$5 million annual program and grant budget.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding for women students, faculty, and staff seeking judicial redress for discrimination in higher education.

**1978-1986**

**Vice President, Professional Education Division**

P.M. HAEGER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
500 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
CHICAGO, IL 60611

P.M. Haeger and Associates, Inc. provided overall management services to several professional associations. Its client list included the National Association of Bank Women and its Educational Foundation, the International Association of Auditorium Managers and its Foundation, the American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Association of Diabetes Educators, the Committee of 200 (women business owners), and an association of specialist surgeons. The company billed \$5 million and had 70 employees.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- directed leadership and management training programs for clients
- consulted with both client and non-client associations and industries in areas of strategic and long-range planning
- functioned as the #2 (administrative) manager of the firm reporting to the president

1972-1974

**Assistant to the Academic Dean**

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SPRINGFIELD, MA

**Job Responsibilities:** (part time while in graduate school)

- developed proposals for federal and state government funding
- assisted in selecting staff to run projects and developed cooperative programs between the college and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Memberships and Appointments**

**Current:**

Character Education Partnership, Board of Directors	2008-Present
Baldrige Foundation, Board of Trustees	2007-Present
The Center for Association Leadership	2005
• Council of Thought Leaders Advisory Council	
The National Teachers Hall of Fame	
• Trustee	2004-2007
cMarket	2004-Present
• Board of Advisers	
The Journal for Association Leadership	2002-2006
• Board Member, Editorial Board	
Universal Service Administrative Company (which oversees the Schools & Libraries Division), Washington, D.C.	
Oversees a \$6.5 billion discount program established by the FCC to offer discounted telephone and internet services.	
• Board of Directors	1997-Present
• Treasurer	2000-2002
• Vice Chair, Schools and Libraries Division	2003-Present
Learning First Alliance, Washington, D.C.	
An alliance of 17 education organizations committed to raising student achievement in America's public schools	
• Member, Board of Directors	1997-Present
• Chair, Board of Directors	2006 - 2007
• Chair, Board of Directors	1998-1999
CEO Forum on Education & Technology, Washington, D.C.	1997-2001

An organization of 20+ technology CEO's assembled to report to the nation on progress in technology and education.

- Co-chair 1997, 2001

Simmons College, Boston, MA

- Board Member, Simmons College Corporation 1971-2007
- Chair, Board of Trustees 2001-2004

United Nations Association of the USA, New York, NY

- Board of Directors 1991-1996
- Chair, Nominating Committee 1993-1994
- Member, Finance Committee 1995-1996

American Society of Association Executives, Washington, D.C.

- Board of Directors 1975-Present
- Board of Directors, ASAE Foundation 1985-1988
- Treasurer, ASAE Foundation 1988-1991
- Member, Nominating Committee 1990-1991
- Member, Nominating Committee 1997

Education Commission of the States, Denver, CO

- Advisory Commissioner 1986-1990

Heritage College, Toppenish, WA

- Member, National Advisory Committee for Focus
- Five Campaign 1991-1996

Scholastic Inc., New York, NY

- Member, National Advisory Board 1997-1999

Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS

- National Advisory Council 1991-2000

Women's Forum of Washington, D.C.

1993-Present

Baldrige Board of Overseers, Gaithersburg, MD

1998-2002

National Commission on Service Learning, chaired by Senator John Glenn

- Member 2000-2002

National Commission on Teaching and America's Future

2001-2005

National Coalition on Asia and International Studies in the Schools

2002-Present

## **Memberships and Appointments Past:**

Hospital Corporation of America, Nashville, TN

- Board of Directors (merger with Columbia, February 1994) 1993-1994

Independent Sector, Washington, D.C.

- Board of Directors 1988-1994
- Chair, Management Committee 1991-1993

National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education, Washington, D.C.

- Vice-Chair 1989-1991
- Chair 1991-1993

Washington Center (College Internship Program), Washington, D.C.

- Board of Directors 1986-1992

American Association for Higher Education, Washington, D.C.

- Director 1980-1987

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, Chicago, IL

- Chairman, Board of Trustees 1985-1986

Chatham Hall, Chatham, VA

- Member, Board of Trustees 1973-1980
- Member, Executive Committee 1976-1980

Suffolk University Visiting Committee, Boston, MA

- Appointed Member 1977-1979

Boston Public Library Board of Examiners, Boston, MA

- Appointed Member 1975-1977

## **Honors and Awards**

Association Trends: National Association Executive of the Year, (February) 2005

American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) Foundation 2002

- Honored for exceptional career in association service

University of Massachusetts

- Chancellor's Medal 1999
- Middlebury College
- Honorary Doctorate of Education 1998
- American University Department of Education
- Myra Sadker Equity Award 1998
- Virginia Association of Female Executives
- Award of Excellence for Education 1997
- University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters 1996
- Georgia Society of Association Executives
- The Abit Massey Lecture Award 1995
- The United Nations Association of Greater Boston
- Achievement Award for Leadership 1995
- Simmons College
- Alumnae Achievement Award 1993
- American Society of Association Executives
- Certified Association Executive 1986
  - ASAE Fellow 1987
  - ASAE Key Award for Outstanding Leadership 1992
- University of Massachusetts
- William H. Cosby, Jr. Award 1983
- Boston YWCA
- Woman of the Year for Education 1976
- Simmons College
- Crown Zellerbach Award for Academic Achievement 1971

**Education**

- Ed.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA  
 Concentration in Higher Education 1978  
 Doctoral Dissertation: Faculty Collective Bargaining in Higher Education: A Case Study of the University of Massachusetts

B.A. Simmons College, Boston, MA  
English and Secondary Education  
Member of Honor Society

1971  
1967-1971