Dr. William C. Crews, President of NASASPS, started the meeting by greeting all the attendees for the 2003 NASASPS Partnership Conference, and followed through with the agenda. He presented David Perlman, Coordinator for this year’s meeting and the board members:

- Dr. Brenda Lerner, Treasurer
- Dr. Luz Talavera, Secretary

**Approval of minutes for last year**

The minutes are not ready. They will be posted on the web site as soon as they are ready.

**Treasurer’s Report - Dr. Brenda Lerner**

Dr. Lerner reported that there are 103 registrations, which would bring about $23,000 to $24,000.

**Committee Reports**

None of the committees had reports to give.

**Audit Committee**

**Nomination Committee** - Dr. Ray Lindley

**Resolutions Committee** - Dr. John Ware

**Replacements**

Bill explained that the executive committee can make replacements of board members according to NASASPS’ bylaws. The following replacements are being made:

- John Ware will be the new President Elect, replacing Marty Scribner.
- Joan Fitzgerald will be Regional Vice President, replacing John Ware.
- Carol Buchanan will be the new Treasurer, replacing Brenda Lerner.

**Conference sites for the next years**

- 2004 Orlando
- 2005 Cincinnati
- 2006 Phoenix

**Partners’ Resolution**

This Partners’ Resolution has been issued in order to formalize NASASPS relationship with our partners. It was agreed that it was important to approve it and then
receive suggestions. The three suggestions received will be included and distributed at
the meeting on April 30.

**Agenda for next business meeting**

Members handed in suggestions for topics to be discussed at the business
meeting on April 30:

- Arbitration agreements
- WIA issues
- Alternative lending
- Naturopathy requirements for faculty
- Insurance rates for heavy equipment
- Fee-general funds
- Refund policy for short term programs

**Issues from the floor**

Joey White informed that Phil Roush is retiring on May 9th and his coworkers are
having a postcard campaign from his friends and colleagues. All those who want to wish
Phil well can send him a postcard.
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Dr. William C. Crews, NASASPS President, introduced the board members for next year:

- John Ware  President Elect.
- Luz Talavera   Secretary
- Carol Buchanan  Treasurer.
- Joan Fitzgerald  Regional Vice President

Topics discussed

Many of the issues suggested for the meeting were addressed by the speakers throughout the day, and some were cleared out.

- Arbitration agreement
  It refers to the fact that instead of suing, students give up their rights to sue and have to go to arbitration. Some states have already that policy in effect.

- Naturopathy
  This issue has been discussed thoroughly every year. Schools were using the Council for Naturopathy’s standards for faculty requirements, but the Council lost its recognition by USDE.

- Lending issues
- Refund policy for short term programs
- School heavy equipment operator
- Fee - general funds
- Website
- Agencies to be restructured

Suggested topics
- Create a task force for closed schools and formulate a position paper.
- Have two listserves: one for state regulators and another for everybody else
MINUTE FOR BUSINESS MEETING, April 30

Agenda

Partners’ Resolution

Several important issues were raised:

- Collaborative approach to oversight is what holds this group together.
- It is like a memorandum of understanding.
- It is not exclusively dealing with Title IV.
- The important thing is regulation of programs
- We need another general listserv. John Ware will explore this possibility.

Organization of the 2003 NASASPS Partnership Meeting

The President asked for a standing ovation for David Perlman for the organization of this year’s partnership meeting.

Retirement

A plaque was given to Dr. Brenda Lerner on her retirement from her job in June 2003. Dr. Lerner has been Treasurer for NASASPS for a number of years. We wish her well on her retirement and success with her plans.

2004 NASASPS Partnership Meeting

Colin Barton will be hosting next year’s conference in Orlanda, Florida. Date will be April 25 – April 30.