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Utah State Board of Education Hosts National Education Policy Conference

SALT LAKE CITY – Members of the Utah State Board of Education are hosting the 2010 Annual Conference of the National Association of State Boards of Education. The theme of this year's conference is "Educating the Digital Native."

A host of speakers and presenters will address the conference, which is attended by state board of education members from throughout the country. The event, which runs through Saturday at 12:30 p.m., is being held at the Salt Lake Sheraton, 150 W. 500 South. Topics include turning around low-performing schools, gaming and its influence on instruction, social networking in the schools, charter schools, and virtual learning.

Among the presenters at the conference are Utah State Board of Education Chair Debra Roberts, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Larry Shumway, and School Law and Legislation Specialist Jean Hill.

Retiring Utah State Board of Education Member Greg Haws of Hooper will be presented with the

Distinguished Service Award during a banquet on Friday evening. Lane Beattie, president and CEO of the Salt

Lake Chamber of Commerce will be presented with the association's Friend of Education Award at a luncheon on

Saturday.

You can learn more about the conference and follow it on Twitter at www.nasbe.org.