

# Your Chance To Shape The Present and Future of NSSEA

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ou play an important role in choosing the future leaders of your Association.

Please pay close attention to the qualifications listed beside each opening — certain positions can only be filled by a supplier or dealer of a certain product category or in a certain geographic region. These criteria are necessary to maintain a balance of representation in the leadership positions. Please call NSSEA Staff at 800.395.5550 if you have any questions about the nomination process or the leadership's purpose.

To see each leadership committee's mission, please refer to the *2008 Membership Directory and Buyer's Guide*.

You may nominate yourself for a position. If you are nominating someone else, please check with the individual first to be sure he or she is willing and able to serve. Nomination forms must be returned to NSSEA headquarters by August 22, 2008.

All nominations are presented to the Nominating Committee, which must fill a limited number of vacancies from a long list of qualified nominees.

The Nominating Committee will compile a slate of candidates at its meeting in September 2008 based on the nominations received. The Committee considers many factors when selecting a candidate for each of the positions. Some of the factors considered include: member category, geography, company size, and experience in and knowledge of the industry.

Lack of past service or experience is not necessarily a drawback, in that many

of the nominees are chosen for the fresh perspective that they can bring to their positions. Because emphasis is placed on keeping the leadership positions balanced, some otherwise qualified candidates may not be selected.

Names not selected for nomination will be placed in a pool of names for member volunteers to be called upon for future service. Please be assured, every member nominated for a position is given serious consideration.

This new slate of nominees will be published in the January/February 2009 issue of *NSSEA essentials* magazine. The nominees are presented on a ballot during the Annual Business Meeting at the 2009 Ed Expo Show in Dallas, TX. Voting is conducted by ballot, unless the process is suspended by unanimous vote of those present, in which case a voice vote is taken. Nominations may also be made from the floor at that time.

Aside from the Board Committee, and Council vacancies listed here, nominations are also being

accepted for the David McCurrach Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to active members who have exhibited dedication to the Association or contributed special or outstanding services over the years. Nominees may not currently hold a leadership position and previous NSSEA leadership experience is not necessary.

The Nominating Committee itself is made up of the two most recent Past Chairs and current Chair of the Board and two retailers selected by the Retail Store Council; two distributors selected by the Distribution Council; two suppliers selected by the Suppliers Council; two equipment manufacturers selected by the Equipment Manufacturers Council to serve for a two-year term.

For a current list of the Nominating Committee members, please contact NSSEA at (800) 395-5550. The *2008 NSSEA Membership Directory and Buyer's Guide* has full committee/council listings.



The open positions, along with their criteria and term lengths, are given below. The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of positions of that type open.

**Board Vacancies:**

- (1) Second Vice Chairman: DLR; 4-year term commitment (moves up to First Vice Chair, then Chairman-Elect, then Chairman in 2011)
- (1) Treasurer: SUP; 2-year term
- (2) Supplier Directors: 1 EQU; 1 IM; 3-year terms
- (2) Dealer Directors: 2 DIST; 3-year term

**Committee/Council Vacancies:**

- (3) Suppliers Council: 1 SP; 1 IM; 1 SUP; 3-year terms
- (2) Equipment Manufacturers Council: 2 EQU Supplier; 3-year terms
- (2) Retail Store Council: 2 DLRs with retail store(s); 3-year terms
- (1) Distribution Council: 1 DIST; 3-year term
- (2) Business Technology Committee: 2 DLR; 3-year terms
- (1) Ed Expo: 1 Retail DLR; 3-year term
- (2) Legislation Committee: 2 membership at large; 3-year term

**Key:**

SUP= Supplier Member; SP=Service Provider Member; DLR = Dealer Member; DIST= Distributor Member; IM= Instructional Materials; CS= Consumable Supplies; EQU= Equipment

**Leadership Nomination:** I would like to nominate the following member to NSSEA leadership. He/She has indicated a desire to serve and knows of this nomination submission. Please photocopy this for additional nominations:

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Company\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Position nominated for\_\_\_\_\_

**McCurrach Award:** I would like to nominate this **active** individual member for the **David McCurrach Distinguished Service Award.**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Company\_\_\_\_\_

Please fax this entire form by August 22, 2008 to 301.495.3330.

Your Name\_\_\_\_\_

Company\_\_\_\_\_



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Leadership  
Nominations.**

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