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*66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013*



## **Education Committee**

Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00pm-5:00pm

Chair: Idaho Senator Dean Mortimer

Vice Chair: Nevada Assemblywoman Marilyn Dondero Loop

**2:00pm**

### **Welcome and Opening Comments**

Senator Dean Mortimer  
Idaho Legislature

### **Overview of Education in the Western States**

Dr. Scott Norton  
Director of Standards, Assessments and Accountability  
Council of Chief State School Officers

**2:30pm**

### **Preschool Education**

Moderator:  
Assemblywoman Marilyn Dondero Loop  
Nevada Legislature

Jim Squires  
Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)

Nan Vendegna  
Director, Colorado Preschool Program, Colorado Department of Education

Kelli Bohanon  
Assistant Director, Partnership and Collaboration  
Washington State Department of Early Learning

**3:45pm**

### **Rigorous Academic Standards and Assessment Systems**

Moderator:  
Senator Arnie Roblan  
Oregon Legislature

Cindy Sharp  
Director of the Office of Assessment, Program Accountability, and Curriculum  
Nevada Department of Education

Michael Gilligan  
Vice President, Strategic Initiatives  
Achieve

**5:00pm**

### **Adjourn**