

# MASA Legislative Committee

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<b>Type of Committee:</b>	MASA Standing Committee
<b>Goal:</b>	To develop the MASA Legislative Platform; to review legislative issues and make recommendations to the MASA Executive Committee; to provide recommendations to the MASA Executive Committee on proactive legislative proposals; and to provide information on legislative issues at the MASA District meetings;
<b>Committee Make-up</b>	Two MASA Members from each MASA District
<b>Charge of the Committee:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Review previous MASA legislative platform.</li><li>2. Solicit recommendations from district members on platform revisions.</li><li>3. Develop a draft platform to be presented to the MASA Executive Committee in October.</li><li>4. Review proposed legislation as requested by the MASA Executive Director.</li><li>5. Develop proactive legislative proposals to be considered by the MASA Executive Committee.</li><li>6. Report on legislative issues at MASA District meetings.</li><li>7. Maintain close relationship with legislative leaders.</li></ol>
<b>Tasks:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Schedule meetings of committee to discuss issues.</li><li>2. Seek input from colleagues on issues being studied by the committee.</li><li>3. Develop recommendations for MASA Executive Committee.</li></ol>
<b>Level of Authority:</b>	Committee reports to MASA Executive Committee.
<b>Boundaries:</b>	Committee recommendations are confined to legislative issues impacting public education.
<b>Timeframe:</b>	Draft platform must be completed by October 8, 2010.
<b>Resources:</b>	MASA Executive Director.
<b>Meeting Framework:</b>	Meeting dates and times will be established by the committee. Meeting attendance by telephone will be provided as an option if a committee member is unable to attend in person.
<b>Decision Making Process:</b>	Decisions will be made through consensus of those members who are present.

**Communications:**

Information from the committee meetings will be shared during district meetings and distributed to the membership as needed.

**Agenda Development:**

Meeting agendas will be developed by the Committee Chairs with the assistance of the MASA Executive Director.

**Facilitation of Meetings:**

The Committee Chairs will facilitate meetings.

**Maintaining Records:**

Minutes of each meeting will be prepared by the MASA Executive Director and distributed to all members.