



“Wage and hour laws ensure that workers are paid the wages they have earned, and law-abiding employers can compete on a level playing field. Through this committee, we have the ability to network and meet other state workforce employees with similar positions and discuss promising practices.”



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Commissioner
Maine Department
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Former W&H Chair

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WAGE & HOUR COMMITTEE

The NASWA Wage & Hour (W&H) Committee provides a forum for state employees charged with enforcing wage and hour laws to share promising practices and make policy recommendations to U.S. Department of Labor and federal lawmakers.

COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

Share Promising Practices. Through meetings, calls, and a SharePoint site, participate in informed discussions about wage and hour and learn about the promising practices implemented by other state workforce agencies and partners.

Strengthen Relationships with Federal and State Partners. Maintain a critical line of communication between state workforce agencies and the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour division.

Advise and Communicate with NASWA Board of Directors.

Recommend legislative priorities and alert the NASWA Board of Directors of changes in policy or operations that impact the states.

Collaborate with NASWA Committees. Promote awareness of wage and hour requirements with other NASWA groups and Committees.

Respond to Policy Proposals. Provide recommendations and comments on policy proposals from federal and state governments.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The NASWA W&H Committee generally holds one in-person meeting and three teleconference calls each Association Year. The Committee educates the workforce system on important wage and hour opportunity initiatives and current issues through its work and presentations at NASWA's annual conferences and meetings.

MEMBER RESOURCES

SharePoint Site Member-only discussion board and resource library

Member Contact List

State Shared Resources Presentations, templates and training materials

You can access these resources with a member account login on the [W&H Committee pages](#) of the [NASWA website](#).

JOIN THE COMMITTEE

NASWA Administrators are required to submit an email request to appoint staff to NASWA Committees. Appointments to the NASWA W&H Committee can be emailed to naswa@naswa.org. Please include the appointed staff contact information and specify the NASWA W&H Committee.