

NASSGAP Executive Committee
Meeting – 4/3/2017 – Phone

Participating:

- *Clantha McCurdy, MA – President
- *Rachelle Sharpe, WA – President-Elect
- *Stephanie Butler, AK – Past President
- *Mark French, CT – Treasurer
- *Irala Magee, OK – Treasurer-Elect
- Katie Harrison, SC – Secretary
- Brenda Zastoupil, ND – Member-at-Large
- *Jennifer Lanphear, ME – Member-at-Large
- *Diane Lindeman, KS - Other
- *Jennifer Rogers, MS - Membership
- *Donna Thomas, MD – Ed Technical Forms
- *Julie Leeper, IA – NASSGAP Website
- *Todd Brown, IA – NASSGAP Website
- *Mike Solomon, IL – NASSGAP Website (attended part of the call)
- *Ritchie Morrow, NE – Federal Relations
- Frank Ballmann, NY – Federal Relations

**indicates member in attendance*

1. Call to order – 12:03 PM EST
 - a. Approval of minutes from 3/6/17 meeting – Motion to approve made by Mark French; Seconded by Stephanie Butler. Motion passed.

2. Officer's Reports
 - a. President – Clantha McCurdy: Clantha – Advised EC members to make arrangements for the May meeting. Clantha will request EC member's flight arrangements at a later date. In Brenda Zastoupil's absence, Clantha appointed Diane Lindeman to assist Jennifer Lanphear in the conference planning process. Clantha mentioned that there is a conference planning committee listserv; currently only the EC is being notified about the conference planning committee meetings. The EC will need to discuss this in the near future, as other NASSGAP members may have signed up to assist in the conference planning process but may not be receiving notices of the meetings. Jennifer L. mentioned that there may be necessary updates to the procedures (in regard to conference planning committees and sub-committees). Jennifer Rogers will add Diane Lindeman to the EC listserv and the conference planning committee listserv.

 - b. Past-President – Stephanie Butler: Stephanie – Will not be able to attend the May EC meeting.

- c. President-Elect – Rachelle Sharpe: Rachelle – Sent Clantha the edited contract for the hotel for the 2018 NASSGAP conference. Rachelle will update the signature page of the contract before it is final. Rachelle plans to add some details to the procedures in regard to the process of securing and finalizing a hotel contract.
- d. Treasurer – Mark French: Mark – No report.
- e. Secretary – Katie Harrison (Todd Brown filling in): Todd – No report.
- f. Members-at-Large – Brenda Zastoupil/Jennifer Lanphear: Jennifer L. – Will report under conference committee.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – Jennifer Rogers: Jennifer R. – Jennifer Rogers and Irala Magee recently reviewed all of the listservs to ensure they were correct. The NASSGAP listservs are managed by Oklahoma. Jennifer R. sent the EC a list of individuals on each listserv and requested that the lists be reviewed. Jennifer R. will copy Irala Magee on emails corresponding to listserv change requests that she sends to her Oklahoma contact.
- b. Ed Technical – Donna Thomas: Donna – Sent state deadline dates to USDE.
- c. Web – Julie Leeper and Todd Brown: Julie – Sent draft website RFP to the EC last night. Asked a select group to arrive at the May EC meeting early for discussion. It was suggested that the RFP be released to the full membership listserv, the Associate members, with both notices requesting that members share with other interested organizations. It would also be posted on the NASSGAP website. RFP responses are currently due back May 1; it was suggested that this date be moved back to May 10. The launch date is currently October 15; will update the RFP to include the word ‘goal’ instead of a hard-set date, which could limit the number of respondents due to being too aggressive. Julie will work on language adding flexibility to the launch date, if requested by an RFP respondent. Julie will obtain contact information for the Associate members from the NASSGAP directory. The plan is to send the RFP tomorrow.
- d. Conference – Jennifer Lanphear: Jennifer L. – Two conference committee meetings have taken place thus far. Will include all NASSGAP members that volunteered for the committee in future notices. Jennifer L. recently distributed the minutes of the last meeting to the committee. Next call will be the last Monday of the month. Diane Lindeman requested that the meeting time be moved to 2pm or 3pm CST. That seemed to work for most. Jennifer L. will check with North Carolina to see if they will host the registration. Rachelle Sharpe is working on the save the date. Jennifer L. has been gathering cost information from the hotel. Jennifer L. will confirm conference price prior to opening registration, which traditionally occurs in June. Reviewing welcome bag

options, AV options, etc. Hotel room blocks have been reserved. Room cost is \$231/night. Plan to incorporate the 'NASSGAP buddy' system again for new conference attendees. Jennifer L. provided a brief overview of conference session ideas. Diane/Rachelle/Jennifer L. will reach out to the potential Canadian attendees. Jennifer L. asked that everyone review page 6 of the conference committee planning meeting notes (action items), to ensure she got the assignments correct.

- e. Federal Relations – Frank Ballmann/Ritchie Morrow: Ritchie – Frank emailed the update to the EC listserv, listed below.

Trump Administration FFY17 proposal cuts \$3 billion from ED budget for the last 5 months of FFY17; the only higher education line item is a \$1.2 billion rescission of the Pell surplus; that would not affect 2017-18 Pell grants. Nevertheless, both the Senate Chair and the House Chair (both R's) of the appropriations subcommittees with jurisdiction over education dismissed the Administration proposals, suggesting that the rest of FFY17 will be level funded, subject to anomalies. But there is some possibility of a federal shutdown when the current Continuing Resolution expires on April 28th.

The FFY 18 budget proposals to eliminate SEOG and to cut FWS also would not affect 2017-18 academic year awards; these programs are 'forward-funded', so FFY17 funding covers awards made for academic periods beginning September 30, 2017 and prior. Also note that Perkins loans can still be made to undergrads for 2017-18, so it's really for the 2018-19 academic year where students will be seeing, to resurrect an old term, a 'fiscal cliff'. But the potential impact of SEOG and FWS are magnified by matching funds provided by the institution that could also be lost.

Failure of the House effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act shows that saying 'No' is easier than leading – a quote Members on both sides of the aisle have been saying a lot since Friday (the 24th). But relative to HEA and annual appropriations for Education, it also suggests that moderate Republicans (the Tuesday Group apparently numbers 50 or so in the House) will not go along with the far right and ultimately the President will perhaps have to work with centrist Democrats in the House and certainly with Minority Leader Schumer in the Senate to get things done. Maybe getting the 50+% most centrist votes rather than the 50+% most conservative votes.

No change in status on the IRS DRT tool – still out indefinitely and the news release yesterday suggests it will not be available for the remainder of this FAFSA filing season. While there has been no public response to the March 16th letter from the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Senate and House committees with jurisdiction over higher education or the March 24th letter from 17 R's and 26 D's (House and Senate), to Secretary DeVos suggesting solutions to the issue, there has been a non-public response.

4. Old (Other) Business – None.
5. New Business – Ritchie – Will we have the EC May conference call? Clantha proposed that the meeting coincide with the in-person May EC meeting in Washington DC.
6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm EST

Next Meeting: Date 5/18/2017 - 5/19/2017 in Washington DC

To-do list – highlighted in grey