Membership Update / Recruitment

• Membership Update
  o 38 new state members –
  o 239 state members in all, but lots of holes for the national association...
    ▪ 99 state members do not belong to the national...

• Ideas for recruitment?
  o NAESP Membership Voucher giveaway?
  o Institutional memberships for districts?
  o Rep to attend regional meetings?
  o Reach-out to universities to get students involved early?
  o Other?

NAESP National Conference

• NAESP National Convention Dates:
  o July 6 – July 8, 2016 – Washington, DC – Gaylord National Harbor
  o July 7 – 9, 2017 – Denver, Colorado
  o There have been discussions of moving the conference back into the spring – potential survey

NAESP/Zone 7 News

• The 2017 conference will be a joint conference with NASSP. This is not a merger, but a trial on doing a joint conference to share expenses. It is a financial approach to cut costs.
• National Leaders Conference will take place on March 13-15, 2016. Note the date change and there has been some concern about the change. The rationale for this is to have more pertinent information to share from Capital Hill. It was recommended by Kelly to make the change.

National Panel of New Principals Program

NAESP National Panel of New Principals (NPNP) continues to grow in size and influence, connecting early career principals to like-minded educators and informing policy makers on issues such as safety, instructional leadership, parent engagement and technology. Ramping up for the 2015-16 school year, the NPNP program will deploy five to six surveys, the first to be launched in early October on “New Approaches to Instruction.”

The only nationwide program of its kind, NPNP is open to member and non-member elementary and middle-level principals in their first or second year of principalship. Please continue to reach out to new principals in your state and encourage them to ENROLL (www.newprincipal.org) in this ground-breaking new program. Enrolling is fast and easy! NEW this year, in appreciation of their participation, panelists will receive a robust “welcome package” with special gifts from sponsors.
NEW Program Development

- The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has approved a grant to NAESP to support afterschool and summer learning and PD for principals and afterschool leaders.
- NAESP has submitted a proposal to the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Education to manage the Arts Education Partnership (a coalition of more than 100 organizations), and to more fully support arts-enhanced learning for all students pre-k-12. We will be notified about the award in November 2015.
- Via the WK Kellogg Foundation grant, the creation of “Pre-K-3 Leadership Academies” or professional learning communities that will offer a blended learning experience for principals. The curriculum aligns to the NAESP publication, Leading P-K-3 Learning Communities: Competencies for Effective Principal Practice. NAESP will launch the program in January 2016.
- Additional development for the modules developed by the Coalition to Support Grieving Students for principals, showcased at the NAESP National Conference in Long Beach.
- Also via The Wallace Foundation, the dissemination of research on effective instructional leadership practices, including those surrounding the role of principals and leadership in action, on the PBS Learning Media website. NAESP also will continue to distribute the ITN video, PRINCIPALS PERSPECTIVE TV, located on naesp.org.

Mentor Training Update

The National Principal Mentor Program training schedule for 2015-16 school year is as follows:

- Jan. 21-23, 2016 Athens, GA
- Jan. 28-30, 2016 Phoenix, AZ
- May 5-7, 2016 Denver, CO

- Advanced Mentor Training for certificate renewal is on the NAESP website. NAESP works in partnership with McREL to implement these trainings.
- A new NAESP Professional Learning opportunity is a one-day workshop that provides an overview of mentoring with a focus on the high-impact skills that every mentor and coach should know. This workshop is being piloted in partnership with a large urban school district in September. One of the goals is to provide an infrastructure of support for new principals that meets individual needs.
- A second new learning opportunity is the inclusion of professional learning simulations into the NAESP training programs to enhance discussions around decision-making and outcomes of leadership practices. The simulations developed were supported in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania.
- The professional development team is aligning early childhood learning, before/after-school and summer learning, and arts education major initiatives to further develop the impact that principals have in their schools and in their communities.

Available Board Positions

- NAESP is seeking candidates for the Director At Large (Dave Wick's position), Middle-Level, Minority position that will be appointed to serve a three-year term of office beginning July 1, 2016. The Prospective Candidate Data form is due to NAESP by Dec. 1, 2015.
- Interested candidates for all positions on the Board of Directors should request the electronic Prospective Candidate Data form from Jennifer Shannon (jshannon@naesp.org).