
CONFERENCE COMMISSION REPORT

TO: NAVUB OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

FROM: LISA THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

DATE: April 5, 2023

Commission Charge: The Conference Commission, chaired by the Conference Commission Chairperson, shall coordinate and organize all aspects of the Annual Conference. This commission shall be assisted by Association members representing the host region. The Conference Commission shall be responsible for conference activities such as awards, workshops, registration, arrangements for local travel, hotel reservations, and the development and finalization of the Annual Conference agenda/booklet.

Conference Commission Members:

Michelle Ciesielski, Rob Gregg, Frances Knight, Gerard Laborde, Linda Morris, Chevonne Neal, Adine Stormoen, Lisa Thompson, Beatrice Turpin-Peek, Elisa Washington, and Dr. John Woods.

Activities to Date:

- Attended and participated in the 44st Annual NAVUB Conference in Tucson, Arizona– April 25-29, 2022

Board Meeting Attendance-

- April 25, 2022
- June 28, 2022
- November 18, 2022
- December 1, 2022
- December 15, 2022
- January 26, 2023
- February 23, 2023
- March 2, 2023

Conference Planning

- Attended and Implemented the NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting at the 44th Annual Conference on April 25, 2022.
- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #1 on October 26, 2022
- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #2 on November 15, 2022
- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #3 on December 13, 2022
- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #4 on January 10, 2023

- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #5 on January 24, 2023
- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #6 on February 07, 2023
- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #7 on February 16, 2023
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- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #8 on March 07, 2023
- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #9 on March 27, 2023
- Planned and Implemented NAVUB Conference Commission Meeting #10 on March 29, 2023 to provide finalized information for the conference

Other Activities

- Sent communication to Pre-Conference members in March
- Met with Visit Baton Rouge and Hilton Hotel weekly to discuss the 2023 conference
- Met with Hilton Baton Rouge regarding the meals and conference as needed
- Attended the VA Work-Study Improvement Act Bill Meeting with COE on November 2, 2022
- Presented to the COE Priority Training conference
- VUB Moderator for the COE Annual Conference, September 13, 2022

Accomplishment to Date:

- Communication with Hotel and Onsite Coordinators
- Attended Board Meetings
- Worked with Westward Look Hotel, Tucson Arizona to postpone conference that was scheduled for March 29-April 3, 2020
- Worked with Hilton Baton Rouge to determine likelihood of hosting the 2021 Conference
- Submitted a poll to determine pulse of members planning to attend 2021 Conference in person

Upcoming Activities:

- 45th Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 3-7, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,
-Lisa Thompson, Conference Commission Chairman