

State of the Association Meeting Minutes
2019 NAPSEC Annual Leadership Conference
San Antonio, TX
January 21, 2019

1. **Call to order** – *Tom Dempsey, NAPSEC President*
Mr. Dempsey welcomed everyone to the annual meeting and welcomed newly hired NAPSEC Executive Director and CEO, Danielle Johnson.
2. **Introduction of NAPSEC Board of Directors** – *Tom Dempsey, NAPSEC President*
3. **Approval of Minutes** – January 2018 State of the Association Meeting.
Motion by Rachel Tait and seconded and approved.
4. **Finance Report – NAPSEC Treasurer** – *Tom Celli*
Mr. Celli informed attendees that the auditor provided NAPSEC with a clean audit. NAPSEC remains in a sound financial position with the appropriate reserves. The Finance Committee is currently working on an investment policy statement and is reviewing proposals from potential investment managers.
5. **Executive Director – CEO’s Outcomes Report** – *Danielle Johnson*
Ms. Johnson reported on the Outcomes process and announced that forms are due January 31st, noting that 43 programs have participated to date. She noted the results of the outcomes data are referenced during Legislative Day meetings and are given to Congressional staff during each meeting.
6. **Reports from Standing Committees:**
 - a. **Public Policy Committee** – *Chris Tabakin*
Mr. Tabakin encouraged interested attendees to participate in the public policy meeting on Wednesday at the conclusion of the conference. He also encouraged participation in NAPSEC Legislative Day on May 9, 2019 in Washington, DC and noted that the Public Policy will continue to engage on issues impacting the NAPSEC membership.
 - b. **Membership Committee** – *Dr. Robin Church*
Dr. Church reported that we have one new member of CASA, the California Association of Private Special Education Services (CAPSES). During the past membership year NAPSEC lost 6 members but added 8 new members, 6 of which are located on the west coast, as we continue to work to expand the geographic reach of our membership.
 - c. **Conference Committee** – *Dr. Linda Myers*
Dr. Myers thanked the members of the conference committee for their work in planning the conference. She reported that there are 88 registrants for this conference, including 21 first time attendees. The conference has 6 exhibitors and 16 attendees have registered for the golf tournament. Dr. Myers encouraged attendees to take advantage of the many networking opportunities at the conference and encouraged those interested to join the conference planning committee which will

meet on Wednesday. She noted the conference will be moving to Savannah, GA next year and for 2021, and then to New Orleans in 2022 and 2023.

7. Reports from NAPSEC Affiliates

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

Mr. Tabakin encouraged attendees to support the NAPSEC Foundation by purchasing tickets. NAPSEC Foundation funds support the NAPSEC Outcomes Study and the Free Referral Service. 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 throughout the conference at the NAPSEC Registration Desk.

b. **NCASES** – *Dr. Steve Girelli*

Dr. Girelli introduced NCASES Commissioners and announced that there are now 26 NCASES accredited schools. He noted that the Commission and NCASES committees have worked to streamline the standards and the accreditation process, and that feedback from applicant programs has been very positive.

c. **CASA** – *Dorie Flynn (not in attendance)*

Mr. Tabakin noted that Dorie Flynn continues to closely monitor relevant developments at the state level and works closely with the other members of CASA to share information. Mr. Tabakin noted that Ms. Flynn submitted several state-level developments for discussion which will be shared in writing with the membership and discussed during Friday's Public Policy/CASA meeting.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

a. **Announcement of New Board Members**

Marty Matheson – ScenicView Academy, Provo, UT

Dr. Aaron Parsons – Kennedy Krieger School Programs, Baltimore, MD

Joliann Simpson, Benway School, Wayne, NJ

10. Outgoing Board Members

Dr. Thomas McCool (not in attendance)

Dr. Marie Ficano (not in attendance)

Dr. Dorothy Fauver

Tom Dempsey celebrated Dr. Fauver for her longtime service to NAPSEC.

11. General Good and Welfare

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