

NCST Celebrating 75 Years



The 16th National Congress on School Transportation (NCST) Updates Schedule and Continues Registration

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Salt Lake City, Utah – The Steering Committee for the National Congress on School Transportation (NCST) is pleased to announce that registration is moving forward rapidly for the 16th NCST. State Delegates, Alternate State Delegates, and all other interested parties are encouraged to visit the NCST website and register online. For all information on registration, hotel accommodations, the Congress agenda, and FAQ's, go to www.NCSTOnline.org.

The new location in Des Moines, Iowa, has space for all interested parties. The registration fee of \$300 includes two dinners, three lunches, refreshment breaks, and an electronic copy of the 2015 National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures (NSTSP) document. Commemorative "NCST: Celebrating 75 Years" printed NSTSP books can be preordered for \$55 each.

Writing Committee Work and State Delegation Input - The initial work of the NCST writing committees in preparation for the 16th Congress is now posted on the NCST website and has been forwarded to state delegation chairs for input by their state delegations. All input and comments on the writing committees' proposals for amendments to the NSTSP should now be directed through state delegations. In order to give committees time to respond prior to the Congress, comments from state delegation chairs must be submitted by March 15, 2015.

16th NCST Schedule Overview - The Congress begins for state delegations and other interested parties on Sunday, May 17, 2015 with a Welcome Reception at 5:00 p.m. CST. Sunday evening opening ceremonies will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include the charge to the delegates and a review of the Congress's organizational procedures. Parliamentary deliberations and voting will take place all day Monday and Tuesday and a half day on Wednesday, concluding with lunch on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. The Congress will adjourn when lunch ends at 1:15 p.m.

Additional NCST Updates - The steering committee is pleased to announce that Ron Kinney has been selected by NAPT to replace Don Carnahan, who passed away in October. Don will remain an honorary NCST Steering Committee member. **Other Interested Parties should review Appendix E of the NCST MOP for guidelines and restrictions.**

Chronicling Innovations Committee Eliminated – After careful consideration from the NCST Steering Committee, the Chronicling Innovations Committee was eliminated. The Steering Committee determined that the intended purposes can best be addressed by the research and development of new innovations within the industry. Once a new innovation has been vetted and proven in the industry it can be directed to the existing applicable writing committees for consideration. New innovations can also be considered by states and deliberated through existing formal NCST processes.

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