

6:15–7:00 p.m. (closed). November 19—Full Board, 8:30–10:00 a.m., (open); Joint Meeting of Achievement Levels and Reporting and Dissemination Committees, 10:00–10:30 a.m., (open); Joint Meeting Achievement Levels Committee and Subject Area Committees 1 and 2, 11:00–11:30 a.m.; Subject Area Committees #2, 11:00–11:30 a.m., (open); 11:30 a.m.–12 noon, (closed); Achievement Levels Committee, 11:30 a.m.–12:00 noon, (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 noon, (open); Full Board, 12:00 noon–4:30 p.m., (open). November 20—Full Board, 8:30 a.m. until adjournment, approximately 11:30 a.m., (open).

LOCATION: Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets, NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20002–4233, Telephone: (202) 357–6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (P.L. 103–382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Education Progress, (NAEP). The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons. Under P.L. 105–78, the National Assessment Governing Board is also granted exclusive authority over developing the Voluntary National Tests, (VNT) pursuant to contact number RJ9753001.

On Thursday, November 18, there will be meetings of three committees of the Governing Board. Subject Area Committees #1 will meet from 3:30–5:30 p.m. to discuss the NAEP Foreign Language framework development project; the NAEP writing online study; and the National Academy Year 2 Evaluation of the Voluntary National test in reading.

The Design and Methodology Committee will meet from 3:30–5:30 p.m. to review the technical issues and the inclusion and accommodations chapters of the NRC Report: Evaluation of the VNT, Year 2. The Committee will hear the proposed field test design for the VNT and take action on the proposed plans for VNT in FY 2000. For

the National Assessment of Educational Project, the Committee will take action on two draft policies: NAEP short-form, and NAEP testing window. Also, the Committee will hear a progress report on the NAS evaluation of NAEP.

The Executive Committee will meet from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in open session. In the open session the Executive Committee will review the final appropriations bill; consider plans for the Voluntary National Tests; develop new initiatives for NAGB; hear an update on NAGB redesign issues. Then the Executive Committee will meet in closed session from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. The Committee will discuss the development of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. This portion of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On November 19, the full Board will convene in open session beginning at 8:30 a.m. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the agenda. Also, the morning agenda will include a report from the Executive Director, and an update of the NAEP project. This session will conclude with the administration of the oath of office to new members and remarks by the Secretary of Education.

Subject Area Committee #2 will meet in open session from 10:00–11:00 a.m. to discuss the National Academy Year 2 Evaluation of the Voluntary National Test in Mathematics.

From 11:00–11:30 a.m., Subject Area Committees 1 and 2, and the Achievement Levels Committee will meet in joint session to hear a presentation on the use of technology in the development, delivery, and analysis of NAEP assessments of the future.

Subject Area Committee #2 will meet in closed session from 11:30 a.m.–12:00 noon to review a draft RFP for the NAEP math online study. This meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in an open session. Such matters are protected by

exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title of 5 U.S.C.

There will be open meetings of the Achievement Levels and Reporting and Dissemination Committees. From 10:00–10:30 a.m., the Achievement Levels and the Reporting and Dissemination Committees will meet in joint to receive a briefing on a report to Congress concerning the public perception of achievement levels.

From 11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, the Achievement Levels Committee will review the preliminary findings from the VNT Achievement Levels study. The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will hear an update on “market-basket” reporting of NAEP results; review categories of race/ethnicity reporting; review the work plan on score reporting for proposed VNT; and will hear an update on district-level reporting.

The full Board will reconvene 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. The agenda includes a briefing on the NAEP 1998 Civics Report Card; an update and discussion on NAEP, NAGB, and VNT legislation; an update on a report to Congress on Achievement Levels, and a report on ALLSTATES 2000. The Board recess is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

On Saturday, November 20 the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. until adjournment, approximately 11:30 a.m. The agenda for this session is an update on the NAEP Foreign Language Framework and the presentation of reports from the various Board committee meetings.

A summary of activities of the closed and partially close sessions and other related matters which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of the section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C. from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Web-Based Education Commission; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for the first meeting of the Web-Based Education Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend this meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be held on November 16, from 3:00–5:00 p.m. and on November 17, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at 366 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jay Noell, Designated Federal Official, Web-Based Education Commission, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, ROB–3, Room 4020, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 708–5620. Fax: (202) 260–5872. The e-mail address for M. Noell is: jay_noell@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Web-Based Education Commission is authorized by Title VIII, Part J of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998. This commission will conduct a thorough study to assess the educational software available in retail markets for secondary and postsecondary students who choose to use such software. The commission will issue a final report to the President and the Congress, not later than six months after this first meeting on November 9, 1999. The final report will contain a detailed statement of the commission's findings and conclusions, as well as recommendations.

Recommendations will address legislative and administrative actions the commission considers appropriate, and what it regards as the appropriate federal role in determining the quality of educational software products. At this initial meeting of the Web-Based Education Commission, commissioners will elect a chairperson and establish an agenda. This meeting is open to the public.

Due to scheduling problems associated with unusual circumstances, this notice is not published for at least 15 calendar days prior to the first meeting, as allowed by 41 CFR 101–6.1015(b)(2).

Program Authority: Title VIII, Part J, Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

Claudio Prieto,

Acting Assistant Secretary Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; National Coal Council; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, sections 101–6.1029 (c) 101–6.1007, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Coal Council has been renewed for a two-year period ending November 1, 2001. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on a continuing basis, regarding general policy matters relating to coal issues.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council members are chosen to assure a well-balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the coal industry, including large and small companies, and commercial and residential consumers. The Council also has diverse members who represent interests outside the coal industry, including environmental interests, labor, research, and academia. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been determined essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Council will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and implementing regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel M. Samuel at 202/586–3279.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; National Petroleum Council; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, sections 101–6.1029 (c) and 101–6.1007, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Petroleum Council has been renewed for a two-year period ending November 1, 2001. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and gas or the oil and gas industry.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council members are chosen to assure a well-balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the petroleum industry, and from large and small companies. The Council also has diverse members who represent interest outside the petroleum industry, including representatives from environmental, labor, research, academia, and State utility regulatory commissions. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been determined essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Council will operate in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and implementing regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586–3279.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Take notice that on October 19, 1999, and on October 20, 1999, the California Independent System Operator