



Memorandum of Understanding between NASPAA and CANSPPA Regarding General Cooperation

Introduction

This document outlines an aspirational cooperative agreement between the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) and the China-Arab Network of Schools of Public Policy & Administration (CANSPPA) regarding the promotion of high-quality public service education and research and the enhanced capacity and image of public service professionals.

Rationale

NASPAA and CANSPPA share an interest in promoting high-quality public service education, supporting the interests of their respective member programs and schools, and in ensuring that public service professionals possess the knowledge and skills to address complex social challenges. In an environment of scarce resources and increased global interdependencies, it is in the interests of both associations and their member programs to have association leaders communicate regularly about shared concerns and interests and to identify and pursue opportunities for collaborative efforts to address mutual interests.

Background

NASPAA and CANSPPA share a common interest in improving and promoting public service education. NASPAA was formed in 1970 to advance quality in public affairs education and to promote the ideals of public service. CANSPPA was launched in 2023 as a nonprofit academic network that fosters sustained educational and research collaboration among Chinese and Arab institutions in public policy and administration. Both NASPAA and CANSPPA host annual conferences, during which association leaders could meet to establish policies and priorities and members share information on issues, challenges and innovations in the areas of program administration, teaching and research.

In recognition of increasing global interdependencies and the internationalization of programs and associations, this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to outline the relationship between NASPAA and CANSPPA to encourage communication and cooperation.

Proposed Terms of General Cooperation

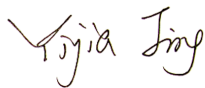
In recognition of the benefits of general cooperation, NASPAA and CANSPPA agree to the following for the term of this Memorandum of Understanding:

- Both NASPAA and CANSPPA pledge that, as often as possible, at least one member of the association leadership (president, vice-president, executive director or other designee) will attend the annual conference of the other association;
- NASPAA and CANSPPA pledge to create opportunities for the designated representative of the other association to participate formally as part of the annual conference program;
- NASPAA and CANSPPA agree to provide a complimentary conference registration to one designated leader of the other association on an annual basis, if budget permits;
- NASPAA and CANSPPA agree to schedule time during the annual conference for association leaders to meet to discuss prospects for additional collaboration. This scheduled time may be in the form of a private meeting or by having the guest participate in a portion of the governing body meeting of the host association;
- NASPAA and CANSPPA agree to distribute to their respective members information regarding each other's annual conference and other activities;
- NASPAA and CANSPPA agree to explore working together to find and possibly secure external funding in support of activities and projects that would serve the mutual interests of both associations.

This is an agreement between the two associations, and not between individuals or member schools or programs. This document is non-binding and shall not be construed as a legal contract. This agreement is subject to review by the participating organizations and may be terminated at any time by either organization. This agreement shall remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of signing below and may be renewed.

Signatures:

On behalf of CANSPPA

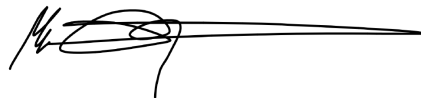


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President

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On behalf of NASPAA



Mohamad G. Alkadry
2024-2025 President

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