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National Association of State Scholarship and Grant Programs

MEMORANDUM


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TO: Members of the National Association of State Scholarship and Grant Programs

FROM: Ronald J. Jursa, President 
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DATE: December 21, 1979

SUBJECT: Update on Association Activities

This is the first of a number of memos which I will be sharing with the entire membership of NASSGP during the next nine or ten months. By means of these communications, we hope to keep the entire membership alert as to events of interest to our Association and to our respective state agencies.

Our Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona was highly successful and we were pleased at the excellent attendance at that meeting. We received a fair amount of news coverage, with both The Chronicle of Higher Education and Higher Education Daily making note of topics which were discussed at the Scottsdale meeting. Specific thanks are due to Ross Erbschloe for his handling of local arrangements and to Gary Smith for putting together an excellent program. Thanks are also due to Nancy Berve and her staff at ECS for handling all of the paper work associated with the conference.

As noted in a recent mailing from ECS, our Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 15-18, 1980, in Boston, Massachusetts. The Fall Meeting next year will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on October 21-24. Specific details concerning registration for those meetings will be forthcoming in due course from the ECS office.

Officers for 1979-80 are indicated on our Association stationery and, in addition to the four named officers, the Association elected John Madigan of Rhode Island and Dortha Morrison of California as Delegates-at-Large.

Our Association conducts most of its business through several key committees, and I have named the following individuals to committee assignments:

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Our Association, along with representatives of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP), has been meeting with Mr. Tom Butts, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Financial Aid in the U.S. Office of Education. Two meetings have been held in recent months and the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of January 15. These meetings afford us the opportunity to share, with key officials at USOE, our concerns and problems as well as provide a means for better communications than have been experienced in recent years.

Two of the key issues facing our Association are:

1. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.
2. Establishing a Procedure for Continuing the Annual NASSGP Survey.

I will be working with the Federal Relations Committee and the Communications/Research Committee to determine the most effective ways for us to proceed on these two matters.

If you have comments or suggestions relative to Association activities, I urge you to share your thoughts with any member of the Executive Committee or the Chairpersons of the respective committees. We need everyone's cooperation if our Association is going to achieve its full potential.

BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR!!