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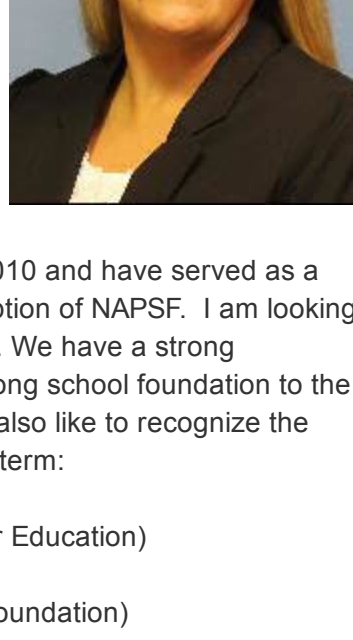
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS

NAPSF News

November 2019

Hello Nebraska K-12 School Foundation Friends!

A Message from New Board President: Sarah Dittmer Norfolk Public Schools Foundation



NAPSF Board is here to help your foundation succeed!

My name is Sarah Dittmer and I am excited to serve as the new President of the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations (NAPSF) for the 2019-2020 year. I have been the Executive Director of the Norfolk Public Schools Foundation since 2010 and have served as a Region 3 (Northeast Nebraska) board representative since the inception of NAPSF. I am looking forward to serving our state association in this new role of President. We have a strong passionate board of professionals that know the importance of a strong school foundation to the success of students, so I feel privileged to be a part of the team. I'd also like to recognize the other individuals that will serve with me as board officers during this term:

- Vice President:** Sara Alig-Martin (School District 145 Foundation for Education)
- Secretary/Treasurer:** Lisa Reese Parish (Kearney Public Schools Foundation)
- Past President:** Wendy VanDeLaCastro (Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools)

NAPSF is a valuable tool for any foundation board. Whether you are a board with full-time paid staff and office space, a volunteer board that meets in a school district classroom quarterly, or a community member that feels your district should start a foundation but are not sure where to start, NAPSF has information to help you be successful. Our members include schools from across our state of all asset sizes, staff sizes, and every possible configurations in between. Our NAPSF board is the same. We strive to fill the board with representatives from across our state and work hard to have a diverse representation on the board to ensure all voices are heard. The 2019-2020 NAPSF Board is as follows:

REGION 1 (Lincoln & Southeast NE)

- Sara Alig-Martin, School District 145 Foundation for Education, executivedirector@dist145ffe.org
- Wendy Van DeLaCastro, Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools, wendy.van@lps.org

REGION 2 (Omaha metro)

- John Erickson, Papillion-LaVista Schools Foundation, jerickson@paplv.org
- Stacey Falk, Elkhorn Public School Foundation, sfalk@epsne.org

REGION 3 (Northeast NE)

- Sarah Dittmer, Norfolk Public Schools Foundation, sarahdittmer@npsne.org
- Lance Swanson, Cardinal Educational Foundation, lance.swanson@ssccards.org

REGION 4 (Central NE)

- Gian Baxter-Collins, Northwest Education Foundation, gian.baxter-collins@ginorthwest.org
- Lisa Reese Parish, Kearney Public Schools Foundation, lreese@kearneycats.com

REGION 5 (Western NE)

- Jo Brown, Ogallala Public Schools Foundation, daryljbrown@hotmail.com
- Alyssa Harvey, Scottsbluff Public Schools Foundation, aharvey@sbps.net

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

- Toba Cohen-Dunning, Omaha Public Schools Foundation, toba.cohendunning@ops.org
- Kori Stanosheck, Nebraska Association of School Boards, kstanosheck@nasbonline.org
- Matt Fisher, Northwest Education Foundation, fishmatt4486@gmail.com
- Mark Lenihan, Wayne Community Schools, malenih1@waynebluedevils.org

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

- Traci Skalberg, Grand Island Public Schools Foundation, tskalberg@gips.org

Our [website](#) is full of contact information to foundation professionals eager to help, links to upcoming training/webinars, and valuable stories to inspire you. Please let us know how we can help and best wishes for a great 2019-2020 school year!

NAPSF Regional Meetings

In an effort to better serve you, NAPSF is starting something new!

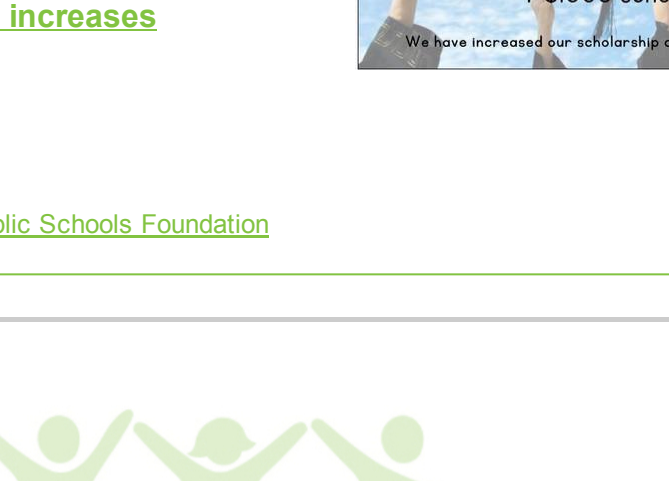
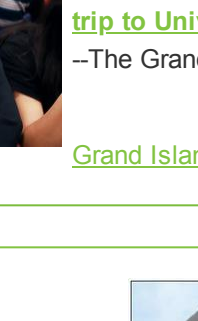
The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations will host several meetings throughout the year in various locations around the state. In the past, NAPSF has hosted a fall workshop or a longer annual conference. Now we are looking to boost our conversation beyond these annual gatherings. The goal of holding these informal meetings more often is to provide more collaboration, networking, and learning opportunities for schools and Foundations throughout our state than the once-a-year, formal setting of our annual conferences. Currently, the plan is to host at least one lunch meeting in each region during 2020. The best part is **anyone is welcome to attend any regional meetings as often as you like!** You are invited to eat, bring a friend or two, spread the word about this unique opportunity, and most importantly, meet new colleagues and learn something from them.

The first of these meetings is scheduled for **Friday, January 24th, 2020**. Our host is Sara Martin with School District #145 Foundation for Education. Thanks, Sara, for hosting our first regional meeting! Our region representatives can use these meetings to focus on, for instance, a specific topic, or a keynote speaker to present ideas and lead discussion. But these meetings will also provide a casual setting for collaboration, which can develop better leaders so we can be the best we can for our schools, state, and most importantly, our students! "As long as there is communication, everything can be solved," (Robert Trujillo) so if you have problems, questions, or ideas for these meetings, contact your region representative! You can find them on our NAPSF website [here](#). Stay tuned for information regarding your region's upcoming meeting.



January Regional Meeting
Date: Friday, January 24
Time: 11:30 AM to 1 PM
Place: Billy's Restaurant, 1301 H St., Lincoln, NE 68508

If you are planning to attend, please fill out the Google form attached so we can have an idea regarding numbers. Thank you!




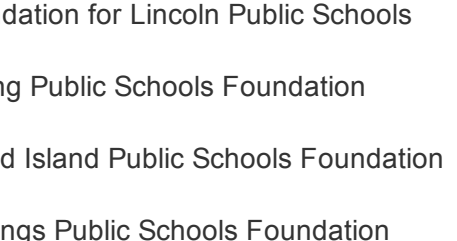
NSFA New Resources

Don't forget, the NSFA has rolled out board member training modules. These modules are a reasonable way to access board training with several topics to choose from. Each module is a 30-60 minute micro-credential and can be taken at any time. Here is a link to the board training.

NSFA Webinars

All Nebraska Association of Public School Foundation members are also members of the National School Foundation Association. This means that you have access to several free webinars each year. The NSFA is building the schedule for next year and would like to know what topics are of interest to you. Please reach out to Joanne Dunne at joanne@schoolfoundations.org if you have ideas on this.

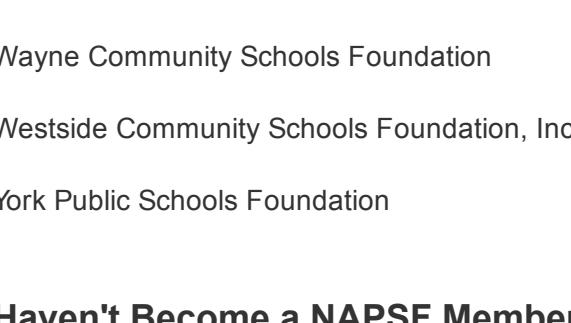
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NAPSF Members in the News

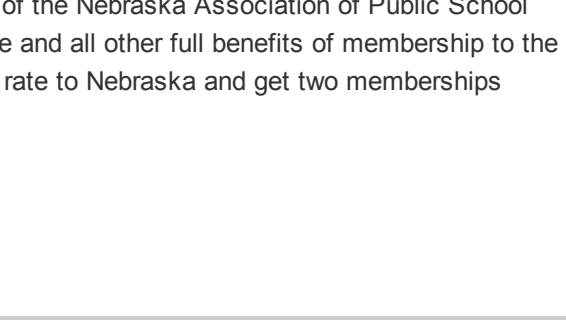
Check out these stories from our Nebraska Foundations making the news.

Do you have a story to share?? Email Liz at ne_egamblin@gips.org



Grand Island Public Schools Foundation
Grand Island Public Schools Foundation mini-grant allows Lincoln School fifth-graders to take trip to University of Nebraska at Kearney
 --The Grand Island Independent--
[Grand Island Public Schools Foundation](#)

Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation
School foundation increases scholarships
 --Ashland Gazette--
[Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation](#)



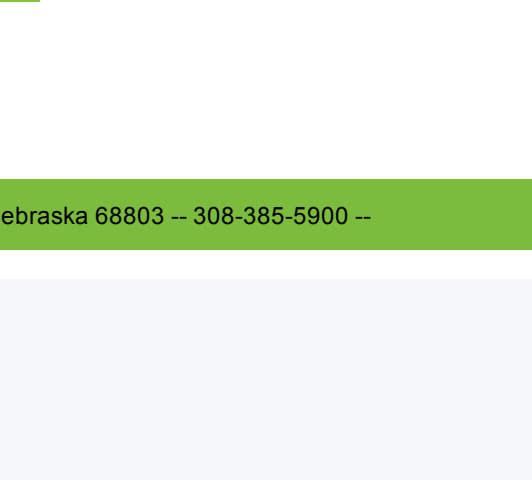
NAPSF Membership Benefits

NAPSF Website

Don't forget to log into the NAPSF website and submit your school foundation success story. We have posted some stories from Lincoln, Columbus, Omaha, and Norfolk to name a few. You can submit stories [here](#).

NSFA Membership

All members of NAPSF receive a NSFA membership. This includes free NSFA Webinars and discounts for NSFA conferences.



NAPSF Members

We are currently 28 members strong at the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations. A list of our membership is below.

- Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation Beatrice Educational Foundation
- Aurora Public Schools Foundation
- Bellevue Public Schools Foundation
- Bennington Public Schools Foundation
- Cardinal Education Foundation (South Sioux City)
- Columbus Public Schools Foundation
- Cozad Public Schools Foundation
- Creek Valley School Educational Foundation
- DC West Schools Foundation
- Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation
- Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
- Gering Public Schools Foundation
- Grand Island Public Schools Foundation
- Hastings Public Schools Foundation
- Kearney Public Schools Foundation
- Millard Schools Education Foundation, Inc.
- Norfolk Public Schools Foundation
- Northwest Educational Foundation, Inc.
- Oakland-Craig Public Schools Foundation
- Ogallala Public Schools Foundation
- Omaha Public Schools Foundation
- Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation
- Ralston Community Schools Foundation
- School District 145 Foundation for Education (Waverly/Eagle)
- Scottsbluff Schools Foundation
- Wayne Community Schools Foundation
- Westside Community Schools Foundation, Inc.
- York Public Schools Foundation

Haven't Become a NAPSF Member Yet?

The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations is a state affiliate of the National School Foundation Association. This means that as a member of the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations, you will get the discounted conference rate and all other full benefits of membership to the national organization as well as Nebraska. You pay one rate to Nebraska and get two memberships Statewide and National! What a deal!

- [Fill out your NAPSF membership form](#)
- [Learn more about NAPSF membership benefits](#)

NAPSF Event Calendar

Upcoming Meetings

NAPSF Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Grand Island Public Schools Foundation

NAPSF Regional Meeting

Friday, January 24, 2020, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Billy's Restaurant - 1301 H St. Lincoln, NE

Upcoming NSFA Webinars

December 3, 2019 - 12pm - Be Intentional: Building a Resource Development Plan
[Register Here](#)

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