

# Charter: Thought Force on Aligning State, Regional & National Efforts

MARCH 2016



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## Timeline & Commitment

**Start date:** March 2016  
**End date:** July 2016

One in-person meeting in Washington, DC at the NASFAA office. This group will also meet by conference call or webinar (as needed). We expect the commitment to be 5-10 hours each month.

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## Composition

- Chair: Art Young, Brigham Young University, RNASFAA Past President
- Members:
  - Dan Mann, University of Illinois, 2015-16 National Chair
  - Lisa Blazer, UT San Antonio, 2016-17 National Chair
  - Billie Jo Hamilton, University of South Florida, 2017-18 National Chair
  - Pamela Fowler, University of Michigan, Past National Chair
  - Tony Erwin, Northeastern University, EASFAA Past President
  - Aaron Steffens, Luther College, MASFAA Past President
  - Nathan Basford, Florida State University, SASFAA Past President
  - Andrew Hammontree, Francis Tuttle Technology Center, SWASFAA Past President
  - Jack Edwards, Stanford University, WASFAA Past President
  - Scott Cline, California College of the Art, CASFAA President
  - Amanda Reisinger, Zane State College in Ohio, OASFAA President
  - NASFAA Staff Liaisons: Justin Draeger, Mindy Eline & Beth Maglione

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## Background & Purpose

Over the course of several years, NASFAA has brought the incoming presidents of all six regional associations to DC to meet and discuss points of alignment, the role of the national association in supporting the regions and states, and the role states and regions play in the national context.

One theme that has consistently come from these meetings is the idea that efforts are being duplicated at the state, regional and national level, and in many cases each association is trying to “be all things for all people” rather than targeting/focusing on their specific strengths and value-add.

The intent of this thought force is not to generate specific recommendations, per se, but to think outside the box about this larger issue, highlight the strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities inherent to the national-regional-state association dynamic, and produce a white paper which outlines the challenges, next steps for exploration, and potential models that could work better.

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## Task Force Members' Duties & Responsibilities

### Task-Force Specific Duties

- Engage in thoughtful, open, trusting, creative, and honest discussion on all issues related to national-regional-state association relationships.
- “Think big” and not be constrained in discussions by the way things have always been done, erg status quo.
- Produce a white paper to be shared with the board on the larger themes as highlighted above

### General Duties

- Attend all task force meetings and conference calls and participate in the deliberations.
- Notify the task force chair and the staff liaison if circumstances prevent attendance at a particular meeting;
- Adhere to deadlines for submission of task force assignments;
- Review all agenda items and background documents prior to each task force meeting and come prepared for the discussions; and
- Serve as recording secretary for a task force meeting if requested by the task force chair-

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### Indicators of Success & Outcomes

Timely completion of White Paper and submission to the Board.

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### Budget

\$10K for one in-person meeting, otherwise minimal planned expenditures.