

# State of the Association Meeting Minutes

2018 NAPSEC Annual Conference

San Antonio, TX

January 15, 2018

1. **Call to order** – *Tom Dempsey, NAPSEC President*
2. **Introduction of NAPSEC Board of Directors** – *Tom Dempsey, NAPSEC President*
3. **Approval of Minutes** – January 2017 State of the Association Meeting  
Motion by Steve Girelli and seconded and approved.
4. **Finance Report – NAPSEC Treasurer** – *Tom Celli*

Mr. Celli told attendees that the finance information was sent out in advance. He reported that NAPSEC has a new auditor this year and the finance committee is very happy with them. The Auditor reported a clean audit with a good financial position. NAPSEC is in a great position with the appropriate reserves. The Finance Committee is currently working on a reserve and investment policy.

5. **Executive Director – CEO's Outcomes Report** – *Sherry L. Kolbe*  
Ms. Kolbe reported on the Outcomes process and told attendees that forms are due January 31<sup>st</sup>. She told attendees that the results of the outcomes data are used for legislature day and are given to staff at each Congressional visit. Ms. Kolbe added that the report is also sent to the Department of Education each year.

## 6. Reports from Standing Committees:

### a. **Governance Committee** – *Gracanne Ryan*

Ms. Ryan reported that the committee had completed an update of the NAPSEC Bylaws and the new NAPSEC Strategic Plan.

### b. **Public Policy Committee** – *Chris Tabakin*

Mr. Tabakin reported on the Hill panels the Committee has completed. The panels address important member issues that are presented to Hill staffers so they understand who we are and what we do. The adult panel, our last panel held on Capitol Hill, will be presented tomorrow as a conference session. The Panels provide two functions - educating Congressional staff and engaging in advocacy on behalf of the membership. Mr. Tabakin added a reminder to join us on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Washington, DC for the NAPSEC Legislative Day Meeting.

### c. **Membership Committee** – *Dr. Robin Church*

Dr. Church reported that in 2017 added 6 new members and so far this fiscal year we have added one. She encouraged state associations to join.

### d. **Conference Committee** – *Cheryl Marvin*

Ms. Marvin reported that we have 101 registrants this year, of which 22 are new attendees. She told attendees that the golf tournament was canceled on Tuesday due to the weather. Ms. Marvin encouraged attendees to network nightly and join the conference planning committee which will meet on Wednesday. She added that the conference will be back in San Antonio next year and then NAPSEC moves to Savannah, Ga in 2020 & 2021 and back to New Orleans in 2022 & 2023.

## 7. Reports from NAPSEC Affiliates

### a. NAPSEC Foundation – *Chris Tabakin*

Mr. Tabakin told attendees that his job is to get them to spend money to support the NAPSEC Foundation. The NAPSEC Foundation funds go to support the NAPSEC Outcomes Study and the Free Referral Service. Both efforts are very important for our members and the students we serve. There are two easy ways to help raise money for the Foundation, one is buy tricky tray tickets, the other is to buy a raffle ticket. Tricky Tray tickets are \$10 for one sheet or \$25 for 3 sheets. Raffle tickets are \$100 each with a maximum of 100 tickets sold. Tickets will be on sale during the conference at the NAPSEC Registration Desk.

### b. NCASES – *Dr. Steve Girelli*

Dr. Girelli reported that Joe Leshko, Chair of the Commission, recently retired and that he is following in his footsteps. The Commission has revised all the manuals and has just completed a major overhaul of standards. Angela Chambers, NCASES Standards Chair, led the committee. The NCASES Standards were reduced from over 300 to 120. The scoring was simplified as well as the complexity of standards. He encouraged programs to pursue accreditation and expects to post the new standards on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Programs can select to use the current version or the new version until July 1<sup>st</sup> when the new standards will go into effect. NCASES currently has 25 accredited programs. Three of these programs will be honored at the awards luncheon on Wednesday.

### c. CASA-no report with Dorie Flynn

## 8. Old Business

## 9. New Business

### **Announcement of New Board Members**

*Tom Dempsey – Virtual Connections Academy, Palatine, IL*

*Rachel Tait – Eden, Princeton, NJ*

*Chris Tabakin – Springtime School, Newtown, PA*

*Alan Clark – Trousdale School, Cleveland, TN*

*Ray Damm – ACCEL, Phoenix, AZ*

*Jennifer McGlothlin-Renault – Arrow Centers for Education, Baltimore, MD*

## 10. Outgoing Board Members

*Dr. Steve Girelli*

*Connie Laird*

*Gracanne Ryan*

## **11. General Good and Welfare**

### **12. President's Closing Remarks and Adjournment** – *Tom Dempsey, NAPSEC President*

Tom Dempsey reported that Ms. Kolbe will be retiring at the end of August. Stating it was a big undertaking and the board has begun a search for a new director. The Board updated the job description and wanted to hear from the membership regarding priorities for the job for the new director. Mr. Dempsey thanked those who responded and told attendees that the search committee has been created and the posting will be on the website. Mr. Dempsey encouraged the membership to share the job description with those who you feel would be good candidates. The Board will screen candidates. The start date will be in summer to ensure there is a 2 month transition period.