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Elections: April
Officers change: July

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Elections: October
Officers change: October

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CAEOP
Elections: May
Officers change: May

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Elections: May
Officers change: November

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Mideastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
MEAEOPP
Elections: April
Officers change: October

1st Year Board Member: Scott Robertson
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Northwest Association Educational Opportunity Programs
NAEOP
Elections: September
Officers change: October

1st Year Board Member: Petya Stoyanova
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3rd Year Board Member: Megan Simila
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NEOA
Elections: April
Officers change: September

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Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
SAEOPP
Elections: October
Officers change: March

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Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs
SWASAP
Elections: November
Officers change: November

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WESTOP
Elections: March
Officers change: July

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