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National Conference Planning Committee March 2018 Meeting Notes

The National Conference Planning Committee met via telephone on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 1:00PM Eastern (12:00PM CDT, 11:00AM MDT & 10:00AM MST & PDT).

Those in attendance were: Sonya Morris (Chair – FL); Gail Clark Dickson (MD); Jack O' Connor (MT); Otistene Smith (AR); Ken Banter (GA); Gayle Pauley (WA); Paula Daniels (MI); Julia Cowell (MO); Jocelyn Strand (MO); Wes Sherrell (GA); Kathryn Nichol (NH); and Lynn Sodat (VA).

A+ Events Staff: Bob Harmon (NAESPA CEO—WA); Monica Kemper (NAESPA Director of Events—CA); Marcus Cheeks (NAESPA DOO—MS)

Meeting Agenda

1. Review evaluation results from the 2018 Conference

The committee discussed the evaluation results summaries. They expressed some concern about the limited number of responses. Committee members suggested an email go out to attendees very soon, to remind them of the March 31st deadline for completing the evaluations. A+ Events staff will be sending that reminder email out next week.

2. Review the proposal review and grading process (View [last year's grading instructions and rubric](#))

Bob Harmon gave an overview of the proposal grading process and the grading rubric that has been in use for the last few years. Committee members agreed the rubric and grading instructions have worked very well and are easy to use. They agreed to keep these documents the same, with the exception of these two changes:

1 - Update this section: "Proposal highlights current, successful Title I schools or districts" with "Proposal highlights current, successful schools or districts." For the most part, "Title I" references will be replaced with "ESEA."

2- Add text to this section "Explain any bonus points (up to 10 at grader discretion) awarded based on exceptional ideas or implementation and the overall quality of the submission" with "Explain any bonus points (up to 10 at grader discretion)

awarded based on exceptional ideas or implementation and the overall quality of the submission, including applicability across ESEA programs.”

3. Make final decisions on presentation categories and topic areas (View [last year's proposal submission guide](#), and new topics list based on committee feedback during the February meeting)

Revised Presentation Topics List:

1. Academic Standards and Assessment*
2. College Readiness
3. Cultural Diversity
4. Data-driven Decision-making
5. Differentiated Instruction
6. Early Childhood Education
7. Effective Leaders
8. Elementary Education
9. ESEA Success Stories (formerly Title I Success Stories)
10. Evidenced-based Practices
11. Parent, Family, and Community Engagement
12. Legislative, Regulatory, and Fiscal Issues
13. Multi-tiered Systems of Support
14. Neuroscience
15. Professional Learning
16. Program Implementation and Evaluation
17. Reading and Writing
18. School Climate and Culture
19. School Improvement
20. Secondary Education
21. Special Populations (e.g., English Learners, Students with Disabilities, Neglected and Delinquent, etc.)
22. STEM
23. Well-rounded Education

The committee agreed to move forward with the updated topics list, and keep the other aspects of the proposal submission guide the same.

4. Identify organizations that should be encouraged to have presenters submit proposals, and:

- Identify other associations, groups, or individuals that will be invited as presenters—outside the general proposal process.

The committee would like to reach out to these programs or program representatives: The National Association of State Title III Directors, Special Education (NASDSE), Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY), SchoolHouse



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Connection, Migrant Education (NAME), Bilingual Education (NABE), International Literacy Association (ILA), National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), WestEd, IDEA Data Center, ED's Comp Centers, Neglected and Delinquent (NDTAC), and Title II Directors. (NOTE: Title II directors don't have an Association, but Bob will reach out OSS Title II staff for state-level program contacts.) These groups could submit one proposal as "invited" and others through the regular online process. Members were encouraged to send other possibilities to Bob via email.

Committee members emphasized the need to be sensitive about not "stepping on toes" with regards to other organizations who already have their own conferences.

- Decide whether or not to solicit former Distinguished Schools to submit proposals

The committee likes the idea of having sessions from prior Distinguished Schools, as long as they submit proposals through the regular process. The committee discussed asking Distinguished Schools who are named this year and honored at the Kansas City conference to speak, rather than bringing back schools from the previous year. This has been done in the past – but is difficult because most Distinguished Schools are not named until after the proposal submission process closes.

5. Other

Bob suggested that Committee Members from the 2019 Conference host state (MO) and surrounding states (e.g., KS, NE, AR, and OK) think about a strategy for encouraging drive-in participation from these states to boost attendance and, even more importantly, to take advantage of a high quality professional development experience for those close by.

The next National Conference Planning Committee Meeting is on **Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 1:00pm EDT.**