



Conference Planning Subcommittee June Meeting Notes

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

Those in attendance were: Mike Radke (MI—Chair), Marcia Beckman (ID), BJ Granbery (MT), Jack O'Connor (MT), Elena Sanders (OH), Otistene Smith (AR), Jewell Stanley (SC), A+ Events Staff: Bob Harmon (NASTID CEO—WA), Monica Kemper (NASTID Director of Events—CA), and Stefan Ransom (NASTID Director of Audience Engagement—CA).

Meeting Agenda

1. Discuss keynote survey results and pare down the list of keynote speaker recommendations

A list of the top 25 keynote speaker possibilities was sent to committee members, along with videos and/or links to further information about each one. Committee members were then asked to complete a survey to rank the keynote options. There were thirteen responses to the keynote survey. The committee viewed a slideshow summary of the results. A visual representation of the results is [available here](#). The top recommended keynote choices were:

- 1st – Neil deGrasse Tyson
- 2nd – Bill Gates
- 3rd – Pedro Noguera
- 4th – Daniel Pink
- 5th – Carol Dweck
- 6th – Eric Jensen
- 7th -- Jose Hernandez
- 8th-- Kathryn Shulz

The committee agreed to move ahead with pursuing the top choices for keynotes—depending on their availability, affordability, and interest.

2. Recruit proposal graders

Proposals submissions for the conference close on June 17th. The next phase in the selection process is to grade the proposals. Committee members are automatically graders. Distinguished School principals from last year will be invited to grade, as well as all NASTID members. Mike Radke suggested each committee member send a group email to all of the NASTID members from their state, asking them to

participate in the grading process. Grading opens July 1st and closes July 19th. All grading takes place online through www.titlei.org. Grading instructions will be sent out soon.

The next committee meeting will be in person on **Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 1:30PM** at the 2016 NASTID Summer Meeting in Washington DC.