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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE ADMINISTRATORS  
OF HEALTH OCCUPATIONS EDUCATION

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Abstract: The National Association for State Administrators of Health Occupations Education is an organization within the Health Occupations Education Division of the American Vocational Association. The organization is governed by the Executive Committee elected by membership. The purposes of the association are to (a) facilitate communications, (b) seek solutions after reviewing problems and needs and set short- and long-range goals, and (c) encourage cooperation among state personnel directly responsible for health occupations education programs.

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The National Association for State Administrators of Health Occupations Education (NASAHOE) was established to meet the needs of persons with the assignment of administering health occupations education on a statewide level. A statewide position of this kind often results in the absence of persons in local positions to share concerns, successes, issues, and discussions at local

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levels . Therefore, NASAHOE was established to help meet this common need.

#### NASAHOE

**NASAHOE** is a membership organization within the Health Occupations Education Division of the American Vocational Association (AVA), established December 7, 1975. NASAHOE provides a formal means of communication among and between state administrative personnel charged with direct responsibility of health occupations education in the respective states, and aids the states and the nation in continuing to provide high quality educational opportunities to those desiring preparation in health care training programs.

#### Membership of NASAHOE

NASAHOE members may be any member of the American Vocational Association and the Health Occupations Education Division, whose primary employment is **state level management/supervision** of health occupations education programs. These individuals are designated by each state.

#### Purposes of NASAHOE

The purposes of NASAHOE are to:

1. maintain high professional standards among its membership;
2. provide a means for improved communications for sharing ideas, concerns, and problems among state administrators of health occupations education;
3. serve as a medium for seeking solutions to problems which affect health occupations education among the states;
4. encourage cooperative working relationships between health occupations education and other agencies, organizations, and institutions; and
5. design short- and long-range health occupations education goals after reviewing international, national, state, and local problems and needs.

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## Governing of NASAHOE

The governing body of NASAHOE is the Executive Committee of six officers composed of a member representative from each of the five AVA regions and a president elected by the membership on a rotating schedule. Each serves a three year term. A vice-president, secretary, and treasurer are elected from and by the Executive Committee.

## Meetings of NASAHOE

An annual **NASAHOE** meeting is scheduled each December in conjunction with the annual convention of AVA with locations rotated among states. One other NASAHOE meeting **is** scheduled between AVA conventions, often **in** conjunction with other special national health occupations education activities.

## Concerns of **NASAHOE**

NASAHOE members share and discuss concerns related to health occupations education **by**:

1. participation at annual and special business meetings;
2. membership on standing committees such as
  - MEMBERSHIP REVIEW - screen and approve membership applications.
  - COMMUNICATIONS - produce periodic newsletter and other needed publications .
  - PUBLIC POLICY - keep abreast of proposed action, and keep members informed about issues and developments pertaining to legislation, programming, and other matters affecting health policy and planning, and **health** occupations education.
  - PROGRAM - plan and implement programs for annual and other regularly **called** Association meetings;
3. Membership on special committees established as need arises; and

4. contributions to NASAHOE NEWS.

Means of Communication

Communication among **NASAHOE** members is provided through NASAHOE NEWS, an official biannual publication of the Association in **March** and October. Other means of communication include special issues of the newsletter if necessary, and publications, reports, and materials to members as appropriate.