September 26, 2010The meeting began at 5:36 pm.

Meghan Whalen and Karen Anderson were absent from the call due to scheduling constraints, but all other board members were present.President Arielle Silverman provided a brief run down about the agenda and what will be happening during the meeting.Slate committee- slate@nabslink.org is the new contact email for the Slate committee. , Committee members are recruiting articles. another slate edition will be coming out by the end of September.All board members agreed to repeat the Amazon.com gift card drawing for all those who contribute to the Slate by writing articles.membership committee- this month's conference call was "getting back to school" themed call. There were separate calls for non-traditional students and other students. The nontrad call was not attended well. Ideas were brainstormed about our growing network of members and individuals attending calls, as well as how to expand the number of people reached by calls. October’s call will be focusing on Techniques and Resources within STEM fields. We will be talking to the parents about the STEM calls and contacting Affiliate action to help contact more parent venues.The board voted to repeat the NABS leadership seminar at national this spring. Arielle will contact the NCB to see if it can be approved by the National office.We will be soliciting donations for a Washington Seminar auction. Sean will put a draft template letter into the Drop Box for the board to utilize.Nijat said that he would sit on a specific sub-group of board members who will work on soliciting items. Sean and Isaiah also volunteered.We need to try to get others from outside the board to sit on the subcommittee. Sean will set up a draft document so we can have a spreadsheet to see what corporations have been targeted, make sure the corporations will not get double booked, etc. An auction conference call is projected to be next Sunday, at 5:30 pm EST.pennies for pages- Natalie from the national office will help us publicize the fund-raiser. Sean and Karen will be on the committee. We need at least 2 more board members to join, and need to contact chapter members, lions clubs, etc. to recruit sponsors and readers.The contest starts in November and runs until Jan. 4. Nijat and Darian have also volunteered to sit on Pennies for Pages sub-committee. There will be another round of conference calls for pennies for pages soon. State conventions- Reps will be going to Virginia, Michigan, Colorado, and Texas. The board decided that if a NABS rep is requested by a state in which a NABS board member resides, that board member can serve as a rep.Other:In a continued effort towards transparency to the membership, the Secretary’s minutes will go out with the presidential bulletin.Washington Seminar programming will be discussed next month, but we have tentative plans for a banquet dinner with auction, following by a social hour and cash bar.Respectfully submitted,

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