

# National Network of Constituent Organizations Quarterly Meeting

June 22, 2006

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Institute for Educational Leadership  
Washington, DC

## AGENDA

Meeting Purpose and Outcomes:

- To identify opportunities for NNCO collaboration in supporting the NGA/Achieve Action Agenda, specifically in the area of defining and communicating the need for increasing academic rigor in high school
- To learn about NNCOs' definitions of rigor and to develop next steps for communicating about the issue to constituents
- To develop strategies for improving coordination between NNCO organizations

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome and Introductions  
*Naomi Housman, National High School Alliance*  
*Sandra Licón, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*

9:10 – 11:00 Project Updates

Honor States Progress and Phase Two Strand on Rigor  
*Ilene Berman, David Wakelyn, National Governors Association*

Discussion

ADP Progress and Technical Institutes Overview  
*Matt Gandall, Achieve*

College Ready Roundtable  
*Amy Starzynski, Holland & Knight*

Discussion

*During the discussion, attendees will develop strategies for building on the work of NGA and Achieve to educate and support their constituents.*

Key Questions

- How can NNCOs – individually and collectively – build on the recent work of the NGA/Achieve to educate their constituents?
- Where do NNCOs – individually and collectively – see the greatest opportunities for impact?

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:30 Defining Rigor: Setting the Bar

*This discussion focuses on one of the high priority policy goals of the NGA/Achieve Action Agenda, with an eye to identifying how NNCOs can leverage their organizations, in Washington*

*and in the field, to support reform.*

Key Questions:

- How do the NNCOs define rigor in their communications to their members? Where are commonalities and differences?
- What are the implications for some of the different definitions of rigor?
- How can NNCOs incorporate this issue more explicitly into their member communications and publications?
- Where are opportunities for addressing this issue with constituents?

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch and NNCO Networking/Small Group Discussions

*NNCOs will have the opportunity to network informally and discuss specific opportunities for collaboration.*

1:30 – 2:00 NNCO Coordination and Collaboration

*Better coordination and collaboration are frequently raised as major needs, yet as a field, we have not figured out how to do it well. This segment will provide the opportunity to brainstorm innovative approaches and chart some next steps.*

Key Questions:

- What are the goals of NNCO coordination and collaboration?
- What are some steps the HS Alliance, NGA, Gates, and the NNCOs can take to achieve these goals?
- How can we create structures and incentives to facilitate more effective (and efficient) collaboration?

2:00 – 2:45 NNCO Upcoming Events Planning

*The joint calendaring segment will focus on what's on the horizon during the next five months. NNCOs will have the opportunity to think about ways they can collaborate in planning upcoming events and activities.*

Key Questions:

- What events, publications, or other products do your organizations have planned in the next five months?
- How can you collaborate with other organizations in planning some of these events or activities? What input or participation from other NNCOs would be useful to you?

2:45-3:00 Next Steps

*The purpose here is to capture specific next steps identified during the day – both for each NNCO individually and as a group.*

3:00 Adjourn