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ACTION: NGA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NGA/NCSL Conference on Leadership Recruitment: Sat. 26 January 2008, Thistle Hotel, Marble Arch, London (*see website under Events for further details and a booking form*) **It is my intention to represent DAG at this important event (particularly since HT appointment / strategic planning is for discussion at our Conference in March) – however it is on the same date as the FA Cup 4th Round. If PAFC make progress against Hull City and draw Man U (for instance), I shall be seeking a sub from another Executive Member. Can you please let me know if you are willing to cover for me?**

FOR INFORMATION

1 NGA News

NGA website (www.nga.org.uk): The public site contains information on publications, events and activities. The Members' area will be live in the New Year.

NGA AGM (17.11.07): The report on the Conference and AGM can be found on the NGA website (click on Briefing /Weekly update/November 19). The slide presentations of both speakers are also available under the November 19 update. Both comments made on the day and views expressed in the evaluation forms suggested that Sue Palmer (**already proposed as a speaker at a future Conference. Please be ready to discuss her invitation at January's Executive**) and Professor Peter Tymms were the best speakers that our conferences had ever attracted.

Election results announced at the AGM confirmed the members of NGA Board from 17.11.07 as:
Regional Directors: Susan Marsh (NW), Frank Ridley (NE), Dennis Roberts (Yorks/Humber), Siddique Hussein (WM), Fred Manning (EM); Judy Leggett (East), Lesley Stout (London), Mark Hulland (SW) and Doris Neville-Davies (SE).

Individual Directors: Stephen Adamson, Colleen Arnold, Clare Collins, Terry Douris, Geoff Rawnsley-Powis, Violet Rook, Gillian Stunell and Carol Woodhouse.

General (Governing Body) Directors: Richard Thompson.

Association Directors: Judith Bennett, Paul Mason, Paul Rosen, Sara Sheath and Joyce Woodham.

At the Board Meeting following the AGM, the Officers elected were: Chair – Judith Bennett; Vice Chairs – Stephen Adamson, Colleen Arnold, Clare Collins; Hon. Sec. – Terry Douris; Hon. Treasurer – Carol Woodhouse.

EGM: As announced at the AGM there will be an EGM held on 26 January, immediately following the Conference, to address changes in the Articles of Association. Notification and details will be circulated soon.

2 Meetings Digest

Meeting of Heads', Education Officers' and Governors' National Organisations (HEG)

(2.11.07): The delay in the announcement of school funding and the CSR removed one of the main items from the agenda. However, there was discussion of assessment and the growing consensus

that the time for some change has arrived. Also of concern was the continuing shortage of applicants for primary headship. NGA shared information about its January conference on recruiting school leaders. Governance was raised and NGA reported on the Symposium held in September. As it would be sensible to discuss this topic further with the professional associations, the members of HEG, NAHT, ASCL and ADCS, were invited to a meeting in December to discuss models of governance.

Brainstorm on Diversity in School Leadership (23.11.07): At this meeting representatives of DCSF, the Training and Development Agency (TDA), NCSL, NAHT and NGA listened to the experiences of two headteachers, from Wandsworth and Luton. Both had school staff representing considerable diversity and both had encouraged teachers from very ethnically diverse backgrounds to take on responsibilities and aim for senior management and school leadership roles. There followed a 'brainstorming' session to explore how both DCSF and NCSL could take action to attract teachers from as wide backgrounds as possible to aim for senior and leadership posts. The ongoing work on succession planning in which NGA has participated with NCSL has relevance to the achievement of the DCSF's goal of encouraging diversity. Governors can be of great service in being as open as possible in their approach to recruiting headteachers.

3 Recruiting Headteachers and Senior Leaders –a useful publication from NCSL

This publication outlines a seven-stage process, which provides a governing body with the practical guidance needed to find success in recruiting a headteacher. The publication can be ordered in hard copy from NGA (£7.50) and can be downloaded free from the NCSL website:

(www.ncsl.org.uk/publications)

Additional notes: David Tall

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