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Join NASAA and our host, the Tennessee Arts Commission, for three days of learning, networking, inspiration and southern hospitality. Experience the vibrant riverfront, spectacular mountains, and unique cultural attractions and see firsthand why Chattanooga is *A Great City by Nature*SM

NASAA conferences provide essential education, networking and leadership opportunities for state arts agency staff and volunteers. Designed to both inform and inspire, the agenda will include briefing sessions (back by popular demand) as well as workshops, featured artists and speakers. Agenda details will be posted on the NASAA Web site throughout the summer.

WHY YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE

- **NASAA is your community.** Whether you are a staff member or volunteer, NASAA meetings are a singular opportunity to compare notes with your colleagues and be part of an influential national network of arts leaders.
- **A variety of [peer groups](#)** will be meeting in Chattanooga. There will be sessions and events relevant to every state arts agency staff and council member, so take advantage of the team discounts.
- **Learn new ideas and skills that you can adapt to your work.** Hear the latest ideas and innovations from inside and outside of the state arts agency field. [Briefings](#), [workshops](#) and [provocative speakers and performers](#) will address a wide range of current issues and offer informative and participatory learning experiences.
- **Get inspired.** Stimulate your own creative thinking and enthusiasm, and learn how to inspire others to recognize (and invest in!) the essential work of state arts agencies.
- **The entire assembly benefits from your participation.** Every individual has unique perspectives and valuable experiences to share. By participating in the conference, you enhance the learning and networking opportunities available to all.
- Enjoy lots of **art**, lots of **fun**, and experience **the unique culture of Chattanooga, Tennessee!**

TRAVEL JUSTIFICATION TIPS

NASAA can help members make the case for participation in Assembly 2008.

- This is a national policy forum in which every single state and jurisdiction is represented. NASAA's meetings shape public policies that affect every state, and our state needs to have a voice in the proceedings.
- NASAA conferences are a unique opportunity to bring national visibility to the work of our agency/program and to promote the cultural assets of our state.
- NASAA is the only organization dedicated exclusively to the needs and interests of state arts agencies. The training and information provided at NASAA conferences enhance my

ability to serve the citizens of our state by addressing my unique policy, planning, management and leadership development needs.

- Participation in this event will help me better determine how our agency/program can contribute to our state's economic vitality, educational excellence and community development priorities.
- Our state receives significant federal dollars, including funds to the state arts agency and funds to many other key organizations. Joining the National Endowment for the Arts staff at this convention helps me establish and maintain productive funding relationships that benefit our state as a whole.
- The participation of multiple staff and volunteers is essential. One individual alone cannot adequately represent our state, nor secure all of the vital information that will be shared in the more than 25 sessions that will be taking place.

Furthermore, NASAA can offer a variety of flexible options for processing registration and travel expenses. Contact dennis.dewey@nasaa-arts.org for additional information.