

Section 8002 Winter Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2013 at 8:00 AM
Orlando, Florida

- I. President Elaine Janson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and thanked Tom Madden for organizing the meeting. She welcomed those in attendance followed by introductions by the membership.
- II. Fall Conference Minutes, September 23rd and 24th, 2012, have been posted on SharePoint. Motion by Sandy Doebert (Lemont Township HSD #210) and second by Kathy Meredith (Edmonson County) to approve the minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- III. Director Tom Madden shared information related to the meeting logistics. He also welcomed any newcomers and thanked John Forkenbrock, NAFIS Executive Director and Alfred Lott, Impact Aid Director for attending our conference and reaching out to the 8002 group.
- IV. Executive Director Tom Madden gave an overview of the recently passed Technical Amendment. He spoke about true leadership having a strategic plan with an end goal, and not being satisfied until that goal is attained. He said the Technical Amendment was such a plan. He cited the November Fly-In and the endless work of the NAFIS staff in securing the passage of the Technical Amendment. He reminded the membership that the T.A. is only good for the FY14 and FY15 8002 application and that we need to continue to move forward to make our language permanent within the ESEA reauthorization.
- V. Treasurer Tom Gregory presented the Section 8002 Treasurer's Report for the period July 1, 2012 thru January 10, 2013 which is posted to SharePoint. Treasurer Gregory reported that we currently have 95 members paying dues, and that we are continuing with our plan to spend down the revenue. The FY13-14 Budget column is a preliminary view and will be reviewed at the spring 2013 NAFIS Conference.
- VI. Sandy Doebert reported to the membership that the NAFIS Board will be meeting next week here in Orlando, and she will give us an updated report at the Spring Conference in Washington D.C.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Reauthorization/Technical Amendment/Fiscal Situation – John Forkenbrock reported to the membership that the Technical Amendment worked its way through Congress from April 2012 to January 2013 and that the Department of Education played a key role in getting it approved. At the April 2012 FRO meeting, a congressional staff member suggested the technical amendment as a way to get our reauthorization language through. By reaching out to other staffers, the Department of Education and others, it came to fruition. John said that the T.A. is a perfect example of how people can work together. The T.A. is only good for two years, so if ESEA gets reauthorized, our proposal will be included and if ESEA doesn't get reauthorized, we will put through another technical amendment within the defense bill. John also reported that our FY11 through FY12 90% foundation payments will not be affected by sequestration, however the FY13 application will be. John reminded the membership that even though the Technical Amendment was a huge success, FY14 is going to be a tough funding year and we must fight to maintain our funding levels or we will end up fighting amongst ourselves.
 - B. Fly-In Debrief – Tom Schneider developed and organized this and it was a roaring success. Kudos to Tom!!
 - C. Meeting with DoEd – Elaine Janson, Sandy Doebert, Tom Madden, John Forkenbrock, and Jocelyn Bissonnette met with the Department of Education at the end of November in an effort to enhance communication amongst our groups. The DoEd was a big help in drafting the T.A. language and we feel that they are truly fighting on our behalf and are genuine in wanting to assist us.
- VIII. Department of Education Update – Alfred Lott reported to the membership that the Departments number one priority is to get the money distributed to us within the compliance of the law. Michael Thomas will be assigned as the problem solver and point man for the Section 8002 districts. The FY2014 application has been pulled from the G-5 website and it will take two to three months to determine the data needed under the technical amendment. Mr. Lott reported that there is still 150 million to be paid out for the FY2010-FY2012 applications and that he hopes to have it distributed within the next 45 days to districts that are eligible for the 90% foundation payment.

IX. Information Items

- A. Summer Meeting 2013 – Tom Davenport reported that this meeting will be held at the Grand Crowne Resort in Branson, Missouri on June 22, 2013. He encouraged members to make their reservations early.
- B. FRO – April 17-18, 2013 will be held in Washington, D.C. and will be important for new members of Congress.
- C. Winter Meeting Location – Tom Madden will investigate Scottsdale, Arizona and Key West, Florida as potential sites for the meeting and report back to the membership at the spring Conference in Washington.
- D. Other Items – Terry Tamblyn reviewed the Share Point Site and encouraged new attendees to become familiar with using the site.

X. Committee Breakouts – None

- XI. Targeted Lobbying – Tom Schneider congratulated the membership on our success in passing the Technical Amendment and reminded us that we need to remain committed to visiting the Hill during the spring 2013 NAFIS Conference. Tom gave the membership a lesson on the fiscal cliff, the deficit, diversity within the congress, the political climate and many other interesting facts to assist us in having an informed dialog with our Representatives when we visit the Hill. Tom concluded his presentation by reminding us that our message needs to be consistent and firm:
- 1. Impact Aid keeps taxes lower
 - 2. Impact Aid keeps important programs for kids
 - 3. Impact Aid creates jobs
 - 4. Impact Aid is a federal obligation

XII. President Janson adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.