

NAPSA Executive Board Meeting

1/31-2/1/2014

Baltimore, MD.

NASA VISION

All students will be provided appropriate supports, services and programs to overcome their barriers to learning

NAPSA MISSION

The National Association of Pupil Services Administrators (NAPSA) will advocate for a superior system of education by influencing public policy, legislation and regulations through scholarly practice, exemplary professional development programs and support services promoting ethical standards of practice for the profession.

There are 12 members of the NAPSA Executive Board, 11 who are able to vote. There were 6 voting members present, with the Executive Director, Wayne Fausnaught. Basic business was conducted relative to previous meetings' minutes, treasurer's report and executive director report. A focus of the ED report was membership. There are currently 191 members. I have been asked to follow up with several OAPSA members who did not renew this year.

The national conference this year was held in Cleveland (October 2013). While attendance was somewhat poor, the feedback regarding the presenters and content was highly positive for all aspects of the conference (location, presenters, services, social events and opportunities). April Siegel-Green was instrumental in securing many presenters familiar to Ohioans as well as again securing a grant from OEC/ODE to off-set Ohio attendees' costs and speakers' fees.

Standing committees were established (Election, Membership, Communications, Legislative, Conference Planning, Finance) and I am assigned as chair of Membership.

The balance of Friday was focused on two topics: Communications (webinar/social media) and Conference Planning.

The Communications committee will trial Adobe Connect for the next 30 days and report back to the Executive Board at the April meeting.

The 2014 National Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach at the Grand Atlantic from October 19-22. Efforts are being put forth to recruit presenters with Ohio connections. The "theme" of the 3-day conference will be the changing face of Pupil Services. Broad topics that are a part of the draft agenda include Technology & Assessments, Impact of Charter Schools on Pupil Services, Legal viewpoints on 504, FERPA, IDEA and other current issues that come to the forefront by October, Allergies in the school setting, and Wellness in schools.

The group conducted the Executive Director's annual evaluation. We also approved the addition of Legislative Liaison Position. Richard Scott, currently employed by the Maryland Department of Education and living in suburban Baltimore, agreed to fulfill this role for NAPSA. He will attend budgetary and legislative hearings and events in Washington D.C.

The next Executive Board meeting will be April 4/5 in Myrtle Beach.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning on February 1st, the "Members Only" section of the website will have a new code for those members who have renewed their membership or joined NAPSA for the 2013-14 school year. If you do not receive the new code in an e-mail in by February 7th, please contact Wayne Fausnaught at napsa@comcast.net.