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MNAFEE Emeritus Board of Directors Member Position Description

The Minnesota Association for Family and Early Education (MNAFEE) is a non-profit association promoting Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) and other public school early childhood programs.

MNAFEE promotes professional development, advocates for public policies, builds statewide public awareness, promotes quality education programs of integrity and research-based information, and pursues organizational growth by responsively serving the needs of the membership. Since 2003, MNAFEE has served as Minnesota's leader in professional development and advocacy for teachers in parent and family education and early childhood education because children thrive when their parents and earliest teachers are supported. For more information, visit MNAFEE's website at www.mnafee.org.

Emeritus Board Position

An honorary, emeritus Board of Directors membership may be bestowed on a board member in recognition of a lifetime commitment to the profession. These individuals are valued for their wisdom and extensive experience, often being consulted for insights on key decisions. They bring a unique perspective rooted in years of involvement and firsthand knowledge of MNAFEE's history, culture, and practices.

This honor is granted by the MNAFEE Board to a former MNAFEE Board of Directors member, or a current Board member not seeking re-election to the Board, following the nomination process outlined in the MNAFEE Bylaws.

Roles and Responsibilities of Emeritus Board Members:

- May attend MNAFEE Board meetings but are non-voting members of the MNAFEE Board
- Maintain active membership status in MNAFEE for their entire term of service as an emeritus board member
- Strategic Guidance: Offering advice on MNAFEE's direction, feedback on policies, and insight into challenges and potential solutions.
- Risk and Opportunity Assessment: Providing a perspective on critical issues, helping the board identify risks and opportunities early, and aiding in strategic decision making.
- Sharing Knowledge: Drawing from their history, share lessons learned and best practices, including successful initiatives and past strategies.
- Mentor New Members: Supporting and guiding new board members, helping them understand MNAFEE's mission and objectives.

MNAFEE Bylaws (2025) Section 4.4, 4.5d & c, 6.2c, 6.3c