NASSGAP Executive Committee Meeting

Monthly Conference Call 1-23-12

Executive Committee: (Attendees are marked with an X)

\_ President – Julie Leeper-IA

X President Elect – J. Ritchie Morrow - NE

X Past President – Vicki Merkel-WA

X Secretary – David Hughes-UT

X Treasurer – Stephanie Butler-AK

X Member at Large – Leroy Wade-MO

\_ Member at Large – Diane Lindeman - KS

X Federal Relations – Lee Andes-VA - late

X & Frank Ballmann-NY

X Ed Technical Forms – Maureen Laffey-DE

\_ Membership and Communications – Marilyn Cargill-VT

X NASSGAP Web – Mike Solomon-IL

\_ Policy and Research –

X Chris Zuzack

Agenda:

1. Minutes – November 17, 2011 and December 15, 2011

2. The Democratic Merit Project

3. College Board Simplification Study Response

4. Spring Executive Committee Meeting

5. NCHELP Meeting – January 18 in New Orleans

6. Fred Sellers -- Friend of NASSGAP

7. CACG One-Pagers

8. ByLaws – Date for Full Membership Meeting

9. NASSGAP Hats

10. Nominating Committee Update

11. Correspondence on Website -- Public / Members Only

12. E-Mail Archives and President’s E-mail

13. E-Mail to Julie for the next several months – “NASSGAP Urgent” or “NASSGAP (date)”

14. Topics for February

Meeting Called to Order at 3:05 PM (CST)

1. Minutes – November 17, 2011 and December 15, 2011
* Minutes approved
1. The Democratic Merit Project
* Previous NASSGAP member, from IOWA has requested that we post a link to a survey on our website for members to complete if they choose. The link could be sent over the listserve with an explanation. Please do not rely all when replying.
1. College Board Simplification Study Response
* Lee A sent out a response. Comments requested. Frank has suggestions that he will send to Lee A. for incorporation and a revised document can be sent out. Is the response too long? Who is this document being sent to? College Board and Zakia S? Frank to work with Lee and Julie.
* Data and charts ok on presentations, but conclusions are misleading. We need a response. Send to College Board – Kathy and Zakia – White House. Study to be released in mid to late Feb. It would be best if we responded by end of January. Lee will send out the College Board presentations.
1. Spring Executive Committee Meeting
* Mid March to late April. If you have requested dates, send to Julie so she can find dates that will meet most needs. Agenda will determine the need for Committee Chairs to be present. CACG Conference will be in DC April 20 & 21 if we want to consolidate meetings to save $$.
1. NCHELP Meeting – January 18 in New Orleans
* NASSGAP and NCHELP members seemed to think corroboration was a good idea. Some NCHELP members – lenders – didn’t think it is a good fit for us to work together. NCHELP is changing name and revising their mission. Some question about NCELP waiting for NASSGAP to make suggestions for corroboration ideas. Frank will work with Shelley of NCHELP.
1. Fred Sellers -- Friend of NASSGAP
* No objections to adding Fred as a Friend of NASSGAP.
* Who will look out for NASSGAP in Fred’s absence
* Vicki motioned, Stephanie seconded – Approved to add.
1. CACG One-Pagers
* Table for next month – Phil was going to be contacted to head this effort to have a one page overview of each states program. Lee will continue to work with Phil to have these created by end of March 2012 – before the CACG Conference.
1. ByLaws – Date for Full Membership Meeting
* Next step. Tabled to next month – Lee discussion. ByLaws have been sent to general membership. Waiting for definition of meeting to be approved so we can have a conference call with all members to review and vote.
1. NASSGAP Hats
* Need to order more hats.
* Frank will take hat and find a couple of vendors to get a price quote. Hats and visors for future.
1. Nominating Committee Update
* Working on nominations for President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer Elect, and Member at Large
1. Correspondence on Website -- Public / Members Only
* Mike feels that the decision has been made as to what content goes into each area.
1. E-Mail Archives and President’s E-mail
* NASSGAP\_email\_archive@nassgap.org is the address for forwarding an email to have it archived
1. E-Mail to Julie for the next several months – “NASSGAP Urgent” or “NASSGAP (date)”
* If you send an email to Julie, please pace in the subject line something about urgent or the date a response is needed. She will be very busy the next couple of months and this will help her keep organized with all she is doing.
1. Conference Agenda for the Fall Conference
* LeRoy is thinking about the agenda and will be working to getting that going.
1. LEAP and the CEF “Budget Response Booklet”
* Frank will have CEF retain LEAP in the booklet, with a statement that the impact of the loss of LEAP funding is still be evaluated by the State programs.
1. Topics for February

Call ended at 4:03 PM (CST)