

Marilyn Cargill, 2007-08

One of my first responsibilities was to join Chas Treadwell to find a replacement for outgoing Washington liaison, Bart Astor. Chas Treadwell and I met with candidate Marie Bennett from Dow Lohnes at the Washington Court Hotel for an interview. Things went so well that the decision was made to hire her before the interview was over.

Reauthorization passed in August of 2008. Highlights of items NASSGAP was able to have influence with included the creation of the GAP program which replaced SLEAP. Thanks our efforts an admin allowance was created, the eligibility rules were simplified, and the MOE language was greatly simplified.

The fall conference was held in New Orleans to help support a region that had been torn apart by Hurricane Katrina. One morning of meetings followed by lunch was held off site at a huge warehouse called Mardi Gras World. This building housed a number of retired floats from past parades, as well as all kinds of pieces that were ready to be recycled on to new floats including huge heads, papier-mâché monsters and horses, towering buildings, the list was endless. One of the most fun parts of the tour was a room filled with retired costumes of which NASSGAP attendees took full advantage.