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## **National Conference Planning Committee May 2018 Meeting Notes**

The National Conference Planning Committee met via telephone on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 1:00PM Eastern (12:00PM CDT, 11:00AM MDT & 10:00AM MST & PDT).

Those in attendance were: Otistene Smith (AR); Dean Zajic (KS); Gail Clark-Dickson (MD); Pat Kaiser (MO); Jocelyn Strand (MO); Theresa Villmer (MO), Jack O'Connor (MT); Beth Wooster (NE); Kathryn Nichol (NH); Lynn Sodat (VA); and Jonas Zuckerman (WI).

A+ Events Staff: Bob Harmon (NAESPA CEO—WA).

### **Meeting Agenda**

#### 1. Review keynote ranking survey results

[Meeting slides are available for download here:

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Bob Harmon walked the NCPC members through the PowerPoint in the review of survey results.

#### 2. Refine keynote speaker list

After discussion, it was agreed by consensus (being mindful of the survey results) that the top 11 keynotes would be:

- Linda Darling-Hammond
- Neil deGrasse Tyson
- Horacio Sanchez
- Mandy Manning
- Michael Bonner
- Tamir Harper
- Susan Cordova
- Jessica Solano

- Sam Redding
- Steve Constantino
- David DeShryver

Bob reiterated that the top 11 keynotes are a recommendation of the NCPC for the Conference and actual decisions are made based on the keynotes' availability, interest, and cost. When departing from the recommended list to seek alternatives, every effort will be made to select and contract with individuals who would be in keeping with the Conference theme (Integrate, Innovate, and Collaborate) and would bring a similar message and appeal to the audience.

### 3. Work with A+ staff to recruit proposal graders

Session proposals are due no later than June 15, 2018. The online grading "window" begins June 29 and ends July 8, 2018. Online review and grading responsibilities will take the place of the June NCPC conference call. NCPC members are expected to be graders. For example, if there are 400 proposals and each one is reviewed three times, then 30 graders must be engaged in the activity—reading 40 proposals each. We will invite prior Distinguished School Principals to be involved. Recruiting proposal graders is important to "spread the wealth."

### 4. Other

The next National Conference Planning Committee Meeting is on Thursday, July 26 2018 at the Westin Washington City Center Hotel in Washington, DC.