

Education and Libraries Networks Coalition

EdLiNC

October 25, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As members of the Education and Libraries Network Coalition (EdLiNC), we are writing to renominate **Dr. Anne Bryant** to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. As a Board representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts for telecommunications services, Dr. Bryant has the deep knowledge and experience necessary to represent the needs of schools and to successfully oversee administration of the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (E-Rate program).

EdLiNC was formed in 1995 to represent the viewpoint of public and private schools and libraries in the FCC proceeding dealing with the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Coalition seeks to expand the use of educational technologies in schools and libraries by making sure that these entities receive affordable rates guaranteed to them in the Universal Service Provisions of the Telecommunications Act.

Founded in 1940, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) is a not-for-profit organization representing state associations of school boards and their 95,000 local school board members throughout the U.S. Working with and through state school boards associations, NSBA advocates for equity and excellence in public education through school board leadership.

As executive director of NSBA, Dr. Bryant has led the organization in support of transforming learning through education technology. NSBA's Technology + Learning Conference, the Technology Leadership Network and regional Site Visits provide capacity-building and recognition for innovative school districts.

The schools and libraries universal service support mechanism is a vital component of this learning transformation. Dr. Bryant's knowledge and experience will be especially beneficial as the USAC

implements recommendations from the National Broadband Plan and prepares for a comprehensive update to the Universal Service Fund.

EdLiNC supports the reappointment of Dr. Bryant to the USAC Board of Directors to help provide continuity and leadership to ensure the integrity and continued success for the Universal Service Fund and E-Rate program.

A copy of Dr. Bryant's professional biography is attached. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

American Association of School Administrators
Association of Education Service Agencies
American Library Association
Consortium for School Networking
Council of Chief State School Officers
Education Legislative Services
International Society for Technology in Education
National Association of Elementary School Principals
National Association of Independent Schools
National Association of Secondary School Principals
National Catholic Education Association
National Education Association
National School Boards Association
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1996-Present

Executive Director

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (NSBA)

Job Responsibilities

- directs 100 member staff
- manages consolidated budgets of \$23 million
- develops strategic plans, goal setting, and budgets
- testifies before Congress in areas of top priority to association
- speaks to internal (50 state and territorial organizations) and external audiences
- serves as a media spokesperson for the organization
- seeks corporate and foundation support for NSBA programs

NSBA is a Federation of 50 state and territorial organizations, dedicated to advancing education through citizen governance of public schools. The Federation reaches 14,890 school board districts, including 95,000 school board members.

NSBA incorporates several strategically aligned organizations: the Council of Urban Boards of Education (117 largest urban school districts), Council of School Attorneys (3,000 lawyers who serve school districts), the National Black Caucus of School Board Members, the National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members, and the National Caucus of American Indian/Alaska Native School Board Members.

1986-1996

Executive Director

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)
AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

AAUW had, at the time of Bryant's leadership, a membership of 160,000 college and university graduates, a local branch (chapter) system in 1,700 communities, and 850 college and university members. It is one of the oldest and largest women's organizations devoted to advancing equity and education for women and girls. The AAUW Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund are the philanthropic arms of the organization. Together there are 120 staff and total budgets for all three corporations of \$14.4 million. Assets of the three corporations are over \$100 million.

The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, focuses on promoting education and equity for women and girls. Through its national, state, and local organizations it works on such issues as: educational reform, civil rights, equal pay for equal work, reproductive rights, and vocational and higher education.

The AAUW Educational Foundation awards fellowships, research, and community action grants to international and American women scholars, public school teachers, and community organizations. The Foundation administers a \$5 million annual program and grant budget.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding for women students, faculty, and staff seeking judicial redress for discrimination in higher education.

1978-1986

Vice President, Professional Education Division

P.M. HAEGER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
500 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60611

P.M. Haeger and Associates, Inc. provided overall management services to several professional associations. Its client list included the National Association of Bank Women and its Educational Foundation, the International Association of Auditorium Managers and its Foundation, the American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Association of Diabetes Educators, the Committee of 200 (women business owners), and an association of specialist surgeons. The company billed \$5 million and had 70 employees.

Job Responsibilities:

- directed leadership and management training programs for clients
- consulted with both client and non-client associations and industries in areas of strategic and long-range planning

- functioned as the #2 (administrative) manager of the firm reporting to the president

1972-1974

Assistant to the Academic Dean

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPRINGFIELD, MA

Job Responsibilities: (part time while in graduate school)

- developed proposals for federal and state government funding
- assisted in selecting staff to run projects and developed cooperative programs between the college and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Memberships and Appointments

Current:

Character Education Partnership, Board of Directors 2008-Present

Baldrige Foundation, Board of Trustees 2007-Present

The Center for Association Leadership 2005

- Council of Thought Leaders Advisory Council

The National Teachers Hall of Fame

- Trustee 2004-2007

cMarket 2004-Present

- Board of Advisers

The Journal for Association Leadership 2002-2006

- Board Member, Editorial Board

Universal Service Administrative Company (which oversees the Schools & Libraries Division), Washington, D.C.

Oversees a \$6.5 billion discount program established by the FCC to offer discounted telephone and internet services.

- Board of Directors 1997-Present
- Treasurer 2000-2002
- Vice Chair, Schools and Libraries Division 2003-Present

Learning First Alliance, Washington, D.C.

An alliance of 17 education organizations committed to raising student achievement in America's public schools

- Member, Board of Directors 1997-Present
 - Chair, Board of Directors 2006 - 2007
 - Chair, Board of Directors 1998-1999
- CEO Forum on Education & Technology, Washington, D.C. 1997-2001
An organization of 20+ technology CEO's assembled to report to the nation on progress in technology and education.
- Co-chair 1997, 2001
- Simmons College, Boston, MA
- Board Member, Simmons College Corporation 1971-2007
 - Chair, Board of Trustees 2001-2004
- United Nations Association of the USA, New York, NY
- Board of Directors 1991-1996
 - Chair, Nominating Committee 1993-1994
 - Member, Finance Committee 1995-1996
- American Society of Association Executives, Washington, D.C. 1975-Present
- Board of Directors 1985-1988
 - Board of Directors, ASAE Foundation 1988-1991
 - Treasurer, ASAE Foundation 1990-1991
 - Member, Nominating Committee 1997
- Education Commission of the States, Denver, CO
- Advisory Commissioner 1986-1990
- Heritage College, Toppenish, WA
- Member, National Advisory Committee for Focus
 - Five Campaign 1991-1996
- Scholastic Inc., New York, NY
- Member, National Advisory Board 1997-1999
- Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS
- National Advisory Council 1991-2000
- Women's Forum of Washington, D.C. 1993-Present
- Baldrige Board of Overseers, Gaithersburg, MD 1998-2002

National Commission on Service Learning, chaired by Senator John Glenn	
• Member	2000-2002
National Commission on Teaching and America's Future	2001-2005
National Coalition on Asia and International Studies in the Schools	2002-Present

Memberships and Appointments Past:

Hospital Corporation of America, Nashville, TN	
• Board of Directors (merger with Columbia, • February 1994)	1993-1994

Independent Sector, Washington, D.C.	
• Board of Directors	1988-1994
• Chair, Management Committee	1991-1993

National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education, Washington, D.C.	
• Vice-Chair	1989-1991
• Chair	1991-1993

Washington Center (College Internship Program), Washington, D.C.	
• Board of Directors	1986-1992

American Association for Higher Education, Washington, D.C.	
• Director	1980-1987

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, Chicago, IL	1980-1987
• Chairman, Board of Trustees	1985-1986

Chatham Hall, Chatham, VA	
• Member, Board of Trustees	1973-1980
• Member, Executive Committee	1976-1980

Suffolk University Visiting Committee, Boston, MA	
• Appointed Member	1977-1979

Boston Public Library Board of Examiners, Boston, MA	
• Appointed Member	1975-1977

Honors and Awards

Association Trends: National Association Executive of the Year, (February)	2005
American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) Foundation	2002
• Honored for exceptional career in association service	
University of Massachusetts	
• Chancellor's Medal	1999
Middlebury College	
• Honorary Doctorate of Education	1998
American University Department of Education	
• Myra Sadker Equity Award	1998
Virginia Association of Female Executives	
• Award of Excellence for Education	1997
University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine	
• Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters	1996
Georgia Society of Association Executives	
• The Abit Massey Lecture Award	1995
The United Nations Association of Greater Boston	
• Achievement Award for Leadership	1995
Simmons College	
• Alumnae Achievement Award	1993
American Society of Association Executives	
• Certified Association Executive	1986
• ASAE Fellow	1987
• ASAE Key Award for Outstanding Leadership	1992
University of Massachusetts	
• William H. Cosby, Jr. Award	1983
Boston YWCA	
• Woman of the Year for Education	1976

Simmons College

- Crown Zellerbach Award for Academic Achievement 1971

Education

- Ed.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Concentration in Higher Education 1978
Doctoral Dissertation: Faculty Collective Bargaining in Higher Education: A Case Study of the University of Massachusetts
- B.A. Simmons College, Boston, MA
English and Secondary Education 1971
Member of Honor Society 1967-1971