

NAESV UPDATE

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By Marybeth Carter and Monika Johnson Hostler

***Marybeth Carter, President of NAESV and NAESV Foundation, steps down as President of NAESV – retains Presidency of NAESV Foundation**

***Monika Johnson Hostler, NAESV Vice President of Programs assumes NAESV Presidency**

Dear SA Colleagues,

Marybeth's Update

This update is about new developments for NAESV. When the NAESV Founding Board created NAESV, a 501 c 4 non-profit organization to focus on policy and legislation, the Board also created a second entity to be the 501 c 3 non-profit supporting organization to exist for educational and charitable purposes with the express purpose to work in concert with the NAESV mission. That second entity, the Foundation to End Sexual Violence, *dba* NAESV Foundation, has received its 501 c 3 ruling by the IRS, readying it for expanded visibility and activity.

As President of both organizations for the past year and a half, it has been an honor to share leadership with so many excellent leaders and state and national organizations in achieving NAESV's recent goals, highlights of which include: passage of VAWA 2005 and its multiple programs, including the Sexual Assault Services Program and Rape Prevention Education Program; budget approval for PHHSBG funds; and retention of the VOCA fund. NAESV partnered with NCADV and Lifetime Television, and featured Gabrielle Union, actress and activist, to provide an expanded 'Stop' violence against women week in Washington D.C. in April 2006, distributed several policy position statements and communicated with the CDC about developments in the RPE funding. We also secured our branding and established our administrative functions in Washington D.C.

Simultaneously, as President of the Foundation to End Sexual Violence *dba* NAESV Foundation, our initial goals included: developing NAESV Foundation's branding in relation to that of NAESV, obtaining NAESV Foundation's 501 c 3 status, expanding the Foundation's board of directors, and developing projected services and activities for NAESV Foundation, including fund development. Our recent submission of a Letter of Intent to the Office on Violence Against Women illustrates our program direction in this area. Suffice it to say, NAESV has been focused on policy and NAESV Foundation on organizational start-up.

The development of these two organizations is at the point that focused leadership for each is critical. Each organization has grown and deserves undivided attention, yet cooperative leadership that two separate presidents can provide. For this reason, I have resigned from my position as President of NAESV effective August 2006 and have retained the position of President of NAESV Foundation. As past President of NAESV, I will continue to be part of the NAESV executive committee to assist with a smooth transition and to facilitate communication and collaboration between NAESV and NAESV Foundation. NAESV will now be under the extremely capable leadership of Monika Johnson Hostler, who is stepping up from her position as NAESV Vice President of Programs. I am excited at the prospect of working hand in hand with Monika to facilitate the vision, programs, and leadership of these two organizations in concert with the two boards of directors and the anti-sexual assault community at large.

Monika's Welcome

"It is with great pleasure that I take helm of NAESV in the interim period—that is, from August 2006 until March of 2007 when the new slate of NAESV officers is elected. I have been fortunate to be on the board during Marybeth's tenure and I am grateful to have a board of directors with years of experience and wisdom. While we have accomplished great things, as outlined above, we still have work to do. The issue of sexual violence continues to be ignored by some and silenced by others. It is our shared goal to continue to give voice about sexual violence and the issues that impact survivors. We know there is still momentum

from the reauthorization of VAWA and we will utilize that to continue to work for funding for SASP. While I am excited at this opportunity to be NAESV President, it is with sadness that I must inform you from the start that I will not be able to retain the position of President after the first of the year due to my responsibility for my number one priority, my eleven month old daughter.” Monika Johnson Hostler, NAESV Vice President and now, NAESV President.

Introduction of NAESV Foundation Board

The NAESV Board is composed of state sexual assault coalition and at-large members. Board recruitment is still in process. Current board members are:

Marybeth Carter, **President**
Principal, Marybeth Carter & Associates
Palm Springs, California

Gail Burns Smith, **Secretary**
Executive Director, Connecticut Sexual Assault Counseling Services, retired
Hartford, Connecticut

Polly Poskin, **Treasurer**
Executive Director, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Springfield, Illinois

Brian Brady
City of Novato Chief of Police, retired
Director, Corporate Security for NBC Universal
Universal City, California

Gloria De la Cruz-Quiroz
Licensed Clinical Social Worker & Board Member of National Latino Health Organization
Santa Monica, California

Rebecca Long
Senior Portfolio Manager, Harrington Investments, Inc.
Napa, California

Nicole Matthews
Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition
St. Paul, Minnesota

Rachel Robasciotti
Senior Financial Planner, Robasciotti & Associates, Inc.
San Francisco, California

Kim Alaburda
Executive Director, New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
Albuquerque, New Mexico