



A Letter from the President

I Want You to Know

1. **President-Elect and Secretary elections end December 15.** Please be sure to vote. You should have received your ballot from "Ballotbin." The future of the organization is truly in your hands with your vote.



Here are the pertinent dates to come:

- **By December 15:** Deadline for return of ballots to NADE Executive Assistant for counting. NADE Executive Assistant does not count those postmarked after the deadline date.
- **By December 18:** NADE Executive Assistant formally notifies President of

results of election. Board verifies election results. NADE Executive Assistant stores sample ballot and election results in the NADE archives.

- **By December 20:** All candidates are notified by the President.
- **After January 15:** Membership is notified of results of election of elected officers through website and/or NADE Newsletter and/or email. New 14 Board members are introduced, and all officers are inducted at the NADE Conference.

We have some excellent candidates. Please exercise your right to vote when you get your ballot.

2. Please attend the Conference from February 21-24 in National Harbor.

The conference team has organized a bountiful agenda in a beautiful setting. Be sure to register now.

I hope to see you there. <https://thenade.org/event-2574737>

And now, this...

3. NADE was originally known as the National Association for Remedial/Developmental Studies in Postsecondary Education or NAR/DSPE.

In 1984, members felt that name was no longer reflective of the work, and we looked for a new name for the association. The membership voted for NADE. And now, members are once again wondering if the name “NADE” is a boon or a bane for our organization.

As you know, over the past ten years, the term “developmental education” has been conflated with “remedial education.” This conflation has had many ramifications, many of which are negative. In some cases, stakeholders and the community at large believe that we only serve underprepared students and not students all along the educational spectrum. Some seem to believe that developmental education focuses only on curricular structures and not additionally on learning support and students’ noncognitive growth and

development. Members have reported that their states and school systems will not even fund the attendance of their educators at our NADE events because of the words “developmental education” in our association’s name.

Because of the term “developmental education,” some stakeholders identify us as protective of an outdated educational era, in opposition to sound research-based reforms, and not open to new ideas. Although nothing could be further from the truth, our name says otherwise to many people. We all love developmental education and are 100% committed to it and to the field; unfortunately, the name itself has become a barrier to our association’s goals, and it makes it harder for us to meet our mission of helping all students succeed and supporting the educators who help them do so.

As such, the NADE Executive Board is soliciting your feedback about renaming the organization, and if the membership decides to do so, ideas for a new name for the association. We want to continue to do the work we’ve always done in NADE, but perhaps under a different name that will be more inclusive and less of a barrier in this time of change in education.

Responses and ideas for a new name are more than welcome. We are at the exploration stage here, so nothing is going to be done tomorrow, and, of course, nothing will be done at all without a thorough conversation and vote of the membership.

This will be a topic of discussion at Leadership Congress, so please come prepared with your thoughts and ideas if you are a participant in that event.

If you are not attending Leadership Congress, please feel free to come talk to the board during Concurrent Session A on Thursday, February 22, 2018, from 8:30-9:20 a.m. in National Harbor 4 at the conference.

Feel free to provide feedback to the board using the button link below.

Have a wonderful winter break,

Robin

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