



# NAIPI NEWS

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Dear NAIPI Membership:

With input from the Executive and National Committee, I am pleased to announce the formation of a **new NAIPI Government Relations Working Group**.

Join me in thanking those who volunteered for this important duty.

**The Group members will be:**

- Dr. Gus Kousoulas, Louisiana COBRE
- Dr. Doug Wright, Kansas INBRE
- Dr. Jim Kenyon, Nevada INBRE
- Both Dr. Fred Taylor and Dr. Raffy Gorospe will serve as ex-officio members.

This Working Group's activities will include:

1. Enhancing the visibility of the IDeA Program (one of NAIPI's specific objectives).
2. Interacting with Van Scoyoc Associates through the EPSCoR/IDeA Foundation and Coalition.
3. Developing mechanisms to educate NAIPI membership about the connection between federal/state government and the IDeA Program.
4. Facilitating information flow from IDeA Program successes to decision makers and from "inside the beltway" to the membership.

Best regards,  
Carolyn  
NAIPI President

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