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The 2011 NASDTEC Annual Conference will be held June 5—8, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, California.

The conference theme, *Golden Opportunities: Mining Collective Wisdom* brings us to the realization that all jurisdictions share common problems, and can share in common solutions to those problems.

The 3 1/2 day program is chock full of meaty topics presented by speakers gathered from around the country to help you understand the issues, and potential solutions. Sessions on the new InTASC Standards presented by Kathleen Palioakas and Peter McWalters; the always popular Washington Update, presented by Dr. Penelope Earley; Preservice Can-

didates and Tracking Student Learning Data, presented by Dr. Tom Greene and associates from the University of Portland are among the many fine sessions planned for the conference.

Details about the conference, registration forms, hotel information and a link to the hotel reservation system, and a wealth of other information about Sacramento and the surrounding area is all available through the conference website (www.nasdtec.com).

We look forward to having you join us in Sacramento June 5—8 for what is shaping up to be another great conference.

See you in Sacramento!

NASDTEC Executive Director Search

As many of you know, our executive director, Roy Einreinhofer, has announced that he will retire on June 30, 2012. The Executive Board has been working on a timeline and various accompanying activities to search for Roy's successor. NASDTEC will be advertising for this position nationwide shortly after the annual conference in Sacramento, June 5-8. The timeline calls for applications to be accepted through September 2011, with the screening and interview process to follow.

At this point, the Board hopes to make its selection by March 2012 with the new ED in place in time for the June conference. The Board will be looking for college or university graduates with a master's degree in education or related field (or equivalent) and at least six years of professional experience in organizational management, education, or a related field.

Detailed information on this position will be available at www.nasdtec.org shortly after the June conference.

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Executive Director's Report



We are gearing up for the June conference and are processing registrations daily. As those who have already registered can attest, registration confirmations are going out via e-mail as PDF documents as a way to get the confirmation into your hands earlier.

We want to remind you that if you have not yet made your hotel reservations you should do that ASAP. The hotel will only guarantee our conference rate through May 6th. After that date you'll have to pay regular room rates which are significantly higher than the conference rate.

Our special events, the Sunday Cultural event sponsored by Evaluation Systems group of Pearson, and the Monday evening President's reception sponsored by ETS, are going to be grand events where you'll have plenty of time to meet old friends, cultivate new friends, and build upon your base of contacts around the country.

We know that many of you are having difficulty getting travel approvals and we are working on something that may allow you to take part in at least a portion of the conference right at your office. More on that as we get closer to opening day.



Hyatt Regency Sacramento
Site of the 2011 Annual Conference

2010-2015 Interstate Agreement

As a part of the new Interstate Agreement, the Jurisdiction Specific Requirement (JSR) form is to be completed and inserted into Section H of the NASDTEC KnowledgeBase. The concept behind the JSR is that each jurisdiction has some specific requirements that may be different from other jurisdiction's requirements. By posting that information on the site, it is possible for educators to determine whether or not they

meet the requirements of your jurisdiction before they apply.

We have asked all jurisdictions to have their JSRs completed and posted to the KnowledgeBase by May 1, 2011 so that users have a complete file to view.

If you need help in getting your JSR entered, please contact your regional Technology Committee representative.

"The Interstate Agreement helps facilitate movement of educators between states."

2011 Professional Practices Institute

The 2011 Professional Practices Institute will be held October 19 –21 at the Doubletree Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas. The Professional Practices Committee met in January to lay out the agenda and to begin the work of recruiting speakers for the Institute.

Little Rock is a city that has much to offer in the way of entertainment, restaurants and

things to see and do. One of the features in Little Rock is the Clinton Presidential Library which houses a wealth of historical data about the Clinton years in the White House.

Details about the conference will be posted to our website (www.nasdtc.com) shortly after the June conference.



Northeastern Region Report Brian Devine (MA)

On March 11th and 25th the Northeast Region held regional meetings via teleconference. On March 11th the meeting focused on the highlights of the February Executive Board meeting in Phoenix, including but not limited to a review of future conference locations, an overview of the agenda of the upcoming June conference in Sacramento, an update on the process to hire a new Executive Director, recent website changes to www.nasdtec.org and an update of the strategic planning session that the Board participated in while in Phoenix. In addition, updates from the respective NASDTEC Committees were provided either by representatives of each committee or taken from the draft minutes of the February Board meeting along with updates provided by each state/jurisdiction and Associate Members. On March 25th we were joined by Interstate Committee Chair, Pam Coleman (KS). Pam stressed the importance of the agreement for the organization and our educators and encouraged the states/jurisdictions to complete the Jurisdiction Specific Requirements (JSRs) and have the agreement signed off by May 1st. Executive Director Roy Einreinhofer discussed the need for the region to hold election for Regional Director at the Northeast meeting in Sacramento and the need to make nominations for Vice President,

which would then be voted on during the Business Meeting. Roy also discussed information that has been distributed to various groups (Legislators, organizations, associations, etc.) regarding NASDTEC and it was suggested that the Associate Member Committee could review the material and develop a document touting the value of membership in NASDTEC to other potential associates. Lastly, thanks to the members in Delaware and Maryland, we had a rich discussion regarding how they are utilizing technology to help streamline the licensure process. This was a very interesting discussion since many members are working through various resource challenges and served as a potential preview of the state sharing session planned for the June conference.

Lastly, so much of the great work of the organization takes place in our committees and we are fortunate to have great representation in the Northeast. In 2011 the current two-year term will expire for the following committees: Interstate, Professional Practices, and Technology. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact Brian Devine at 781-338-3124 or email: bdevine@doe.mass.edu.

Central Region Report Ted Gillispie (OK CTP)

The Central Region met March 4, 2011 via telephone conference. Seven states were represented and many topics were discussed including the Interstate Agreement, deadlines for getting JSR signed, summer conference, and sharing of information from the February board meeting by Roy, George, Pam, and Ted. There is a growing concern from the Central Region that the summer conference attendance may not be well attended by members due to budget cuts and travel restrictions.

We will have two vacancies to fill in June at the conference. We will need a representative for the Technology Committee and a Regional Director. Reports of activities from several states in the Central Region are as follows:

Michigan

Michigan is in the process of piloting the new Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS). The system allows educators to apply and pay for their certificates/licenses/permits/authorizations online. The sys-

tem is more efficient and so far in-state certificates/licenses are being processed and issued within 48 hours of the application being submitted online. Out-of-state applications take a little longer (approximately 3 weeks) because the applicant has to submit official transcripts and copies of their certificates/licenses which are scanned into their records. Full roll-out of the system is scheduled for April 12, 2011. To find out more about the system and to view the training video, please visit the website at www.mi.gov/moecs.

Minnesota

Passed Alternative Pathways legislation allowing for more flexibility as to who prepares teachers in Minnesota.

Accelerated the process for the state to contract for the Teacher Performance Assessment with Stanford.

Redesigning the program approval process for preparing teachers.

Redesigning special education licensure.

Central Region Report (continued)

Oklahoma

Training administrators in implementation in new teacher evaluation system enacted by legislation passed in 2010.

Dealing with a \$500 million dollar shortfall in the budget—this follows state agency cuts from last year of 14.3% and will impact agencies this year for another 5 to 7 percent.

Current legislation that is expected to pass that does away with social promotion for 3rd graders not reading on

grade level.

Current legislation that is also expected to pass that issues a school report card each year to parents grading their school with a letter grade from A to F using multiple criteria.

Election of a new Governor and State Superintendent as well as the appointment of a Secretary of Education to the Governor's Cabinet.

Western Region Report Elizabeth Keller (MT)

The Western Region meeting was held on January 4, 2011 .

MT-Legislature in session (for 90 days, every 2 years), no money, plenty of discourse

OR-Pay cuts, new governor, legislature meets in February, split 30/30, sliding scale for furlough days, new teachers will receive survey asking how their program did, schools will also receive the survey.

WY- new superintendent, board is autonomous from the dept, but is appointed by the superintendent, legislature "auditing" files to possibly move to value added model

AK-new governor, new commissioner appointed by new governor, Don't know what the new commissioner has in mind but have heard value added... Looking at teacher evaluation, 75% turnover in the office

WA- liaison to the 21 approved and authorized programs, tracking which university places their students, collect program completion data on these programs (legislated mandate), law requires higher ed and K-12 to meet to discuss supply/demand, provided dual endorsement (reg ed area + SPED) so districts could identify ways to provide respite every 5 years or so SPED teachers, all WA universities required to create (not necessarily implement) an alternative route (year long, full time mentored internship)

WA-(OSPI), 2 bills to move to consolidate and share data (data warehouse), formed a committee and listened to many constituents, now a district HR person can see pertinent data about their staff (test scores, programs completed, etc), trying to raise fees, created a "retool" program to move Elementary Ed folks to a high need area, foreign evaluation services question, online program (teachers must be licensed, in or out of state)

ID-data collection, have 2 furlough days/yr, probably moving to 3, iTeach wanted to come to Idaho they said NO, looked at evaluations, doing training for evaluators, revamping university approval process, adding literacy standards for ELL students, all kinds of good things going on

NV-has two offices, Las Vegas and Carson City, licensure data plugged into other systems, within 4 months all files will be scanned, survives on fees and applications fell so revenue fell and system updates were delayed, 1 furlough day a month, alternative routes process in place (3 years teaching to waive student teaching), accepting ABCTE if the NV district WILL hire you, bill passed saying that if someone comes from out of state with a license and the state offers testing for basic skills and subject area then they get a NV license, reporting on program completers, one institution dropping NCATE accreditation

UT Like many of your states, we too are working on revising our Professional Teaching Standards, establishing new school leadership standards, creating a statewide teacher and school leader evaluation framework and accompanying tools and establishing new procedures for program approval. Simultaneously, we are rolling out the Common Core and beginning a new legislative session. So far all of our successful Pre-K and K-3 Reading initiatives are on the chopping block to replace teachers with software from private vendors. We are working with WestEd and Southwest Comprehensive Center to bring their regional states together to work on teacher evaluation. We have met twice and are meeting in SLC again in April. Their

Western Region Report (Continued)

support has been very valuable and has helped us to progress more rapidly. I am happy to share what we are learning and working on or you can link to the following to learn more [http://](http://www.swcompcenter.org/cs/swcc/print/htdocs/swcc/educator_effectiveness.htm)

www.swcompcenter.org/cs/swcc/print/htdocs/swcc/educator_effectiveness.htm NCCTQ has been a great collaborator on this project and they have great resources on their website.

Southern Region Report Mike Carr (KY)

The Southern Regional Meeting was held via telephone on February 11. The individual state highlights are as follows:

AL—Much talk about cutting the school year length and the teacher work force; enrollment increases are being seen in IHEs for teacher education; state has new teacher standards; AL now plans to accept any valid certificate from other states; out-of-state administrative certs will be accepted if applicant has 3 years of admin. experience; state hopes to complete the JSRs this spring

VA—Now has the required reading test for elementary teacher applicants on line via ETS; pay-for-performance bill is now in the legislature there; new teacher standards are coming soon; state does not have signing the JSRs “on its radar” yet

LA—Reform plans are being implemented but without enough funding as RTTT funds not received; teacher recruitment has been added to Andrew’s office due to reorganization; an annual teacher evaluation is in place and beginning in 2012-13, certification renewal will be dependent upon successful evaluation; state plans to complete JSRs this spring

MS—Similar to LA in new teacher evaluation plans accounting for student performance; new Code of Ethics has been implemented for teachers; state is attempting to restrict reciprocity from the current “wide open” approach; all leadership programs are being reevaluated; state hopes to deal with JSRs this spring

TN—Implemented a 4-tiered licensure system for administrators (Aspiring, Beginning, Professional, Exemplary) but there is some question as to role of some of these levels; TN will not accept administrative licensure gained in other states unless state petitions the TN Board for approval so TN will not sign any agreement for this group of employees; added middle grades STEM endorsement to deal with so many K-8 certificates; no standards set yet for this new cert; two bills now in legislature dealing with abolishing tenure; state has not yet worked on JSRs

KY—standards board has discussed its approach to reciprocity as prelude to working with new agreement; requirement to have Masters degrees led to non-acceptance of most on-line, out-of-state programs 2 years ago, and similar measures may be considered with move back to post-Masters administrative certificates; Teach For America

NC—RTTT money has come to state, but Nadine’s area has not been working much with that; SLPs have been an issue there, and out-of-state applicants will need to have NC board of examiners license soon to be certified in state; state should have agreement and JSRs done later this spring and a “deadline would help” get those done

FL—Very dire budgetary situation; proposal there that all teachers would be on annual contract with tenure being abolished; new standards developed for teacher preparation programs; all standard certificates are accepted under reciprocity, but Bev still wants state to sign and “be a player” with the new agreement

SC—New supt of education, but Jim plans to stay on there in the foreseeable future fulfilling role formerly of two people; cuts had been proposed by new supt, but Jim hopeful that this will change some now that his people have made their presentation to him; Teach For America will begin there this fall; state has completed JSRs and submitted them

TX--\$27 billion shortfall and reorganization at the TX Ed Agency; talk there is the possible loss of up to 80,000 teaching positions; state has eliminated printing of certificates and is 100% virtual now; new Code of Ethics adopted and on-line Code course has been developed for all teachers; reading exam has been added for all elementary cert issuances; state says JSRs are “moving up the line” for action

GA—New Governor and state supt, but separate standards board has not been affected (no leadership changes); there is a likely reorganization coming in the Professional Standards Commission due, in part, to budget cuts; performance-based leadership will allow reciprocity if coming from another state, but GA certified employees cannot go outside state for non-PSC approved leadership programs; advanced degrees for salary upgrades must be relevant (In-Field) to the base certification or add a new field; degrees must be from IHEs with NCATE, TEAC, or Carnegie System accreditation; state will complete JSRs in spring and hopes to send several to the June conference