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Today's Speakers

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Update from Washington

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Agenda

- Federal budget status
- Congressional caucus news
- NEA leadership
- Arts education
- NASAA communications
- Audience Q&A

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Federal Budget Update



- Sequestration
- FY2013 Continuing resolution
- President's FY2014 Budget
- Potential impact on NEA and SAAs
- Our roles

Congressional Arts Caucus

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**Representative
Louise Slaughter
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**Representative
Leonard Lance
(R - NJ)**

New STEAM Caucus

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NEA Leadership

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- Timing
- NASAA's role
- Key messages

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- **NASAA & NEA strategic partnership**
- **Legislative issues**
- **NASAA agenda and SAA roles**

The Committee values greatly the longstanding collaborative relationship between the NEA and the States. State Arts Agencies (SAAs) support the arts for communities at the grassroots level regardless of their geographic location, providing much of their funding to smaller organizations, community groups, and schools rather than well-established arts organizations. The Committee supports the continuation of this effective partnership and urges the NEA to work constructively with States in developing and implementing arts education programs and policies. [underlining added]

**House Interior Appropriations Committee
FY 2013 Budget Report (from 2012)**

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The arts are fundamental to the cultural and educational well-being of a thriving democracy. They play a unique and essential role in ensuring that all American communities accrue to all American communities.

State arts agencies (SAAs) are indispensable at the state and jurisdiction. SAAs broaden citizens' corner of the country, preserve America's creative capacity, and nourish the nation's creative capacity.

Federal Updates

NASAA provides national representation that their policy and resource interests in Washington. >>>[More](#)

Advocacy Tools

State arts agencies engage in a variety of advocacy. NASAA helps its member agencies evaluate public a broad range of tools to enhance their advocacy.

Advocacy Services

NASAA provides a wide variety of on-site presentations and [more](#).

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Lessons from the 2012 Elections

Jonathan Katz

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Legislative Alert

February 22, 2013
From: Isaac Brown, Legislative Counsel
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Federal Arts Education Policy Updates

I'm writing today with some congressional updates relating to federal arts education policy, as well as information on how you can help NASAA advance these efforts on behalf of all state arts agencies.

Reauthorizing ESEA

2013 is the year that Congress may take up reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This is the set of policies that provides equitable access to education, establishes certain curriculum standards and authorizes federally funded school programs administered by states. As Congress grapples with other issues—such as deficit reduction and gun control—there is not yet a firm timetable in place for work on ESEA to commence. When it does, NASAA will be at the forefront of advocacy efforts working to ensure that:

- the arts are named as core academic subjects for all students,
- Title I provisions allow for the inclusion of arts activities in underserved schools,
- the U.S. Department of Education continues its programs promoting successful arts education models, and
- other federal agencies supporting educational programs—especially those emphasizing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)—include the arts in their definitions and policies.

New STEAM Caucus

The new congressional STEAM Caucus, led by Reps. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Aaron Schock (R-IL), has begun its work. NASAA represented state arts agencies by attending this new group's kickoff briefing, held on Capitol Hill on Thursday, February 14. The Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) is playing a leadership role in the operation of this caucus, and RISD President John Maeda addressed this gathering. NASAA CEO Jonathan Katz personally greeted and thanked each member of Congress who attended on behalf of their state arts agency.

The long-term goals of this caucus are to advocate for policy changes encouraging educators and federal agencies to integrate the arts and design with STEM education. In addition to co-chairs Bonamici and Schock, the membership of the caucus currently includes Reps. Jim Langevin (D-RI), Jared Polis (D-CO), David Cicilline (D-RI), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Gerald Connolly (D-VA), Dave Loebsack (D-IA), Matt Cartwright (D-PA), Bobby Scott (D-VA), Louise Slaughter (D-NY), Tim Ryan (D-OH) and Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH).

Audience Questions

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Upcoming Web Seminar

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State Arts Agency Preparedness and Response

Thursday, April 11
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Thanks for participating.

Questions or comments about this session? Contact Eric Giles,
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