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## SPE Advisory Committee Notes April 22, 2024

**Meeting Date:** Monday, April 22, 2024, 11:00am-12:15pm MT

**In attendance:** Alicia Armijo, Amy Spies, LeAnn Detillier, Cyd Grua, Nick Marks, Kate McCartan, Shelley Plutto,

**Absent:** Charlotte Ochs, Paige Smith, Sean Seepersad

**NC-SARA Staff:** Marianne Boeke, Terri Taylor-Straut, Angela Lee, Emily Jacobson

### Agenda:

#### I. **Welcome & Review of Agenda – Emily (5 minutes)**

Emily welcomed committee members to the meeting and introduced individuals who are new to committee meetings. Charlotte Ochs, Program Coordinator for Tuition Break & N-SARA will be joining in place of Jared Abdirkin. Angela Lee joined NC-SARA as a new staff member in March as Senior Director, State Partnerships & Engagement and will be co-leading committee meetings going forward.

Emily provided an overview of the agenda and future SPE Advisory Committee dates.

#### II. **SPE Summit Debrief – Terri (10 minutes)**

This was the first committee meeting to occur since the SPE Summit was held in February. Terri discussed the evaluation from the event with committee members and asked for their feedback. Some of the recommendations for future summits were to include more visuals for topics such as negotiated rule making and to have more time for breakout groups to meet and debrief. Committee members shared that more discussion on professional licensure would have been valuable. There was feedback on the session that highlighted each NC-SARA advisory committee or working group that it felt repetitive for some regions. Having meeting materials or additional information further in advance of meetings and events going forward could be helpful or providing SPEs with some pre-work.

#### III. **Neg Reg Update – Marianne (10 minutes)**

Marianne provided committee members with an update on neg reg. She shared an update on work the Negotiated Rulemaking Working Group is doing. The working group is an ad hoc assembly as requested by the NC-SARA board during their October 2023 meeting. Folks involved with the working group include board officers (some of which are SPEs), regional compact partners, NC-SARA staff. Recently they have focused heavily on strategy and communication and

helped drive survey work on neg reg. Marianne also provided updates on work regional compact partners are doing with neg reg. Committee members had discussions on how we can be more strategic on closure and addressing other issues stemming from neg reg.

**IV. 2024 SPE Conference Planning – Angela & Emily (30 minutes)**

Angela and Emily provided committee members with an update on the pilot of the call for conference proposals and shared some potential session ideas and themes. Angela encouraged committee members to think about ways they can be engaged with the conference and encouraged those who were interested to submit session proposals. Potential conference topics ideas discussed by the committee were FRS scores, what best practices are for SPEs with professional licensure and federal regulations. Committee members thought it would be valuable if attendees could leave the conference with new tools such as bullet points of best practices or a more concrete understanding of what SPE expectations are surrounding federal regulations that will be effective July 1, 2024. Committee members emphasized the importance of working groups at time to connect with colleagues at the conference.

**V. Celebrating 10 Years of SARA – Angela & Emily (10 minutes)**

Angela and Emily provided committee members with an update on various events taking place to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of SARA. There will be a webinar geared towards institutions hosted by NC-SARA on July 17 and a celebration at the SPE conference for SPEs and regional compact partners. Ideas shared surrounding the webinar were showcasing institutions who may have done state authorization work pre-SARA and any hot topics or forecasting that could be done in the state authorization space. At the SPE conference it will be important to think about who to thank that has contributed to SARA and showcase why SARA is important to SPEs. Committee members were encouraged to email Angela and Emily with any additional ideas they have on the webinar or 10year celebration at the SPE conference.

**VI. Committee Composition Discussion– Angela & Emily (10 minutes)**

Angela and Emily shared that a draft of membership guidelines is in the works based on previous discussions that have been had with the committee on this topic. We'll be working on some mapping, creating a list of current members, and identifying when they would need to roll off the committee based on the proposed structure. The goal is to bring this back to committee members for review and feedback at the June meeting. Emily might be reaching out to committee members for some historical information to fill in the gaps if we don't have it on file as precisely as we'd like.

**VII. Next Steps & Adjourn – Emily (5 minutes)**

Emily reminded committee members of upcoming meeting dates and adjourned the meeting.

**All remaining 2024 SPE Advisory Committee Meetings** - all occurrences will be held  
**11:00am-12:15pm MT:**

- Monday, June 24, 2024
- Monday, August 19, 2024
- Monday, October 28, 2024
- Monday, December 16, 2024

**Zoom meeting information for all 2024 occurrences:**

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