



NAEP Chapter Committee Meeting – March 25, 2009

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The following is a summary of the major items discussed.

1. Announcements

- The 2009 conference committee has reminded people to sign up for tours and training sessions to help guarantee that conference planning do not have to cancel events. Deadline to sign up is Friday. It is not too late to accommodate additional sponsors and exhibitors. Spread the word. [Note: it is already too late for some tours and workshops]

2. Commitment to get Membership Information to Chapters Monthly

- F&F has done a very nice job distributing membership information the past couple of months.
- If chapters collect dues on behalf of NAEP, the chapters need to do an equally nice job of timely distribution of membership information to NAEP.
- CALAEP members received a letter from F&F saying that they will be collecting CALAEP dues from now on.
- RMAEP is in the process of updating their website to state that they will no longer be collecting dues for both NAEP and RMAEP.
- In January, the chapter committee sent a recommendation to the Board, requesting timely and consistent distribution of membership information. While F&F has done a very nice job distributing membership information the past couple of months, the Board should have acted on this committee recommendation at its January Board meeting in Charlotte. The chapter committee requests that the Board act on this committee recommendation at its next meeting in May.

3. Value to Sharing Chapter Newsletters to Other Chapters

- It was widely acknowledged that there is value in sharing chapter newsletters with other chapters, particularly when the chapters share a border.
- One service NAEP could provide is newsletter sharing, either through the NAEP website or email distribution.
- Chapters should add neighboring chapters to their distribution list and chapter representatives should reach out to other chapters for contact information to aid distribution.
- Lots of information in chapter newsletters could be included in the NAEP quarterly eNews.

4. Uniform Affiliation Agreement

- The subcommittee working on the uniform affiliation agreement has made great progress and is meeting later today. The subcommittee is working hard to send a draft to the Board for discussion at the next board meeting in May.
- The draft agreement presently contains a spreadsheet listing certain benefits from NAEP with a sliding scale for chapter affiliation dues. The subcommittee is working hard to make chapter affiliation dues fair and affordable.
- It was widely recognized that this agreement is a very difficult task and NAEP and the chapters needs to discuss and possibly included some difficult issues in the agreement including what is 'basic affiliation' and how other organizations, beyond chapters, may or may not become affiliated with NAEP.
- To help be successful, the uniform affiliation agreement needs to include guidance on establishing chapter boundaries and chapters should work to have clear boundaries between chapters.

Next call: April 22nd, 2009 @ 1:00 MST, Details to follow.

Possible agenda items: Please send issue or concerns that you would like the committee to discuss, some that may be of interest include ... the status of the preparation of the Uniform Affiliation Agreement and an update on the Affiliate Membership proposal.