

# "NAME Advocates Program Integrity For School Based Medicaid Reimbursement"

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#### President's Corner June 2011

Dear NAME members.

We hope you have enjoyed time in the sun and sand this summer and are rejuvenated for tackling new projects this Fall, including attendance at our NAME Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 11-14, 2011. We are impressed with the preliminary program. If you haven't registered, it's not too late to catch the early bird rates that end on September 30.

## Bylaws Revision July 14, 2011

July 14 is not just Bastille Day; it's the day that the NAME Board of Directors took final action to adopt significant changes to our Bylaws. Similar to the French Revolution call for liberty, equality and fraternity, the Board believes equality for members will be the result from these changes. Now all state agency members and all local education agency/services agency members have full voting rights. [Click here to see the details of some of our accomplishments since June]

Sincerely, Denise Achin (RI) Jane Reagan (MI)

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### From the 2011 Annual Conference Committee—Registration now and Save!

For most members, the Early Bird Conference Registration rate for the full Conference is \$450, but that rate ends on September 30, so *act soon* to get your \$50 discount! We have worked with the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town to obtain a Conference room rate of only \$129. You can register *and* reserve your hotel room at this link: <a href="https://www.regonline.com/2011nameconference">https://www.regonline.com/2011nameconference</a>

Check out our recently updated <u>Preliminary Program</u> on the website. It is full of the greatest array of breakout sessions we have had yet! Experience a wide variety of topics and formats, expert speakers, and Tuesday's Pre-Conference featuring the popular "Academy for Medicaid in the Schools" and "Innovations". And, to top it off, we provide you with all the networking you can handle!

## From the Finance Committee—Steven Wright (NY), Chair

At the August 2011 NAME Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved the proposed 2012 NAME operating budget. This budget is available for all members to review and/or comment until September 30, 2011. We look forward to receiving your comments. To access the budget, log into Members Only: > Committees > Finance Committee [Click here for 'Members Only' article]

### In the Media - by Larry Charny, Co Chair, Communications Committee

NAME provides a variety of forums for clarifying the many benefits of the Medicaid School-based programs versus the negative messages swirling in the media. Here are some articles we think will be of interest to you. To access, log into Members only: > Keep informed > In The Media [Click here for 'Member Only' In The Media]

#### Regional Updates

With a rotating schedule, all NAME Regional Representatives contribute regular updates from their states. The following region has provided an update: Region IV (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) Representative Nora Poisella (NC) To access, log into Members Only: > Keep informed > Regional News [Click here for 'Member Only' Regional Updates]

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