



2017 Conference Leadership Committee Report  
July 2016 Board of Directors Meeting  
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The 2017 Conference Leadership Committee (CLC) is comprised of a talented group of professionals representing every region, institution type, and range of professional experience from our membership. The CLC first met in person in October of 2015 at the site of the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX and the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, Marriott Riverwalk, and Grand Hyatt will serve as the headquarter hotels. The hotels and the convention center are located on the historic and beautiful San Antonio Riverwalk which offers restaurants, night life, shopping, and activities for attendees to take advantage of while at the conference.

The site visit was attended by all members of the CLC, Board Chair Lori S. White, NASPA President Kevin Kruger, and NASPA staff members Stephanie Gordon and Jill Gately. The visit included a tour of the convention center, hotels and sites under consideration for receptions and events.

Monthly conference calls began in January and will continue through the start of the conference. The 2017 CLC and their subcommittee members staffed the promotions table at the 2016 conference in Indianapolis. The local arrangements subcommittee will meet on site with NASPA staff in August to review area locations and specific position responsibilities within the committee.

CLC members have reviewed the evaluation results from the 2016 conference and have formed subcommittees with the following responsibilities:

- Local Arrangements
- Engagement
- Innovation Programming/Members' Choice
- Symposium
- SA Speaks
- Scholarly Paper Sessions/Faculty Sessions
- VPSA Initiatives
- Featured Speakers

Members for the CLC and the subcommittees were solicited from Volunteer Central and in person at the 2016 Annual Conference in Indianapolis.

Conference pre-registration opened on May 16<sup>th</sup> with members having the opportunity to register at 2016 rates until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference does not have an explicit theme, rather the CLC decided to focus on NASPA's Guiding Principles. The CLC has issued a Call for Programs (opened on May 16, 2016) seeking submissions which answer critical questions surrounding the Guiding Principles. Examples of such questions include:

**Integrity:**

- How do we respond to campus violence, student advocacy, and protests and campus unrest with our authentic selves?
- In What strategies can we engage to prevent and respond to campus violence while providing equal support to all students involved and others affected by this issue?
- What are the ways that student affairs educators can be proactive in meeting the sometimes differential expectations of our students, campus partners, executive institutional leaders, and campus communities?
- How can we continue to respond to the evolving needs of our constituents while developing resiliency and maintain self-care?

**Innovation:**

- How will new modes of learning and the online college experience affect how student affairs educators provide services?
- How will we partner to be innovative and creative with limited budgets and reduced funding for higher education?
- What will student affairs look like in the rest of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- How must student affairs practice adapt its work to meet the needs of current and future generations of students?

**Inclusion:**

- How do we continue to promote social justice within our communities and bring voice to those who may not know how to navigate the higher education system?
- How do we align resources to address persistence and attainment for low-income, first generation students?
- What collaborations are necessary to enhance student achievement for all student populations?
- How can student affairs work improve the pipeline of underrepresented students from undergraduate education through graduate and professional school preparation?

**Inquiry:**

- What data is needed to support student learning and success?
- How can partnerships assist in documenting learning and demonstrating the effectiveness of collaborative learning?
- What collaborations are necessary to ensure that current research informs practice?
- How will student affairs research inform educational policy and change in higher education?

Call for Program submissions are due on September 2, 2016 and the CLC will convene in person at the national office in Washington, DC in October to review and select programs.

All subcommittees, with incredible support from the NASPA leadership and staff are busy working to provide an inclusive, dynamic, and relevant program for members attending the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas March 12-15, 2017.