**NARPM® 2019 Convention Program Sub-Committee Conference Call**

**February 12, 2019**

Present: Pete Howlett Sarah Turocy Trent Ratliff

Brent Brockbank Joi Walker Dawn Ostovich

 Carla Earnest Brooke Doty

Carla Earnest reported that the workshop Call for Presentations has been emailed out for the first time and that we have received 5 submissions to date. The graphics department will upload the submissions to a page on the NARPM website and the program committee will have a link that they can use to access the documents for review.

Pete Howlett reported that he has spoken to NARPM President Eric Wetherington who has detailed his vision for the speakers in an email to Pete and Pete will share this with the committee. Pete also emphasized the need for the sub-committee to begin to review paid speaker options. He asked everyone to access the [www.nationalspeakers.com](http://www.nationalspeakers.com) website and look at the topic list. Everyone reviewed the list and chose the topics that they thought would be appropriate at the convention. Members of the committee selected the following topics to research and report back to the committee:

Joi Walker – Branding and Humor/Motivation

Trent Ratliff – Business Growth and Management

Bret Brockbank – Strategy and Team Building

Dawn Ostovich – Communication Skills and Time Management

Sara Turocy – Marketing and Networking

Pete Howlett – Negotiation, Social Media and Stress Management

The committee members will review potential speakers in these topic areas focusing on those with fees in the $10K to $20K range. Members will then communicate via email to the group the speakers they think will be good and include a link to their speaking clips. The sub-committee will then review these options and be prepared to start “whittling” down the selection at the next program call.

The sub-committee reviewed the workshop topic list that Pete had sent prior to the call and either agreed, deleted or added session ideas. This list will be used to review the appropriateness of call for presentation submissions.

The next program sub-committee conference call is scheduled for March 12, 2019 at Noon Eastern and 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Carla will send an Outlook invitation.