

NASCOE Conf Call
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Lead by Myron Stroup, NASCOE President

- Last Friday night house bill HB-1 details were released
- NASCOE anticipated cuts, but these were pretty deep
- CAP-WIZ alert sent out on Sunday as soon as NASCOE leadership could digest details
- HB-1 budget with 15% cuts
- 85% of the budget is salaries
- 15% of the budget is discretionary of that 11% are contractual in nature like rent and software contracts and cannot be reduced.
- It is too late in the year to close offices or do RIF's for this year
- The possibility of furloughs is getting more real every day
- As the bill is currently written, we are looking at 3 weeks or more
- NASCOE is using CAP-WIZ to try to reduce or eliminate that 3 week number
- These cuts will hit some states harder than other states depending on how well they have done the first half of the year spending money
- But if it is passes as it is written now it would most likely take a furlough to make the budget for the rest of the year
- Presidents need to send a report to the area exec's "what does NASCOE need to be doing at this point? Are we going in the direction that the membership wants them to move? Only 10% of the membership did the CAP-WIZ request, so do 90% of the membership agree with the proposed budget?"
- Very important that everyone do the CAP-WIZ
- You do not have to be a member, or signed up in CAP-WIZ to do an alert.
- You can copy and paste and attach it to the comment section of your elected representatives' web page. In fact that is the preferred method.
- Does the membership want more alerts sent out? If we do, then the membership HAS to respond. Is expensive to send out alerts, and we look bad when only a few send them in
- The EXEC board is not trying to scare membership. They are trying to alert people that if the bill passes the way it is written, that the only way leadership sees out is by furloughs.
- Myron called the office of budget on Monday morning. They are scrambling and basically told him that everything is on the table, but did not say furloughs specifically.
- If leadership sends out a bunch of alerts, and less folks participate, it is less effective than the same number of members doing one big alert
- NASCOE leadership is planning calling the Deputy Administrator of Field Operations (DAFO), and the Deputy administrator of Management (DAM) and explore all options that they have.
- Myron will email the NASCOE Area Exec's and let them know how that call goes, presidents should expect that email as well.
- The office of budget is scrambling to come up with a plan, and is being very guarded about what information they release.
- You must be a subscriber of CAP-WIZ to receive alerts, but you do not have to be a subscriber to send them out.
- If you have an account and can't get in, don't get your alerts emailed to you or have changed home email address, please email Tammy Eibey at siouxcitychick81@hotmail.com and have her reset your account. If you do not it causes all sorts of problems.

- Myron will address the numbers a little more specifically in the email he sends out later today
- NASCOE is still pulling numbers together so this is all very preliminary
- NASCOE needs to start looking at the 2012 budget because it doesn't look any better.
- Myron is not trying to scare people, but he sure hopes he has our attention
- The House was wanting to vote on this bill this week but has been pushed back due to the addition of amendments
- If the house and the senate can't agree on a budget, and the president doesn't sign the final product, we will either have to have another short term continuing resolution or the government will shut down by March 2nd
- Republican controlled house and Democrat controlled senate will make getting a single bill out of conference very difficult
- This is interesting timing, NASCOE is scheduled to be in DC on March 7, 8, and 9 for the legislative fly in.

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