



Dear Colleagues:

It is our pleasure to invite to you an extraordinary event – the first-ever, joint NASDSE/CASE conference. Our joint conference will take place September 25-27 in Milwaukee, WI at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Our conference theme is ***Realizing Dreams and Abilities: CASE & NASDSE Working Together.***

Our joint conference is combining the unique aspects of both of our traditions. There will be numerous break-out sessions as you would expect from a CASE conference and State Night at a NASDSE conference. We are anticipating a big crowd – lots of state and local staff so make your plans now.

The time we will spend together in Milwaukee will provide for both formal and informal discussions, food for thought and a host of networking and sharing opportunities. Come prepared to participate in a wide variety of activities, see old friends and make some new ones.

We look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee!!

*John Fisenberg*  
NASDSE President

*Gary Myrah*  
CASE President

#### **CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS**

Glenna Gallo  
NASDSE President Elect  
Conference Co-Chair

Kindel Mason  
CASE Professional Development Chair  
Conference Co-Chair

## **CONFERENCE HOSTS**

Barbara Van Haren  
Director of Special Education  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Gary Myrah  
Executive Director  
Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Student Services (WCASS)

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration is slightly different this year from what you might be accustomed to. There are several different rate options available to choose from – Level 1 is more like the previous NASDSE rate while Level 2 is equivalent to the past CASE rates.

- Level 1 (includes NASDSE State Night and NASDSE's President's Reception -- \$400.00
  - \$475 after Thursday, June 30, 2016
  - \$525 after Wednesday, August 31, 2016
- Level 2 (includes Conference Registration only -- \$325.00
  - \$400 after Thursday, June 30, 2016
  - \$450 after Wednesday, August 31, 2016

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/casenasdse16> to complete your registration.

If you are bringing a guest, please be sure to note that on your registration.

Payment can be made by credit card or check. Checks should be made payable to NASDSE and mailed to:

NASDSE/CASE Annual Conference  
Attention: Carla Meade  
225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 420  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Purchase orders may be mailed to the above address or faxed to: (703) 519-3808.

Please Note: All speakers will need to register and make their own hotel reservations.

Cancellations: Refunds minus 20% administration fee are available through September 1. Substitutions will be allowed after September 1, but refunds will not be available.

## **CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION**

The conference hotel, the Fairfield Inn & Suites Milwaukee Downtown, is located at 710 N. Old World Third Street, Milwaukee, 53203. With a room rate of just \$139 plus taxes, this is an exceptional deal! The phone number is (414) 224-8400. **To make your conference hotel reservations, please [click here](#) to go to the dedicated CASE/NASDSE reservation website.** Please note that the cutoff for hotel reservations is **September 1, 2016.**



## **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Go to <http://bit.ly/1r5ko43> to see a draft Conference Agenda.

Note that the joint conference will start on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. However, both NASDSE and CASE will be having pre-conference activities starting on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, including CASE and NASDSE board meetings, CASE Executive Committee meeting, NASDSE' business meeting for state directors and special meetings by invitation only (7-PAK state directors, Small States Consortium, Data Managers Affinity Group and 619 Coordinators Affinity Group).

## **NASDSE TRADITIONS**

- Wisconsin State Night will take place at the Harley-Davidson Museum, about a mile away from the conference hotel. Shuttle buses will be available to transport those attending. Please note that you must register for State Night, either by choosing Level I registration or purchasing a separate ticket.
- NASDSE has a long tradition of hosting a Silent Auction at its annual conference, the proceeds of which are used to support training for new state directors. The Silent Auction is open to all conference attendees, so be sure to remember to pack your contribution to this fun opportunity.
- President's Reception: NASDSE will host an Installation of Officers, Awards Ceremony and President's Reception at the close of the conference on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note that you must register for the Reception, either by choosing Level 1 registration or purchasing a separate ticket.
- There will not be Sponsor Showcases at this year's conference but we are expecting many more sponsors who are participating in the conference in a variety of ways. Be sure to visit their booths while you are at the conference.

## **CONFERENCE ATTIRE**

Daytime attire for the conference is business casual. If you are planning on attending State Night at the Harley Davidson Museum, biker dress is appropriate. NASDSE's Installation of Officers and President's Reception dress is slightly dressier (traditional business attire).

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The Milwaukee Hyatt hotel is approximately a 15-minute drive from the Milwaukee airport. The hotel does not provide an airport shuttle. Watch for information on group rates for the shuttle that may be available closer to the conference dates.

## **CHECK FOR UPDATES**

Information on the Conference and additional information will be available on both the CASE ([www.casecec.org](http://www.casecec.org)) and NASDSE ([www.nasdse.org](http://www.nasdse.org)) websites.

