Meeting Minutes
Fall NAFIS Conference 2015
Monday, September 28, 2015

I. President Tom Schneider called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and thanked everyone for attending. He reminded the membership to be sure and make any corrections on any documents that may be distributed to Congress to reflect our new name.

II. Targeted Lobbying – Tom Schneider reminded the membership that it is critical to stay in touch with your staffers throughout the year. Impact Aid is one of the few education programs that didn't get eliminated, however we have been flat funded since 2009 and the number of districts participating have increased. The federal government continues to purchase land, and therefore we are asking for an additional 8 million just to keep our funding level. Tom encouraged the membership to be informed as they go to the Hill. We need to present ourselves as intelligent and informed.

III. Old Business – Tom Madden encouraged the membership to attend the winter meeting to be held in San Diego, January 9, 2016. He also asked the membership to update their email addresses.

IV. Continue Work on Advocacy Plan – Tom Madden complimented the membership on our working efforts. Our immediate focus should be on targeted lobbying, with our future focus on the Advocacy Plan. At this time the membership broke into their respective committees to continue work on the Advocacy Plan.

V. Reporting out of Committees

A. Messaging Committee
   1. Continue to work on maps to depict amount of federal property there actually is.
   2. Work with Department of Education for total acreage.

B. Involvement Committee
   1. Prioritize states to target for increased participation
   2. Study and update information in membership data base to make more accurate.
   3. Develop a strategy to make contacts with state representatives.
   4. Create awareness and concern amongst membership
   5. Promote statewide conferences with pre-planned agendas
   6. Develop interactive webinars

C. Technology Committee
   1. Website to be unveiled by the end of October.
   2. Tap resources so that content is pertinent and timely.
   3. Produce a beginning video asking "what do these things have in common – the federal government took their land."
   4. Determine what links to use

VI. Department of Education Update – Robin Robinson reported that Final FY2010 payments have been made, final FY2011 payments would be released in late fall, and FY2012 payments would be released in December or January. She informed the membership that if there is a Continuing Resolution, FY2016 payments will not be released. The FY2017 application should be ready on line by late November or early December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.