

NASC MEMBER ALERT!

From The National Association of Student Councils

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United States Student Government Association

Schools are receiving membership solicitations from the United States Student Government Association that lists its address as 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. The USSGA promotion resembles an invoice and asking that schools submit payment for “Institutional School Memberships”.

NASC and NASSP are not familiar with the United States Student Government Association and have no relationship or affiliation with USSGA. NASC urges principals, advisers, educational office personnel, and school business officers to please be careful not mistake the United States Student Government Association promotion for the school’s official NASC Membership Invoice. To help avoid confusion caused by the USSGA mailing, remember that NASC dues are always sent to our Reston, Virginia address: **NASC, PO Box 3250, Reston, VA** and that the NASC LOGO appears on NASC membership forms and renewal notices.

Two major facts to remember: NASC dues for 2003-2004 are only \$65.00, while USSGA fees are \$349.00. USSGA claims that its members receive a subscription to *Leadership* magazine, an online publication. The e-magazine USSGA advertises is not *Leadership for Student Activities* magazine, the official publication of NASC, NHS, and NJHS.

Neither NASSP nor NASC discourage schools from seeking memberships with organizations of their choice, but do urge school personnel to use wise consumer practices before committing student funds to any unknown organizations. This may include the practice of having their student council advisers review and give their approval prior to any payments made on behalf of the council.

NASSP encourages principals and school finance officers to remain vigilant to the possibility of their schools receiving more solicitations as the market for students becomes more competitive and to report questionable practices or consumer fraud to the appropriate state agencies and to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov.

For Questions regarding such membership solicitations, contact Jeff Sherrill, Student Activities Associate Director (703-860-7325) or Andrea Bell, NASSP General Counsel (703-860-7274).