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Upcoming Meetings

November 8-9
Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
San Diego, CA

December 4
Board of Directors Meeting
San Diego, CA

December 4-5
UI Interstate Benefits Subcommittee Meeting
San Diego, CA

December 5
UI Integrity Center Steering Committee Meeting
San Diego, CA

December 6-7
Unemployment Insurance Committee Meeting
San Diego, CA

December 6-7
Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting
San Diego, CA

The Bulletin Board

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK!

National Apprenticeship week takes place November 12-18, 2018. States are developing innovative apprenticeship programs and opportunities. See what’s happening around the country and share your apprenticeship innovations by sending them to naswa@naswa.org and by posting on social media with #ApprenticeshipWeek2018.

Mark your calendar for NASWA’s future conferences.

STATE BEST PRACTICES PORTAL

NASWA Members: login to naswa.org and take a look
at the new State Best Practices Portal! These best practices are collected from the annual State Excellence Award nominations. Members submit for nomination a program, project, or initiative which addresses a challenge they face that result in significant performance or service improvement. Visit the portal

CALL FOR PRESENTERS: 2019 VETERANS CONFERENCE

Planners for the 2019 National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) Veterans Conference are seeking workshop presenters and panelists who can provide learning opportunities for conference attendees on a variety of topics relevant to serving our nation’s Veterans, transitioning service members and military spouses, and the employers who hire them.

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MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE!

NASWA Members: Login to view the presentations from the 2018 NASWA Workforce Summit & UI Directors’ Conference | 82nd Annual Meeting site to view materials and presentations from the conference.

What’s Happening in the States
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CTDOL Part of Team Analyzing On-Demand Economy

Among those participating in the Oct. 27 NGA On-Demand Economy Cross-State meeting were (from left) Keith M. Norton, Executive Director of the Connecticut Office of Higher Education; Kathy Marioni, Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness; and Matthew Krzyzek, Economist in the Connecticut Department of Labor's Office of Research.

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CTDOL Hold *Learns and Works* Symposia for Employers, Educators, Employment Specialists

Symposium coordinator Stephen Dombrowski of the Labor Department’s Employee Organizational Unit (left) with JoAnn Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Northwest Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Michael Rook, Northwest Community College president.

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MARYLAND
Maryland Announces More than $1.6 Million in Funding to Grow Nationally-Recognized Workforce Program

Maryland Labor Secretary Kelly M. Schulz today announced the award of more than $1.6 million in state funds to grow the Department of Labor’s Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) Maryland program. EARN Maryland is the state’s nationally-recognized workforce solution that helps businesses cultivate the skilled workforce they need to compete while preparing Marylanders for meaningful careers.

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NEVADA

Fall Job Fair

The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) JobConnect along with Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson, and Henderson Councilwoman Gerri Schroder recently hosted a job fair on Tuesday, October 9th at the Henderson Convention Center, 200 S. Water Street, in downtown Henderson, NV. With 50 employers and over 500 attendees, the Fall Job Fair was an overwhelming success.

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OKLAHOMA

Grant for Work-Based Learning

The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) is excited to announce the receipt of a two-year $8,000,000 Economic Transitions Grant from the United States Department of Labor (USDOL). This grant will be used to offer work-based learning opportunities, On-the-Job-Training (OJT), and classroom
training to dislocated energy sector workers across Oklahoma. The overarching objective is to ramp up education and training for job seekers in an effort to help close the skills gap, increase wages, and help meet the labor supply needs of Oklahoma employers. This will help foster critical public/private sector partnerships that are important to the state's overall economic success. OESC will link these dislocated workers with education and training opportunities tied to their local economies while providing supportive services that enable job seekers to meet some of the basic costs that often interfere with completing a training program.

RHODE ISLAND

Fishing for Talent: Real Jobs Rhode Island Commercial Fishermen Apprenticeship Program Featured in ‘Working Nation’ Mini-Documentary

Real Jobs Rhode Island, the state’s flagship sector-based workforce and economic development initiative, partnered with WorkingNation, a national non-profit dedicated to helping Americans prepare for a rapidly-changing labor market, to create a mini-documentary video about Rhode Island’s innovative Commercial Fishermen Apprenticeship Program (CFAP).

The segment, released on September 17, is part of a WorkingNation series entitled “Do Something Awesome.” You can view “Fishing For Talent: An Apprenticeship for the Future of Commercial Fishing” here.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

"South Dakota is a template":
Mike Row Joins Governor to Promote Technical Education
Thank you to our 2018 Conference Sponsors and Affiliates! We appreciate your continued support.

2019 Sponsorship and Affiliate Opportunities will be released soon. Stay tuned!

Former Dirty Jobs host Mike Rowe is joining Governor Dennis Daugaard to promote technical education in South Dakota. The all-day event (on Thursday) called “A New Day in Tech Ed in South Dakota” revolves around changing the conversation around educational opportunities.

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Start Today SD Summit

Promoting Registered Apprenticeships by educating policymakers, businesses, apprenticeship sponsors and workforce and education professionals. Don’t miss this opportunity to be inspired and inspire others!

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NASWA in Action

NLx INITIATIVES

NASWA Veterans Policy Director/Senior NLx Advisor Lori Adams shared information about new National Labor Exchange initiatives at the October 9 meeting of the Student Veterans of America (SVA) Business and Industry Roundtable. Lori told the group about the new veterans-
focused jobs portal, veterans.usnlx.com, and USDOL’s new apprenticeship.gov site. She also shared information about the upcoming 2019 NASWA Veterans Conference. The roundtable is a coalition of 24 businesses linked with SVA, committed to hiring student veterans and building lasting relationships with them through education, mentoring and career development.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The newly created Communications Committee held its first official meeting prior to the Workforce Summit & UI Directors’ Conference | 82nd Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama in September. 23 members attended to share best practices and hear from guest speakers as well as participate in joint meetings with the UI Committee and the SIDES Operations Committee. The committee meets bi-monthly via phone and three times per year in person.

NASWA’s E&T, WLMI COMMITTEES STRATEGIZE AND SHOWCASE INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN ALABAMA

NASWA’s Employment & Training and Workforce & Labor Market Information Committees each convened on September 18-19, 2018, in Birmingham, Alabama, prior to the 2018 NASWA Workforce Summit and UI Directors’ Conference. Each committee meets in-person three times annually as well as virtually on an on-demand basis.

In Birmingham, the WLMI Committee participated in a “speed mentoring” session, held roundtables on staffing issues and career education, and strategized around Committee goals. Highlights of the E&T Committee meeting included joint sessions with NASWA’s Equal Opportunity and Unemployment Insurance Committees, as well as a showcase of promising workforce practices from Alabama.

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Who is on the Equal Opportunity (EO) Committee and what do they do? Is there more to the committee than compliance? Learn all about the EO Committee, plus meet NASWA Board of Directors Region II Alternate and EO Officer, Matt Weldon.

NASWA Services

NASWA UI Integrity Center is available to help states detect and prevent UI fraud. To find out more about available resources and what we can do for you, visit integrity.naswa.org.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) APPEALS HEARING OFFICER ONLINE TRAINING
Last month, USDOL released TEN 7-18 announcing the availability of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Appeals Hearing Officer Online Training that was developed by NASWA’s UI ITSC and piloted by a group of state representatives.

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Workforce Classifieds

Have you seen the jobs available on our Workforce Jobs page?

View the most recent job listings or email webmaster@naswa.org to submit a workforce development-related job.

Please send relevant content for the newsletter to the NASWA Director of External Affairs, Michelle Marshel.