



Conference Planning Subcommittee April Meeting Notes

The 2017 Conference Planning Subcommittee met via telephone on April 21, 2016 at 1:00PM EDT. (12:00PM CDT, 11:00AM MDT, 10:00AM MST & PDT, 9:00AM AKDT).

Those in attendance were: Mike Radke (MI—Chair), Paula Daniels (MI), BJ Granbery (MT), Jack O'Connor (MT), Edmund Moore (AL), Otistene Smith (AR), Bob Harmon (WA—NASTID CEO), and Monica Kemper (CA—A+ Events).

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening of proposal submissions

Proposal submissions are open on the website now through June 17th. Many proposals have already come in. The total number of proposals submitted is typically about 400. After proposal submissions close, the committee members will take part in the grading process. The grading will be finalized at the 2016 NASTID Summer Meeting on August 9th. The committee discussed ways of getting the word out about submitting proposals. Marketing emails are sent periodically to the over 17,000 NASTID website users. The call for proposals is also spread by word of mouth. Committee members are encouraged to share the [Proposal Submission information on the conference website](#).

2. Keynote speakers (types or actual names)

The conference schedule in Long Beach includes spots for five keynote presentations. Committee members agreed it would be useful to start by reaching out to the proposed keynote speakers from last year who were unavailable for the Houston conference.

Keynote possibilities from last year:

- Consuelo Kickbush
- Jose Hernandez
- Juan Sanchez Munoz
- Darell Andrews
- Karen Kilpatrick

- Craig J. Boykin
- Kwame Alexander
- Howard Gardner
- Jim Ziolkowski
- M. Duane Nellis
- James H. Johnson
- Gabe Sonnier
- Julián Castro
- Joaquin Castro
- Leland Melvin

New suggestions for keynotes:

- Neil deGrasse Tyson – very engaging speaker about science
- John King
- Pedro Noguera – speaker at NAFEPA conference
- Joelle Killian
- A representative from the Institute for the Future – an organization that draws on its worldwide network of thought leaders and professional researchers to produce leading-edge foresight

Committee members are encouraged to send additional keynote possibilities to Bob Harmon with a copy to Mike Radke. The selected choices for potential keynote speakers will be listed on the Conference Planning Committee webpage in the next couple of weeks. Committee members will be notified when it's time to review the information and/or videos about the potential keynotes, and vote on their top choices.

3. Invited organizations or individuals as speakers

Over the last few years, NASTID has invited partner organizations to come to the conference as speakers. These invited speakers do not go through the proposal process. The committee came up with the following options for possible organizations to reach out to:

- NCTM
- ILA
- SETDA
- Title III (NCSTIID)
- USED
- CCSSO – Peter Zamora

Bob Harmon will reach out to these organizations to get the dialogue started.



4. Convening status update

Mike Radke explained there is a fair amount of work that needs to be done well in advance of the actual convening session at the conference. Two consultants have agreed to assist in the convening planning. Carlas McCauley – formerly with USED, now with WestEd, and currently involved with school improvement, and Joanne Cashman - from NASDSE, who facilitated the midday session last year at the Combined Federal Programs Summer Meeting. The two of them have agreed to be thought-partners as the committee works through the convening process as it relates to the engagement theme. Convening involves planning ahead, work onsite and then continued work by the participants into the future. A follow-up call with Carlas, Joanne, Bob, Mike and Lisa is to be scheduled to solidify the specific next steps. After this call, Carlas and Joanne will be invited to participate in a committee meeting to explain more of the convening process to the committee members and answer any questions we may have.

This group meets the third Thursday of every month at 1PM Eastern time. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 1:00PM Eastern**, 1:00PM EDT. (12:00PM CDT, 11:00AM MDT, 10:00AM MST & PDT, 9:00AM AKDT).