

NASSGAP Executive Committee  
Meeting – 6/30/2015 - Phone

Participating:

\*Diane Lindeman, KS - President  
Stephanie Butler, AK – President Elect  
\*Chris Zuzack, PA – Past President  
David Hughes, UT – Treasurer  
Mark French, CT – Treasurer Elect  
\*Todd Brown, IA – Secretary  
\*Rachelle Sharpe, WA – Member-at-Large  
\*Elizabeth McDuffie, NC – Member-at-Large/Conference Committee  
Marilyn Cargill, VT – Membership  
\*Jennifer Rogers, MS - Membership  
\*Susan Degen, OR – Ed Technical Forms  
Jason Chavez, NJ – Ed Technical Forms  
\*Julie Leeper, IA – NASSGAP Website  
Mike Solomon, IL – NASSGAP Website  
\*Ritchie Morrow, NE – Federal Relations  
\*Frank Ballmann, NY – Federal Relations  
*\*indicates member in attendance*

1. Call to order – 2:02 PM pm CST
2. Diane: The issue we need to discuss is that our contractual obligation with the hotel has 10 rooms for Tuesday night (Oct. 20) and 30 for Wednesday (Oct. 21), 30 for Thursday (Oct. 22), and 30 for Friday night (Oct. 23). It seems that the Tuesday and Friday room blocks should be swapped. We are working with the hotel to try to get this switched but may not be able to do so without incurring additional costs, specifically a higher room rate. We have considered the possibility of having our conference from Wednesday through Saturday. This would mean that the Executive Committee would meet Wednesday afternoon, the President’s Reception would be held on Wednesday night, and the conference sessions would be scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. We likely would not be able to get Federal Department of Education (DE) and other outside speakers to present on Saturday morning, so if we decide to move forward with this option, we would need to schedule non-DOE and other outside speaker sessions Saturday morning.

Elizabeth: If we add additional rooms to our contracted block, the price per room will increase substantially. The hotel is currently contracted at \$189 per night. Ten rooms likely won’t work for Tuesday night if the President’s Reception is held that night. We are bringing this to the Executive Committee to help in resolve this dilemma.

Rachelle: If we add Tuesday night rooms, the rate increases to \$249 per room. We could also move the conference to the week prior (to the original conference dates of October 20 – 23) or the week following and start on Sunday (30 rooms Sunday night, 30 Monday,

30 Tuesday). In this scenario, the conference would start on Sunday, Oct. 11, and end on Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. The conference could also be moved back to October 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. If we rescheduled the conference dates to either the week before (the original conference dates of October 20 – 23) or the week after, hotel room rates would be in the low \$200's.

After considerable discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to move the original conference dates of Tuesday (Oct. 20) through Friday (Oct. 23) to new dates of Wednesday (Oct. 21) through Saturday (Oct. 24). The President's Reception would take place Wednesday evening, and conference sessions would be scheduled Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning. The hotel will honor our current rate if we do this. We cannot expand the room block, which encompasses 100 cumulative rooms over the entire conference. And, we must fill a minimum total of 80 cumulative room nights. There are also two other hotels that could be used as overflow hotels (Hyatt and Marriott – both within 3-5 blocks).

3. Other Business:
  - a. Ritchie – Please review Frank's draft response to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Request for Information on loan servicing practices.
  - b. Susan - Review the state deadlines this week. Only missing responses from two states.
4. Adjourned 2:29 pm CST