

**NATPL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE REPORT
2006-2007**

Committee Name: Professional Development

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Summary of 2006-2007 Activities:

The committee carefully reviewed past NATPL Forum evaluations along with disaggregated information of past attendees. With the reauthorization of Carl D. Perkins, combined funding for Tech Prep and members needs identified by the evaluation data, we realize that this is a critical year for the future of Tech Prep in our nation. Legislation, collaboration and the future direction of Tech Prep surfaced as critical topics to address in professional development to meet the collective needs of our members this year. The committee discussed possible focus topics for 2007. In addition, the committee wanted to be sure to commemorate the tenth anniversary of NATPL.

At the NATPL Winter Strategy Meeting on February 2-3, 2007 in Louisville, Kentucky, the Professional Committee met with other NATPL committees along with NATPL board members in a productive work session. The group decided on the format and theme and laid out a promotional brochure for the Forum. At our Winter Strategy meeting, “Celebrating the Old; Embracing the New” was the theme determined for the 2007 NATPL Forum. Breakout session topics were determined and the group brainstormed a possible list of presenters. Dodie and Kathy volunteered to take responsibility for the tenth anniversary celebration.

The NATPL Professional Development Committee has communicated effectively with many e-mails, phone calls, conference calls and direct dialogue. There has been strong support from the NATPL Executive Committee with a liaison and active participation in the duties and responsibilities of committee work. Committee and board members will assist at the Forum to assure individual member's needs will be met and enjoy overall success.

The Leadership Forum begins at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10th, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The morning session will celebrate NATPL's tenth anniversary, and keynote speaker Dr. Marty Mahler will use the Forum theme and its relationship with Perkins legislation in his address. The current buzz centers on the recent Perkins reauthorization, and the committee intends to address those questions and concerns in the various breakout sessions. There will be an awards luncheon, with a repeat of the morning breakout sessions following the luncheon. Then the attendees will have an opportunity to break into groups of like job titles to network and focus on how the new Perkins affects them. Door prizes will be given during the wrap up session at the end of the day to participants “who must be present to win”. The intent of this year's Forum is to help the participants learn how to ensure their success and be a Tech Prep leader.