



## NATIONAL TITLE I ASSOCIATION

a National Association of State Title I Directors

The **Effective Programs & Quality Outcomes Committee** meeting was held via conference call on **Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 2:00PM EDT, 1:00PM CDT, 12:00PM MDT, 11:00AM PDT, 10:00AM AKDT.**

Participating in the call were: Gayle Pauley (Co-chair—WA); Jack O'Connor (MT); Otistene Smith (AR); Kathy Gauby (ID); Betsy Chapman (SD); Mary Mulloy (VT); Jeff Arch (CA—A+ Events) and Marcus Cheeks (MS—A+ Events)

1. **The number of distinguished schools is down to 53 this year. Last year there were 57 distinguished schools. In 2014 we had 63. Why has this happened and how can we improve or find an alternative.**
2. **2. Are Title I allocation cuts reducing the number of distinguished schools attending? Could it also be the delays in getting assessment and accountability data to make distinguished schools decisions?**

Otistene stated that her issue is the time crunch regarding assessment and accountability and that their accountability group believes they will be on target for next year. Kathy added that in Idaho it took a real push to get the assessment data on a tight deadline.

Jack stated that the money issue prevents many states from sending schools and that a possible solution might be to re-allocate Academic Achievement funds. Gayle stated that funding is a barrier for a lot of states and that re-allocating funds to pay for conference participants may be a good option.

Betsy mentioned that assessment data issues made the DS selection process very late. South Dakota gives each school \$2500 to help offset the cost for DS attendees. Travel from South Dakota and other small states to Long Beach is very expensive.

Getting assessment data in time to determine DS selections is a common theme. Mary stated that Vermont has not participated in the DS program and that it is all about capacity: they don't have time to run the DS program in Vermont.

In Washington, award funds have allowed DS to travel to conference but next year will not have this fund available. They are looking at system of awards and how to fund them including a) funds left over from previous FY – waiver request to carry over what is left; and 2) funds that can be re-allocated.

Jack described the process in Montana using a straight data run from schools, measuring accountability and awarding those with the best #s.

Marcus mentioned that Mississippi did a similar thing – strictly about the data with no site

visits.

Washington has a streamlined process: data analysis identifies the top 15 schools, who are all encouraged to apply. Title I staff reviews the applications and selects the winners.

Arkansas used to do an application process but now does a straight data run to choose top 10 schools, then presents to State Board of Education for final selection. State provides funds for two people to attend (conference registration, travel, hotel, food.)

South Dakota has been using straight data run for the first two categories, but the new category requires new criteria. The third category has been a huge boost for ELs in the state.

Gayle asked how we can make process of information more streamlined or more apt to be used. What can we do next?

Jack suggested applying for re-allocation of special projects funds for DS to attend annual conference and stated that there is some flexibility on how to use funds.

Marcus suggested that we share some of these ideas with Board members at the February meeting and solicit suggestions from committee to get input from other Title directors at the conference.

Gayle asked if we can have electronic data polling for the members meeting. Marcus suggested we put together two or three strong questions to pose to members.

**3. Chad Lochmiller from Indiana University will not be able to participate in the call due to a conflict with his teaching schedule.**

Should we consider a special meeting on a day that does not conflict with Chad's Tuesday afternoon class?

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**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the 2017 National Title I Conference in Long Beach. Exact room location and time TBD.**

**Meeting Schedule (every fourth Tuesday)**—Please mark your calendars. March 2017 through December 2017—all meetings will be held 2:00PM ET, 1:00PM CT, 12:00PM MT, 11:00AM PT & MST, 10:00AM AKT

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