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NMABE Board Sets '06-'07 Goals

The NMABE Board met on July 19, 2006 in Albuquerque to establish its goals for the year. Incoming board members include Ms. Emily Vigil - Vice President; Mr. Willard Zuni - Native American Rep., and Ms. Cynthia López - Parent Rep.

NMABE thanked outgoing board members for their dedicated service: Mr. Gabriel Baca - Past President; Ms. Cecilia Silentman Carr - Native American Rep.; and Dr. Ana Lee Maestas - Parent Rep.

The summer meeting of-

ferred the opportunity for old and new board members to work together to establish a Conference Theme for NMABE 2007, prepare an advocacy plan, and discuss involvement in *Language Magazine's* proposed Forum for Linguistic Diversity.

(See related story below.) Incoming President Dr. Julia Rosa López Emslie chaired the meeting, offering a proposed course of action for consideration by all NMABE board members over the next 12 months.

Language Magazine Proposes Linguistic Diversity Forum

Daniel Ward, editor of *Language Magazine*, is proposing the creation of an umbrella organization for national and state organizations that promote bilingual education, foreign language education, English language acquisition and multiculturalism. The Forum would enable all proponents of linguistic diversity in the country to work together in order to coordinate initiatives that maximize multilingualism in the USA. Initial targets for promotion and support include:

- Bilingual Education and Dual-Language Education Programs
- Compulsory K-12 Foreign Language Education
- Recognition of multilingualism as an essential asset in our global society

• Conservation of Heritage Languages

"Associations, businesses, advocacy groups and other interested parties can meet to discuss and agree on common goals and strategies without the constraints of a traditional membership-driven association." said Mr. Ward. All participating organizations will appoint a liaison officer who will transfer information between the participant organization and the Forum. Meetings will be conducted through web-based services. The website www.linguisticdiversity.org will be launched in September and all participants will have the ability to post details of their ideas and initiatives for feedback and discussion. The initial live "web forum" is slated for mid-October.

NMABE Honors Bilingual Education Leaders

NMABE recognized individuals throughout New Mexico who, by their actions and commitment, have made a difference in the lives of children who receive bilingual education services. National

Education Services sponsored the awards ceremony at the NMABE conference banquet in April.

The Educational Assistant of the Year Award recognizes a community member

who is dedicated to helping students in the classroom. The 2006 NMABE award recipient is Julie V. Holguín, a native of New Mexico, born and raised in Las Cruces.

The Teófila Trujillo award

is for a community member who has made a significant contribution to parental involvement in Bilingual Education programs. This year's award recipient is Ms. Ruth Valles from Clovis, New

Mexico .

The Henry Pascual Teaching Excellence Award was created to recognize an outstanding teacher whose dedication and practice resembles the man after who this award was named.

The 2006 NMABE Award recipient is Beatrice Adriana Girón, from Bernalillo Elementary School.

The Bilingual Administrator of the Year Award recognizes an administrator that supports the bilingual education program. This year, NMABE honored two recipients: Mr. Ken Major of Las Cruces and Ms. Dora Ortíz, of Albuquerque.

The University Professor of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding bilingual education professor who teaches at a university that offers a complete bilingual education teacher preparation program. This year, this NMABE goes to Dr. Leroy Ortíz of the University of New Mexico.

The Matías I. Chacón Award was named after the late state Senator and created to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to bilingual education at the state level. The 2006 awardee is Dr. Miguel Encinias of Albuquerque.

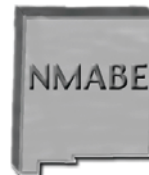
ANNOUNCEMENTS

La Cosecha *Dual Language Conference*, November 8 – 11, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa, *Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico*

Information and Forms now available at: www.lacosecha2006.org

UNM Spanish Department Organizing Symposium on Spanish as a Heritage Language

On October 19-21, UNM's Spanish department is organizing a symposium on Spanish as a Heritage Language in Albuquerque. The first day will focus on the university preparation and the second and the third will be for teachers and administrators of Spanish language/Spanish bilingual education programs. For more information please contact María Dolores Gonzales, Assistant Professor and symposium coordinator, mdgv@unm.edu, phone: (505) 277-4310, fax: (505) 277-3885.



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(Conference Edition)
No. 30:4 Summer, 2006: August
(Summer Activities, Institutes)
Inserts offer monthly news

Mark Your Calendars!

NMABE State Bilingual Education Conference

April 26-29, 2007

**Embassy Suites Hotel
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

*Conference information will be available by
September 1, 2006 at www.nmabe.net*