



## NATIONAL TITLE I ASSOCIATION

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### **Advocacy & Reauthorization Committee Meeting November 19, 2013**

The Advocacy & Reauthorization Committee met via telephone call on Tuesday, November 19th, 2013 at **1:00 PM EST** (12:00 PM CST • 11:00 AM MST • 10:00 AM PST • 9:00 AM AKST • 8:00 AM HST).

The following individuals participated in the call: B.J. Granbery (MT – Committee Co-chair); Melina Wright (IL – Committee Co-chair); Debbie Owens (TN); Rich Long (EDGR); and Bob Harmon (A+ Events).

While waiting for others to join the call, B.J. Granbery asked Rich Long to give a legislative update on the (joint Senate – House) Budget Committee and any other items of importance. The Budget Committee's charge is to come up with the top dollar number for the 13 appropriators regarding the federal budget. If successful, their work would avoid another government shutdown in January 2014. They are wrestling with the important issues like entitlements, defense and non-defense discretionary spending, sequestration, etc. The expectation is that the "budget people" will only be dealing with small stuff and not the hoped-for "grand compromise." There is a chance that the sequester could be suspended for two years, but still the likelihood is another (although not quite as big) cut. The best case is no cut; more likely is a 5% cut. A new two-week continuing resolution may emerge. Rich mentioned the new Early Childhood proposal, whose goals and objectives (not specific language) NASTID endorsed. Hearings in the House and Senate on the topic are scheduled. His prediction for ESEA Reauthorization is for 2015—after the next election. There is really nothing further for NASTID to do at this time. Rich did sign NASTID on as a supporter of a Children's Coalition document. He will send a copy of that document to Advocacy & Reauthorization Committee members.

Topics discussed:

#### **1. Update on adjustments to Reauthorization Principles paper (Rich Long)**

This item was covered with the NASTID Board at its October meeting in Portland, OR. The intent is to be clear where we can be clear, get the Principles close to ready-for-prime-time, while maintaining the internal nature of the document.

**Next step:** Rich will review the most recent version of the document and get back to the Committee members with his recommendations.

#### **2. Update on proposed NASDSE-NASTID legislative language revisions (Rich Long)**

This item was also covered with the Board at its October meeting. Congressional staff have asked Rich for context documents which he is able to provide—mostly from the earlier work on the draft position paper around Title I effectiveness. The Board agreed to a (revised) statement on RTI without a specific percentage being indicated and maintained the strong desire for reduction of duplicative and redundant data collection requests. Nancy Reder (NASDSE Asst. Director) and Rich have been reviewing examples of requested data collections that are duplicative.

**Next step:** Rich will keep the Committee posted and will send out copies of the examples. Rich sent legislative language to House and Senate staffers and will also copy the Committee on that email.



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### 3. Update on Federal Register Notice response ([Review Notice](#)) - Comments were due Oct. 31 on new study of Titles I and II

The October 31 deadline came and went. This item was also discussed at the October Board meeting. No one present seemed to feel strongly one way or the other about NASTID sending comments. The Review Notice was short on details.

**Next step:** B.J. will check to see whether or not the comment period was extended and will let Committee members know what she finds out.

### 4. Discussion on Strategic Plan revisions of Goal 1: To advance educational policy in the service of disadvantaged children and youth

B.J. asked the Committee members to review the strategies and the group would go through and discuss each one. Bob Harmon explained that the text for the strategies listed below is the draft language from meeting notes and has since been edited and reformatted for the Board.

- **Strategy 1:** partner organization selection process; information gathering, partnering on policy recommendations and/or leading policy initiatives.

All were okay with this strategy.

- **Strategy 2:** collaboration with the Office of School Turnaround at ED.

Rich said NASTID needs to reach out and be better connected with OST. ED would have a SASA rep sit-in to ensure the connection. He viewed this as a good step. Members agreed that Title I will be a big player in "Life after SIG"—looking at sustainability and the reality of limited funding.

All were okay with this strategy.

- **Strategy 3:** stories of success should data-based and appear in media sources.

All were okay with this strategy.

- **Strategy 4:** creating strategic position papers on key programmatic and fiscal issues.

All were okay with this strategy.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

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