

BOARD OF REGENTS  
BRIEFING PAPER

**1. Agenda Item Title: Proposed Handbook Revision, Distinguished Nevadan Nomination**

**Meeting Date: November 29-30, 2012**

**2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

Pursuant to a request from the Board Officers, the Board of Regents will consider a revision to the provisions governing the nomination of Distinguished Nevadans to allow, under extraordinary circumstances, the Board Chair to recommend an individual for nomination by the full Board of Regents. Such a nomination must be approved by the Board.

**3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:**

Approval of a revision to the provisions governing the nomination of Distinguished Nevada allow, under extraordinary circumstances, the Board Chair to recommend an individual for nomination by the full Board of Regents.

**4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):**

The Board has on occasion, under extraordinary circumstances, nominated an individual for award of Distinguished Nevadan as a Board nominee outside of the nominations by individual Regents. This revision would recognize this practice of the Board.

**8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

- % Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #\_\_\_ Chapter #\_\_\_ Section #\_\_\_
- ; Amends Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 1 Section # 14
- % Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual Chapter #

POLICY PROPOSAL - HANDBOOK  
TITLE 4 , CHAPTER 1, SECTIONS 13  
Distinguished Nevadan and Honorary Degree Nominations

Additions appear in boldface italic, deletions are ~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

**Title 4 - Codification of Board Policy Statements**

**Chapter 1**

**GENERAL POLICY STATEMENTS**

**Section 14. Distinguished Nevadan and Honorary Degree Nominations**

1. Consistent with the provisions of this section, the Chancellor shall provide guidelines for the nomination of Distinguished Nevadans and honorary degrees.
2. Nominations for Distinguished Nevadans may be made by:
  - a. The Regents representing Districts 1, 2, 7, 8, 10 and 12 no sooner than November 15 and not later than December 31 during an even numbered year.
  - b. The Regents representing Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 13 no sooner than November 15 and not later than December 31 during an odd numbered year.
3. ***In addition to the nominations made pursuant to subsection 2, under extraordinary circumstances, the Board Chair may recommend an individual for nomination by the full Board of Regents to receive the award of Distinguished Nevadan. Such a nomination must be approved by the Board.***
4. The Board of Regents shall make the award on or before March 31 of the academic year in which the nomination is made.