



**Larry Roper, 2012 NASPA Annual Conference Chair**  
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Planning for the 2012 NASPA Annual Conference is progressing well. The Program committee met at the NASPA Office in October and reviewed more than 850 submissions. The proposals were of high quality and reflected thoughtfulness, professionalism and the diversity of our profession. The committee feels very good about the quality and mix of the selected programs. Additionally, we have a robust slate of speakers that has generated positive feedback from members on social media.

We have a number of innovative programs/activities that we believe will stimulate and engage our members: including an exhibit relating to the immigration experience and an opportunity for NASPA members to voice their values and commitments in a session titled “NASPA Values: Purposeful Sharing”.

At this point, the registration numbers for the conference are tracking well for a conference being held in the western part of the country. The Local Arrangements committee has planned a number of community engagement experiences, as well as option outings from which attendees can select.

We have worked and continue to put effort into ensuring a thoughtful balance of attention to issues related to Arizona’s political and social dynamics and the core educational issues that our members seek in our national conference. We are being careful to approach issues in a way that does not politicize the conference nor compromise future conferences by establishing the expectation that NASPA will take a stance or commit conference resources to whatever are the prevailing political or social issues in the state or city where the conference is held.