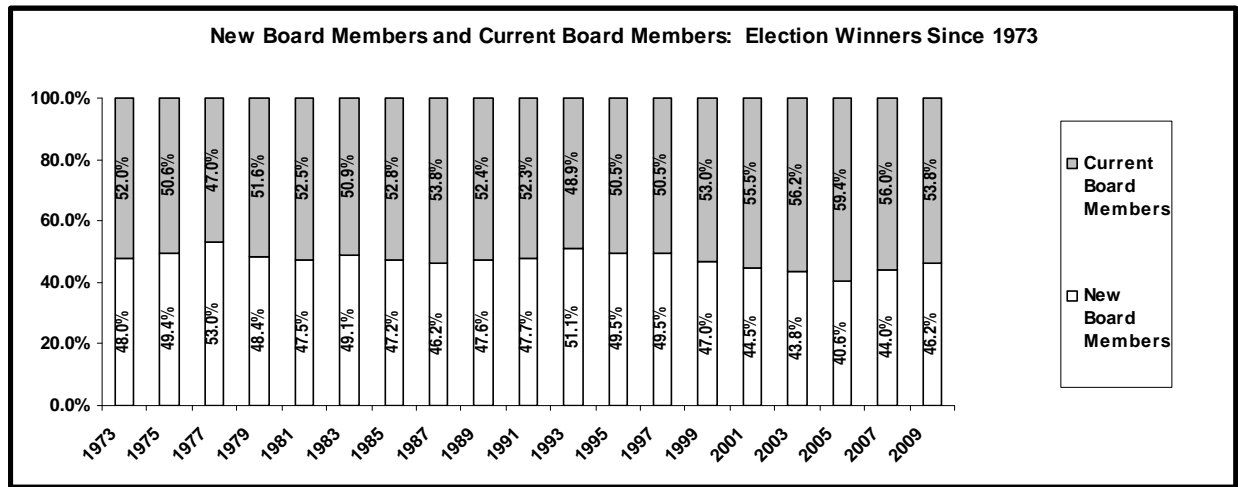


Normally four members are elected at one election and three at the next election two years later, all serving four year terms. 2009 election results should be compared with 2005 and 2001 and similar previous elections. The fact that 943 positions were reported statewide as open for election, slightly more than three per board, can be accounted for by vacant positions and elections to fill the remaining two years of unexpired terms.

KASB has data on school board elections since 1973. Only twice during that period, 1977 and 1993, have the majority of the winners of school board elections been new board members. In all other years, incumbents outnumber new board members, even though over one-third of them do not seek re-election.



There will be 436 new board members taking office in July 2009. When added to the 536 new members elected in 2007, a total of 972 board members will have two years or less experience on the board at that point. This percentage, 47.3%, is also somewhat higher than it might have been several years ago.

Men and Women on School Boards

Of the total number of 2009-10 elected school board members, 625 or 30.4% will be women. There had been a pattern of slight decline in the percentage of women school board members and these results slightly change that pattern upward.

Pattern of Boards:					
Women	Men	Number of USDs	Women	Men	
0	7	27	0	189	
0	3	1	0	3	
1	6	67	67	402	
2	5	91	182	455	
3	4	68	204	272	
4	3	30	120	90	
5	2	8	40	16	
6	1	2	12	2	
7	0	0	0	0	
Totals		294	625	1429	
Percentages			30.4%	69.6%	

This Bulletin is being sent to board clerks and superintendents. It will also be available at New Board Member Workshops. For extra copies, call the KASB Research Department (800-432-2471) or email research@kasb.org.