

## 2021 CSPN STANDING COMMITTEES

**Executive Board** – Michael Frerichs (IL), Chair and Rachel Biar (NE), Vice-Chair  
Meets first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm ET

**Communications Committee** –Lael Oldmixon (AK) & Ben Gibbons (OH), Co-Chairs  
Facilitates external and media communications, nationally promotes 529 Day and College Savings Month, coordinates website revision, and oversees the 529 Campaign. Meets the third Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm ET

**Corporate Affiliate Advisory Board** – Shirley Yang, TIAA & Andrea Feirstein, AKF Consulting, Co-Chairs. Provides a forum for NAST corporate affiliates to participate in CSPN initiatives and committees. Meets as needed.

**Data, Operations & Technology** – John Mitchell (IL) Chair  
The committee shall monitor 529 plan operations, administration and technology advancements for the purpose of making recommendations to the CSPN Executive Board. The committee is also responsible for the development and review of the data collection efforts of the Network and will work in conjunction with other committees as necessary.

**Diversity and Leadership Committee** – **This committee will begin work in 2022**  
The committee is responsible for addressing diversity issues and institutionalizing inclusion across CSPN and its initiatives. The committee will provide recommendations to the Executive Board to define and to promote diversity and inclusion for purposes of working across CSPN to develop new avenues and opportunities for a wider number and variety of Members to assume leadership roles on the Executive Board, in committees, at conferences and in working groups.

**Federal Initiatives** – Mary Morris (VA) & LaKesha Page (TN) Co-Chairs. Identifies and prioritizes federal legislation and regulatory initiatives, and works closely with Williams & Jensen, NAST's national lobbying firm. Meets on the first Monday of each month at 3:00 pm ET.

**Legal & State Affairs Committee** – Mary Anne Busse, Great Disclosure & Meghan Marek (MD) Co-Chairs. Reviews and monitors legal and state issues, and reviews disclosure principals and other legal documents. Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm ET.

**Member Engagement:** Rachel Biar (NE) & Heather Chisholm, Intuition CSS Co-Chairs. Develops strategies to actively engage members, promotes value of CSPN members, and oversees development of the conference program for the annual Treasury Management Training Symposium. Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm ET.



**Prepaid Tuition / Guaranteed Savings Plans** – Alisa Ferguson (VA) & Luke Minor, (WA), Co-Chairs. Discusses issues unique to prepaid plans and develops annual prepaid conference program. The first meeting of 2022 will coincide with the Prepaid Mini-Con scheduled for February 23-24, 2022. Additional meetings for the remainder of the year will be scheduled as needed.

Much of the data sharing, business updates and planning of CSPN happens in our committees. Meetings are typically held once a month and last for an hour or less. Both state agency and corporate affiliate members are welcome to participate or listen in. Share your expertise with others, expand your knowledge in a new area, and help shape the future of 529. The meetings are also a great way to meet people to add to your professional network. You can participate in more than one — many of us do!

#### **Online Member Forum and Resource Library**

To access the CSPN member forums, go online at <https://member.nast.org/login.aspx> to create, update and maintain your member profile and participate in the CSPN Forum to learn more about what other 529 plans are doing to promote awareness and use of the plans. Additionally, the [Resource Library](#) includes committee summaries, governance materials and other network resources available to members. Check out these and other tools available to CPSN members.

Contact [Chris Hunter](#) for more information or to learn how you can join one of the committees.