NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS PROGRAMS

Our mission is to strengthen, collaborate, and represent the interests of state confidential address programs from across the nation.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT- DIANNA UMIDON

HELLO COLLEAGUES!

2016 was an exciting year for ACPs across the nation! We officially formed an association, demonstrating the desire and a broadly unified voice. **Our First National Conference** further exemplified that fact. And although NACAP is in its infancy, there is already evidence of what can be accomplished when we join together.

As many of you know, in early 2016 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) closed a rulemaking comment period during which revision suggestions for the Form I-9 were accepted. Many ACP states submitted comments requesting that the rule prohibiting a new sion accomplished!

employee from indicating a post office box address on the form be reversed.

for collaboration, camaraderie, On November 14, 2016, USCIS published a revised Form I-9 along with new instructions, which no longer strictly prohibit the use of a post office box address. To verify that in fact post office box addresses would be allowed, on November 17th I listened to a USCIS webinar about the new form and the form's recent modifications. When officials were asked if post office boxes were still prohibited, the response was, "a PO Box is no longer strictly prohibited." In this regard, the address section of the Form I-9 has been reverted to its pre-2013 state. Mis-

I strongly believe this positive result was only achieved because, as a unified force, we made an effort to change the status quo. We did so with the best interest of participants and needs of victims in mind. As we move forward and as NACAP becomes known as an ACP authority, I believe our avenues of influence are limitless. There are many great things in store for us and the people were serve. I look forward to a very bright future!



The inaugural NACAP conference was held this past September in Minnesota and was a huge success, thanks to all that attended! This was a special event because it provided a platform for programs across the country to gather together, learn from each other, and begin working as a team. The number of attendees far exceeded our expectations and is encouraging as we move forward. It's exciting to think about the future of NACAP as a new association and the future of address confidentiality programs.

Conference survey responses are being compiled and the information will be available very soon. Your feedback will also be provided to the Conference Planning Committee.

Opportunities To Get Involved!

We need your help! There are several opportunities to serve on NACAP committees. Any employee of a member organization who is willing to make a commitment to the committee is welcome to participate. If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees, please contact Dianna Umidon at 651-201-1382 or Dianna.umidon@state.mn.us.

Bylaws & Membership Committee

Over the next year this committee will perform the important task of analyzing our current bylaws and suggesting modifications so that board member terms are staggered to ensure continuity. We would like at least one more person on this committee.

Communications Committee

This committee will have the large task of website construction. You don't necessarily need to be tech savvy for this work because much of it will be about content. We're looking for at least one more person to assist.

Data Committee

The work on this committee involves gathering and maintaining the data and statistics that are reported by member organizations. The data tracking was discussed during the large group conference session, *Establishing the Baseline*. Eventually, this data will be available on our website. We are looking for at least two more people to join this committee.

Conference Planning Committee

We are looking for at least two more people to join this committee and assist with the planning and execution of our next annual conference.

Budget Committee

We expect this committee to have a minimal amount of work over the next year, but would like to see at least one more person added to this team.

Stakeholder Solutions Committee

The main task of this committee will be to identify one or two national issues for NACAP to focus on as part of the 2017 agenda. Once identified, this committee will work on those tasks chosen by our members to seek uniform solutions that benefit all state programs.

NACAP BOARD

NACAP elections were held on September 14, 2016. Here is your NACAP board:

Dianna Umidon (MN), President

Dianna chairs the NACAP Board, the Executive Committee, the Bylaws and Membership Committee, and appoints committee members. <u>dianna.umidon@state.mn.us</u> (651) 201-1382

Jackie Cash (CO), Vice-President

Jackie chairs the Conference Planning Committee and the Stakeholder Solutions Committee. <u>jacqueline.cash@state.co.us</u> (303) 866-3893

Betty McEntire (AZ), Treasurer

Betty chairs the Budget Committee. <u>bmcentire@azsos.gov</u> (602) 542-1627

Melissa McEnemy (VA), Secretary

Melissa chairs the Communication Committee. <u>mmcmenemy@oag.state.va.us</u> (804) 692-0952

Brenda Sites (MO), NACAP At Large

Member. Brenda chairs the Data Committee. <u>brenda.sites@sos.mo.gov</u> (573) 522-1622

Nicole Ladner (ME), NACAP At Large Member.

nicole.ladner@maine.gov (207) 626-8400

Rozlyn Finfrock (OR), NACAP At Large Member. acp@doj.state.or.us (503) 373-1323

Benefits of NACAP Membership

Some of the benefits of membership in NACAP include program technical assistance and direct communication between member organizations for the purpose of sharing ideas and resources. A member listserv will be established in the coming months in order to accomplish this goal.

NACAP WEBSITE

We are making progress! NACAP now has a landing

page at <u>www.nacap.org</u>, the website is currently under construction, and the association can be contacted by email at <u>info@nacap.org</u>. Conference attendees provided terrific suggestions for making our website a fantastic resource. If the website construction project interests you, please consider joining the Communications Committee.

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