

## **2014-2015 End of Year Report FSBA Federal Relations Subcommittee**

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### **Dates of meetings:**

October 2, 2014 – Discuss content of Federal Platform  
October 24, 2014 – Debate and Adoption of 2015 Federal Platform  
December 3, 2014 – Advocacy Training: Federal Budget and Legislative Process  
February 1-3, 2015 – NSBA Advocacy Institute  
March 30, 2015 – Proposed amendments to FSBA Bylaws and Procedures

### **Main actions taken/accomplishments during year:**

In early October, the Subcommittee met to discuss the content and format of the 2015 FSBA Federal Platform. The Subcommittee recommended a new format that identified priorities in a manner similar to the FSBA Legislative Platform. In late October, the Federal Platform was adopted using this revised format.

Following up on a recommendation by the Subcommittee, during the Legislative Committee meeting at the December Joint Conference, members were provided training on the federal budget development process and federal legislative process. This training was offered in anticipation of FSBA members attending the February 2015 NSBA Advocacy Institute. Subcommittee members worked with FSBA staff to set appointments with key congressional leaders and committee staff and to prepare background information and talking points for attendees. The Subcommittee also has begun planning for the 2015 Federal Issues & Advocacy Conference scheduled for September 29-30, 2015.

In other activities this year, the Subcommittee has recommended amendments to the FSBA Bylaws and Procedures to remove the word “Network” from the title of the Subcommittee. In addition, on the recommendation of the Subcommittee, every effort has been made to ensure that each issue of the monthly FSBA Newsletter includes an item relating to a federal issue. In recent months, such items have included an update on changes to the E-Rate program and a report on the status of the reauthorization of ESEA.

### **Unfinished business to be forwarded to next Legislative Committee Chair:**

1. Ongoing planning for the 2015 FSBA Federal Issues & Advocacy Conference.