

## Anti-evolutionist may garner schools post

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A Kansas Republican who is an open opponent to evolution theory is the sole candidate for a top National Association of State Boards of Education post.

Kansas insurance executive Kenneth R. Willard is currently running unopposed for the national association's president-elect post and his repeated opposition to the theory of evolution has many evolution advocates concerned, The New York Times said Saturday.

"We are in a nationwide struggle for the integrity of science education," said Kenneth R. Miller, a Brown University professor and evolution proponent, "and any situation that provides an opportunity for the opponents of science education to advance their agenda is a matter of concern."

Willard's only opponent in the race dropped out recently for personal reasons.

The Washington-based association represents several U.S. school boards dealing with education policies.

The newspaper said that if elected in July, Willard would begin serving in January 2009.

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