



"I have appreciated the opportunity to be part of NASWA's E&T Committee. It's an experience that would benefit any workforce professional. It allows you to partner with like-minded individuals and provides a platform to learn about and share best practices and innovative solutions, while also exposing you to opportunities for engagement with workforce leaders from key federal departments as well as congressional representatives and staff."



**Stephanie Beckhorn**  
*Director*

Michigan Department  
of Labor and  
Economic Opportunity

Past Chair

## COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

### **Michelle McNertney**, *Chair*

Division Administrator, Workforce  
Services, Iowa Workforce  
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## EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING COMMITTEE

The NASWA Employment and Training (E&T) Committee serves as a forum for state workforce agency administrators, workforce development program directors, and other workforce agency leaders to share information and solutions on emerging issues related to the major workforce development programs. The committee also supports all states as they improve the quality of their career, supportive, and training services, and their outreach and access activities.

## COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

**Recommend and Respond to Policy Proposals.** Provide comments and recommendations on policy proposals and host action-oriented policy and practice discussions on workforce programs, especially WIOA Partner and post-secondary programs.

**Advise and Communicate with NASWA Board of Directors.** Provide input to the NASWA Board of Directors on changes in policy or operations that impact the states.

**Share Promising Practices.** Through meetings, webinars, and calls, participate in structured discussions around employment and training issues and learn about promising solutions implemented by other state workforce agencies and partners.

**Strengthen Relationships with Federal and State Partners.** Exchange information with and inform the action steps and research efforts of federal policymakers, researchers, and partners.

**Collaborate with NASWA Committees.** Promote awareness of employment and training issues and needs with other NASWA entities, especially other policy committees and the Workforce IT Support Center.

## ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The NASWA E&T Committee generally holds three in-person meetings each Association Year as well as several virtual meetings on topics of interest. In addition, E&T Committee Members may contribute to the projects and discussions of the Committee's Workgroups, including the Registered Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Group, the E&T Policy Subcommittee, the E&T Awards Subcommittee, the Performance Measurement and Data Insights Workgroup (in partnership with the WLMI Committee), and Cross-Sector E&T Collaboration (with AHPA and SHEEO).

## MEMBER RESOURCES

Resources available to the committee through the [E&T Committee pages](#) on the [NASWA website](#) include presentations from prior meetings on state practices, member contact list, information from quarterly calls, and more. You can access these with a member account login.

## JOIN THE COMMITTEE

NASWA Administrators are required to submit an email request to appoint staff to NASWA Committees. Appointments to the NASWA E&T Committee can be emailed to [naswa@naswa.org](mailto:naswa@naswa.org). Please include the appointed staff contact information and specify the NASWA E&T Committee.