



NAEP Chapter Committee Meeting – June 24, 2009

Participants: Josh Earhart (Georgia), Brock Hoegh (Indiana), Dennis Peters (Hawaii), Joe Pinto (Arizona), Roger Turner (California), and Shannon Tyrell (Texas).

The topic of June's Chapter Committee conference call revolved around the draft affiliation agreement. On behalf of the Executive Committee, John Irving circulated a draft copy of the 'new' affiliation agreement to chapter presidents and chapter representatives for their review and comment. Comments are due back to NAEP's Executive Committee (through John) by July 31. Chapters are currently reviewing the document through their boards and members.

Joe Pinto was gracious enough to take the following notes from the conference call. John Irving will follow up on getting some of the questions resolved to help in the review process.

- Good discussion on the draft chapter affiliation agreement (AA)
- Conference call participants were wondering/questioning on the level of "guidance" NAEP would provide with the Chapter Tax Status (Section VI of the AA)
- Joe Pinto (Arizona AEP) commented on their concern of not including NAEP Corporate members as "% of NAEP Members"; they felt that it was doing a disservice and actually discouraging companies to join at the Corporate level since chapters would be negatively impacted, as well as financially impacted, if NAEP members were once individual members and then transitioned to Corporate
- Joe Pinto recommends defining corporate members, including describing how many members a corporate membership can include
- Roger Turner (California AEP) recommended that all of the chapters/representatives be part of a "committee" to help with updating the NAEP Member Handbook; along with the assistance/guidance of Tim Bower (Manager of the new association management firm)
- Conference call participants wanted to get Tim Bower's perspective on the level of support that NAEP will give to the chapters, as well as what expectations have been or will be set between NAEP and the Chapters.
- Conference call participants felt it would be good if we could get Tim Bower to "attend" the Chapter Committee conference calls
- Roger Turner reported that California AEP is having a 2-day retreat next week with their executive committee and 9 chapters representatives and will discuss the AA; Roger will send out an email blast to all of their members (1800+) for them to look at and give their feedback

- The intent of the AA is to have a “One Size Fits All” agreement; the AA is not intended to be modified to accommodate concerns from distinctive Chapters. Their concerns should be addressed and incorporated into this single document
- Shannon Tyrell (Texas AEP) will be having their Board Meeting on 6/30 and they will discuss the AA and send comments back after that meeting; Valerie Ranson (Texas AEP President and member of Texas AEP Board for 15 yrs.) was impressed with everyone at the National Conference in Scottsdale, AZ, and felt that the AA “may not be as bad as expected”
- If you cannot attend the upcoming NAEP Board Meeting in Seattle (7/11), make sure to assign a proxy and spell out your concerns with the AA to your proxy
- Comments on the AA are due July 31 to John Irving (john.irving@inl.gov)
- With the new AMC onboard the Chapters were interested to know when the Quarterly Chapter Reports were due and to whom to send it to
- Roger Turner recommended submitting all comments on the AA via note/memo/letter
- Most Chapters have not had a chance to thoroughly go through the agreement but are anxious to review and comment on the AA
- Everyone gave kudos to the committee in charge of drafting the AA

Comments from Ron Deverman, NAEP President: Joe, you have done a nice job of capturing the teleconference call with the Chapters. Sorry I was not able to participate in this month's call as I was on another call at the time. I believe it is an exciting time for NAEP and the Chapters as we strengthen our relationship. All the comments I have heard so far on the affiliation agreement, whether positive or questioning, have been helpful for us to better understand each other's needs. Tim Bower of Bower Management Services, our new AMC, has already been working hard on AMC transition activities and there are many things to do to get NAEP functioning at the high level we all desire. I know Tim will need to focus on growing our membership and making sure NAEP is financially strong as we move forward this year. Since growing and strengthening the NAEP and Chapters relationship is one of our Strategic Initiatives, it is high on our list to provide more benefits to the Chapters and be of better service. We most likely will need to take small steps at first in the coming months; but soon, hopefully, we can accommodate the level of support that was discussed on this call. I, and the NAEP Executive Committee will do our best to be on the Chapters Committee monthly calls. My regards, Ron Deverman, NAEP President

**Next Meeting: Tentatively July 22, 2009 @ 1:00 pm Mountain Time;
John will send details about one week before call.**