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SPE Advisory Committee Notes October 27, 2025

Meeting Date: Monday, October 27, 2025, 11:00am-12:15pm MT

Attendees:

SPEs: Alana, Sean, Katie, LeAnn, Kate, Nick

Compact Staff: Shelley

NC-SARA Staff Present: Emilie, Marianne, Jared

Agenda:

- I. **Welcome – Emilie (5 minutes)**
- II. **The Application and Approval Form for State Membership in SARA will be revised effective January 1, 2026**

Jared provided an update on the upcoming revisions to the Application and Approval Form for State Membership in SARA, which are scheduled to become effective on January 1, 2026. He joined the committee meeting specifically to discuss these changes and share the rationale behind them with the committee members. The revisions are particularly focused on the Policy Modification Process (PMP) as it relates to student complaints.

- III. **2025 SPE Conference Debrief – Emilie**

Emilie opened the discussion by expressing gratitude to the committee members for their hard work and support with the 2025 SPE Conference, recognizing contributions across presenting, volunteering for activities like the game night, and supporting agenda creation. She emphasized the important role the committee plays in the event's success. High-level summary feedback will be provided at a future meeting to inform the planning for the 2026 SPE Conference. Emilie also noted a transition in committee membership: Cyd Grua's term as the SPE from the Host State of the Conference (Utah) has ended and Cam Maeyaert, the SPE from the 2026 conference host state (Texas), will now join the committee to support planning in the host state role.

Overall feedback indicated that the conference was well-received and generally well-organized, with attendees particularly enjoying the pre-conference workshops, game night, and awards. The Federal session featuring Aaron and Cheryl was successful due to its structure and format. However, suggestions for the 2026 conference include scaling the program back slightly, creating more time for networking and engagement, and releasing the agenda earlier. The PMP session was great, but there is a desire for more time dedicated to discussing PMPs and engaging with various regions. Furthermore, the committee suggested adding optional after-hours activities in 2026, such as exploring local attractions like the San Antonio River Walk. Committee members enjoyed the conference and offered to volunteer again in 2026, whether by introducing presenters or staffing the registration table.

IV. SARA State Meeting Resource – Kate, Nick & Sean

Kate, Nick, and Sean provided an update on the development of the SARA State Meeting Resource, detailing the process and sharing ideas gathered from the recent pre-conference session. The group plans to finalize a draft document related to this resource to be shared at the upcoming December SPE Advisory Committee meeting.

V. SPE Contacts vs. State Regulator Contact Information – Marianne

Marianne led a discussion on differentiating the SPE Contacts from the State Regulator Contact Information within both the SPE Directory and The State Authorization Guide. She noted that there has been some confusion, with SPEs occasionally receiving questions intended for the State Regulator. Marianne sought the committee's feedback on effective strategies to better distinguish these two types of contacts and solicited suggestions for upcoming NC-SARA website updates to address this issue.

VI. Updates from the President – Marianne

Marianne delivered updates from the October NC-SARA Board Meeting. She highlighted the Policy Modification Proposals (PMPs) that received full board approval. Additionally, Marianne provided details on new board officers and transitions, noting that the new board members include SPEs, institutional representatives, higher education leaders, and a commission for higher education. The Board also dedicated significant time to discussing NC-SARA's strategic plan.

VII. Planning for 2026 SPE Advisory Committee Meetings – Emilie

Emilie shared that a Doodle poll would be sent out in the coming weeks to schedule the 2026 SPE Advisory Committee meetings. She confirmed with the members whether Mondays at the current meeting time were still preferable, or if a different day or time was needed. The committee responded that they prefer to keep the meetings on Mondays and generally at the same time.

VIII. Next Steps & Adjourn – Emilie

Remaining 2025 SPE Advisory Committee Meetings:

- Monday, December, 15 from 11 am - 12:15 pm MT

Zoom meeting information for all 2025 occurrences:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nc-sara.zoom.us/j/81705742977?pwd=wp8Tw9w0rixAtikl9g5TDbsw4mihXZ.1>

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