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## **NASBLA RBS Professional Certification Advisory Committee**

### *Call for Applications*

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You have an opportunity to help shape the future of recreational boating safety (RBS) in this country by contributing your time and effort in shaping the criteria for the recognition of those leaders in the RBS profession!

In its continuing efforts to elevate professional development opportunities for individuals whose chosen careers lie within the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) program, the NASBLA Executive Board authorized establishment of the *RBS Professional Certification Advisory Committee*. More than focusing on just any one aspect of the overall program such as education, law enforcement, titling and registration, boating access, navigation aids or other valuable components of the RBS environment, this committee will look at the RBS program in its entirety to develop the **RBS Professional Certification**, *a voluntary program designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance, and designate RBS professionals who demonstrate the knowledge essential to RBS program management*. It is anticipated that earning the RBS Professional Certification will become THE hallmark of a committed program professional.

#### **Duties of the Advisory Committee include:**

- Work in harmony with the already established BOAT Advisory panel and other ongoing NASBLA committees and subcommittees to develop and recommend program policies and procedures to the NASBLA Executive Board for full implementation of the RBS Professional Certification program such as participant eligibility criteria, assessment methods, and ongoing certification requirements.
- Recommend and oversee a methodical and comprehensive job analysis to determine the skills required for successful RBS program understanding and management, including the identification of essential program competencies organized into specific knowledge domains. These domains will represent the content to be covered on the RBS Professional Certification exam.
- Develop and maintain, using NASBLA member and wide-ranging RBS stakeholder input, a comprehensive list of current authoritative literature for each of the identified knowledge domains.
- Recommend policies for development and security of the certification assessment, including possible 'micro-credentials,' incorporating recognized and well established best practices from a variety of sources for national certification programs.
- Develop, champion and recommend policies to ensure the program retains the highest level of currency and relevance and strives to adhere to proven best practices.

The Advisory Committee will be comprised of representatives from major aspects of the RBS program, including but not limited to: education, training, law enforcement, vessel numbering/titling, access and accident reporting. Additional representation may be sought from other areas identified as elements of the RBS program. No one area of representation will be greater than 25 percent of the Advisory Committee's composition. A full range of experience levels (from seasoned personnel to staff new to the RBS program) are encouraged to apply.

**Application Deadline:** August 31, 2013. Applications (with requested attachments) accepted via email only to Pamela Dillon, NASBLA Education Director, at [pam@nasbla.org](mailto:pam@nasbla.org).

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## **NASBLA RBS Professional Certification Advisory Committee Membership Application**

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Members of the RBS Professional Advisory Committee are charged by the NASBLA Executive Board to develop, champion and recommend policies and procedures for development and implementation of the NASBLA Recreational Boating Safety Professional Certification program.

Submit completed application (with requested attachments) to NASBLA Education Director Pamela Dillon at [pam@nasbla.org](mailto:pam@nasbla.org). DEADLINE: August 31, 2013.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (preferred #): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (alternate #): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **EXPERIENCE/ QUALIFICATIONS:**
    - Submit a current resume or curriculum vitae
    - Attach a short outline or statement (limit one page) describing what you believe are the most relevant competencies, qualities, and/or perspectives that you would bring to the Advisory Committee's work.
  
  2. **AVAILABILITY:** If selected, terms of service of committee members will range from one to three years. Please indicate your preferred/available term of service:
    - 1 year
    - 1-2 years
    - Up to 3 years
  
  3. **INTEREST CATEGORY REPRESENTATION and EXPERIENCE:** The Advisory Committee must have representation across numerous Interest Categories and will strive to include a range of experience levels. In the following table, please indicate which Interest Category(ies) best describes you. Express experience levels in years and months.
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INTEREST CATEGORY	Briefly note how you represent this category	Number of years and months of direct category experience	I DO NOT represent this category
Boating Education		___Years ___Months	
Marine Law Enforcement		___Years ___Months	
Vessel Numbering/Titling		___Years ___Months	
Accident Reporting		___Years ___Months	
Access		___Years ___Months	
Waterways Marking		___Years ___Months	
Aids to Navigation		___Years ___Months	
Training		___Years ___Months	
Marine Investigation		___Years ___Months	
Search and Rescue		___Years ___Months	
Federal/State Agreements		___Years ___Months	



INTEREST CATEGORY	Briefly note how you represent this category	Number of years and months of direct category experience	I DO NOT represent this category
Management		___Years ___Months	
Program Administration		___Years ___Months	
Policy Development		___Years ___Months	
Planning		___Years ___Months	
Areas Not Described (provide list)		___Years ___Months	

**NASBLA RBS Professional Certification Advisory Committee Participation and Responsibilities:**

Appointment to the Advisory Committee is an individual appointment. When engaged in the committee's work, members function as individuals and NOT as agents of any organization with which they are associated or employed.

The committee's work will be conducted primarily through virtual meetings (teleconference, webinars, and email); as such, members must have reasonable access to phone and Internet service that will accommodate these activities.

I verify to the best of my knowledge all information I have provided in this application is accurate. If selected, I will fulfill the duties of the RBS Professional Certification Advisory Committee to the best of my abilities.