NASSGAP Executive Committee Meeting

Conference Call on 1/12/2011

Executive Committee: (Attendees are marked with an X)

X President – Vicki Merkel-OR

X President Elect – Julie Leeper-IA

* Past President – Vacant (Lois Hollis-TX)

X Secretary – David Hughes-UT

X Treasurer – Jamie Dushin-MT

* Treasurer Elect – Stephanie Butler-AK

X Members at Large – Christine Zuzack-PA

X & Leroy Wade-MO

X Federal Relations – Lee Andes-VA

X & Frank Ballmann-NY

X Ed Technical Forms – Maureen Laffey-DE

X Membership and Communications – Marilyn Cargill-VT

X NASSGAP Web – Mike Solomon-IL

X Policy and Research – Cheryl Maplethorpe-MN

X Visitor – William Henderson-DC

Agenda:

1. Agenda: Fall Conference Options – Chris and William
2. Spring Exec Comm mtg – Vicki
3. GAP consultant – Lee and Frank
4. NASSGAP Home Page -- Mike

Meeting started at 11:04

Discussion:

Item #3: Gap Consultant – Lee Andes & Frank Ballmann– States are trying to figure out requirements and with the threat of no funding or small funding if funding continues, states are not willing to put lots of time into figuring out the program. It is proposed that NASSGAP hire a consultant ($3,000 to $5,000) to figure out requirements and possible setup suggestions. The results will be presented to the members. If legislative changes are identified, the Federal Relations Committee will take the issues to DOE to request their help in fixing the issues. If the DOE is not interested in helping, then work with Sen. Reid’s office – maintain relationship. Result may be GAP is not as bad as we think it is. Bart Astor – is uniquely positioned. Discussion about funding for GAP and Sen. Reid’s understanding about the States expectation for applying for GAP participation. Discussion about consultant finding ways to change regulations. It was decided to hire a consultant, create a contract with scope of work document, and move $5,000 to the Federal Relations line item for GAP research.

Items #1 & 2: Fall Conference - Chris Z. and William H.

Kellogg Conference Center, Hyatt and Marriott were visited.

Room Rates about $200

Package deal – price per person (Breakfast, breaks, lunch and room rental)

All facilities are nice

Kellogg Center close to Union Station – 4 to 5 blocks – Free Shuttle

Hotels in Bethesda, Md

Oct 16-19

Phoenix Park Hotel, centrally located,

Marriott, North of DC - not much around

Hyatt, North of DC, surrounded by lots of restaurants

Will look at Hyatt and Kellogg Center for the fall conference and work to provide a more accurate cost – both hotel stay and conference cost.

Check into the Phoenix Park Hotel for the Spring Executive Committee Meeting (last of March or first week of April)

Item #4: NASSGAP Home Page – Mike

Freshen home page content more frequently.

Presidents Message, Federal Relations Update, membership news, state initiatives, and other options rotated though home page

Send request to membership asking for content submissions on a regular basis

Frank will create a Federal Update

Meeting ended at 11:27