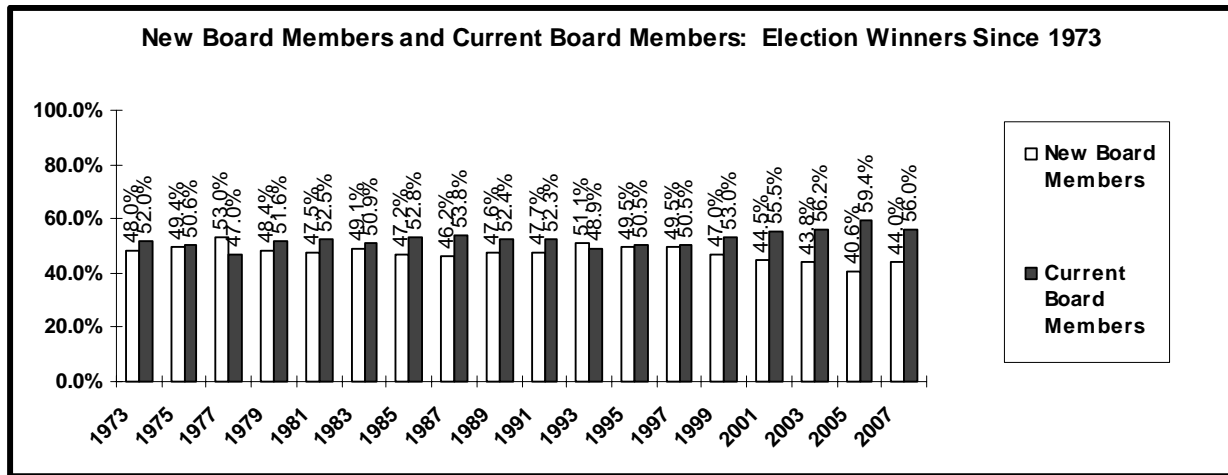


Normally four members are elected at one election and three at the next election two years later, all serving four year terms. 2007 election results should be compared with 2003 and 1999 and similar previous elections. The fact that 1,218 positions were reported statewide as open for election, slightly more than four 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 536 new board members taking office in July 2007. When added to the 391 new members elected in 2005, a total of 927 board members will have two years or less experience on the board at that point. This percentage, 44.8%, is also somewhat higher than it might have been several years ago.

Men and Women on School Boards

Of the total number of 2007-08 elected school board members, 608 or 29.4% will be women. This continues a pattern of slight decline in the percentage of women school board members.

Pattern of Boards:					
Women	Men	Number of USDs		Women	Men
0	7	28	0	196	
1	2	1	1	2	
1	6	83	83	498	
2	5	83	166	415	
3	4	60	180	240	
4	3	29	116	87	
5	2	10	50	20	
6	1	2	12	2	
7	0	0	0	0	
Totals		296	608	1,460	
Percentages			29.4%	70.6%	

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