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Aiken County school board members recognized

Four board members for Aiken County Public Schools have earned recognition by the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) for achievement in the association’s 2009 -2010 Boardmanship Institute.

SCSBA Boardmanship Institute, established in 1982, offers a year-round training curriculum to help board members develop skills and stay abreast of state and national educational issues. Workshops focus on school law, advocacy and legislation, improving board operations, finance, leadership for improving student achievement, and other timely topics.

Board members can achieve up to six levels of recognition by earning points that are accrued annually from July through June for participation in statewide conferences and training provided onsite in their district.

Rosemary	English	Level 5
Levi	Green	Level 4
John Wesley	Hightower	Level 5
Donna	Wesby	Level 3

Aiken County board members recognized and their levels of achievement are:

- Rosemary English and John Wesley Hightower reached Level Five by earning 300 points within five consecutive years or less. Level Five recipients receive a certificate and pin with a red stone.
- Levi Green reached Level Four by earning 200 points within four consecutive years or less. Level Four recipients receive a certificate and pin with a blue stone.
- Donna Wesby reached Level Three by earning 100 points within two consecutive years or less. Level Three recipients receive a certificate and gold pin.

Statewide, SCSBA recognized 132 school board members for reaching one of six levels for the 2009-2010 year with certificates of achievement and a lapel pin designated their level of accomplishment in the institute.

Each year, approximately 80 percent of board members statewide attend at least one training session.

SCSBA is the statewide professional organization serving as a source of information, training and voice for the state's 85 local school boards.

For additional information on the South Carolina School Boards Association, please contact Debbie Elmore, Director of Communications, at delmore@scsba.org or 803.988.0224.