



Mr. Michael Haas
Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission
212 East Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor
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January 5, 2018

Dear Michael:

I write to inform you that the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) Executive Board Nominations Committee has unanimously nominated you to serve as NASED Secretary for the 2018-19 term. This puts you in line to be the President-Elect in 2021 and the President in 2022. It also means that from 2021 to 2024, you will serve on the Governmental Coordinating Council (GCC), created by federal, state, and local election officials and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in response to the designation of elections as critical infrastructure. Given the events of the 2016 election cycle, this is the single-most important position outside of NASED that a member can hold.

I cannot think of a better election director to guide us through the post-2020 presidential election and the lead-in to the 2022 midterm election, as well as serve on the GCC during these crucial years. Your efforts to coordinate NASED's understanding of pending federal legislation and in leading Wisconsin and the nation on cybersecurity protection have not gone unnoticed by your peers across the country.

I am unaware of a time in NASED's recent history when a nominee of such a short tenure as election director has served as a NASED officer – and unanimously-selected, no less. Obviously, we knew you from your years of attending the conferences, but it is extraordinary nonetheless and speaks to our great appreciation for your work to make Wisconsin an election leader, as well as your contributions to our organization. Clearly, your NASED colleagues hold you in the highest esteem.

Please let me know by January 15, 2018, if you accept this nomination. If you do, the NASED membership will vote on your nomination at our winter meeting on February 17, 2018, and you will begin work as our Secretary the next day. So, be sure to bring your laptop.

My congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judd Choate". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Judd Choate
President, NASED
Colorado Election Director