

Board report

Craig Crawford, Pam Meir, Brenda Kruger, Dave Wick and I went to the National Leaders Conference. The following is a proposal that was put forth by several state leaders concerning recommendations for refining the conference. It was written by Tim Kusters, the Zone 7 director.

At the conclusion of the 2019 NLC I had an opportunity to visit with several state leaders that attended this year's conference. The state leaders had a few recommendations for refining the conference and I wanted to share their thoughts for consideration. The goal of this proposal is to reduce NAESP expenses, eliminate the current \$100 registration fee, save membership time out of our buildings, and improve the amount of time our office spends focusing on state representatives. Due to the current conference structure, some states are considering sending their delegation out on Monday to eliminate one day of expenses to their state organization.

I recommend all the NAESP information that was available in breakout sessions on Monday be provided to state representatives on Sunday prior to the delegate assembly. During my time as a state representative I would have appreciated more time to thoughtfully interact with other state representatives and office staff regarding my expectations. The one-hour meetings over lunch or in the morning are fine but I never really felt like there was enough time to fully understand my role and responsibility to the organization. While the information is valuable for everyone, the group that needs to be the most familiar with the ever-changing aspects of NAESP are the state representatives. I appreciate all the work that goes into planning the conference, these suggestions may further improve our membership experience at the conference.

Proposed National Leadership Conference Schedule

Saturday	State Rep's Travel Day
Sunday	NAESP Focus Groups Etc... State Representative Meetings All Day NLC Attendees Travel Day Delegate Assembly
Monday	NLC Professional Development/State Work Time
Tuesday	Hill Visits
Wednesday	Teams Depart