The PA Principals Association Board of Directors Adds Two New Positions

(Harrisburg, Pa.) — The Pennsylvania Principals Association has increased the size of its Board of Directors by two by adding two new positions: Diversity At Large and Assistant Principal At Large.

Eduardo L. Antonetti, supervisor of curriculum and assessment for the Mid Valley School District, Throop, Pa., was recently appointed as the Diversity At Large board member. The Diversity At Large board member will represent the important perspectives of diversity as related to the work of an educational leader in today’s schools; serve as a key practitioner’s voice on the Board of Directors relating to diversity and keeping the members apprised of current issues impacting minority principals; as well as providing information and input related to the needs and concerns of diverse principals and other educational leaders.

Mr. Antonetti’s vast experience with promoting diversity, teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) and his Puerto Rican heritage (living in the United States and learning English as a second language) made him an excellent choice for this position. A former ESL, history, world cultures and social studies teacher, Mr. Antonetti also served as an assistant principal at Abington Heights Middle School for five years, prior to his current position. In addition, Mr. Antonetti is an adjunct instructor for Wilkes University’s master’s program in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), where he has taught courses for the past 10 years.

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Mr. Antonetti received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and psychology from Georgetown University; a Master of Science in Teaching in secondary education from the New School University; and a Master of Science in educational leadership from Wilkes University. He is currently enrolled in the doctorate of education program at Wilkes University.

Daniel J. Beck, assistant principal at Upper St. Clair High School in the Upper St. Clair School District, Upper St. Clair, Pa., was appointed to fill the Assistant Principal at Large board position. In his new role, Mr. Beck will represent the important perspective of assistant principals as related to the work of an educational leader in today’s schools; serve as a key practitioner’s voice on the Board of Directors relating to the role of assistant principal; as well as providing information and input related to the needs and concerns of assistant principals. He brings to the association a passion for reaching those in the assistant principal position and his past experience and ideas for recruiting and retaining fellow assistant principals.

Mr. Beck has served in his current position as the assistant principal at Upper St. Clair High School since 2013. He also taught secondary English in the Greensburg Salem School District and the Berlin Brothersvalley School District.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in secondary English education from Duquesne University; a Master of Education in higher education management - leadership initiative for transforming schools, from the University of Pittsburgh; and is currently enrolled in the Doctorate of Education in educational leadership program at Duquesne University as well as a Superintendent’s Letter of Eligibility candidate at Duquesne University.

“We are delighted with the addition of these two important positions on the Board of Directors,” said Paul M. Healey, Ph.D., executive director, PA Principals Association. “They will bring a very vital and unique set of experiences and a very important voice to be heard as a part of our board.”

Both board members will serve two-year terms.

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About the PA Principals Association: The PA Principals Association membership of approximately 3,800 is comprised of elementary, middle level and secondary school principals, assistant principals and other educational leaders and is affiliated with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

The Mission of the Pennsylvania Principals Association: To ensure a quality education for every child by comprehensively supporting the educational leaders of our schools.

The Vision of the Pennsylvania Principals Association: To be the best service organization of its kind in the United States.