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The Annual Silent Auction Charity was a
success. Proceeds will be donated to
the Children's Beach House.

Need for 2009 Conference Committee Members

Would you like to be a member of the
conference committee for 2009 in San
Diego? If so, please send Elizabeth
Touhey an email at
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her at 916-552-9615.

The Conference Subcommittees include:
Budget and Finance
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2008 Annual NAME Conference

NAME held its 2008 Annual Conference in Philadelphia at the Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing. NAME once again started off with a pre-conference Academy held the day before the official commencement of the conference. Once again, it was met with resounding success.

The actual conference, "A Heritage of Service in Medicaid and Special Education" was well attended, despite the economic crisis and inability to get agency funding in order to attend. We were pleased Secretary of Education, Valerie Woodruff and David Michalik came to welcome NAME attendees.

NAME hosted a very impressive group of General Session Speakers, including Representatives from the American Association of School Administrators, the Department of Health Policy of the George Washington University School of Public Health Services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, NYS Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. New, relevant, often critical information and perspectives were in evidence.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has reported that they have completed most of the responses from their session and they are currently undergoing an internal review prior to being released. We can anticipate the response to most of the questions by the end of November/early December and will post these on the NAME website.

There were also a number of fantastic breakout and nugget sessions. The material from all these highly informative and focused presentations are posted on our website at: www.medicaidforeducation.org

2008 Conference Evaluation

NAME's Conference Committee needs your in-pu and advice regarding what went well and what needs improvement so that next years conference can be even more impressive and relevant. Your feed-back is taken very seriously. Improvements seen in this year's conference reflect last years survey content. If you attended, please click on the link below, on or before November 15, 2008, to complete our survey. Some of the early evaluations indicate the CMS panel was a hit, the nuggets should be five minutes longer.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=RJWV4G_2f8BEvYBdC90aBoTQ_3d_3d

School districts miss out on Medicaid cash

Schenectady New York's *The Daily Gazette* has reported that an audit by the state comptroller's office found that several New York school districts have failed to claim at least \$3.1 million. Click [here](#) to see the full article.

NAME and CMS Establish Dialogue...Next Steps

In August 2008, two members of the NAME Governmental Affairs Committee met with four CMS representatives in Baltimore, Maryland. The discussion at this first meeting was limited to NAME's mission and CMS presentations at the NAME conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Preliminary plans have been developed to meet with CMS in Baltimore in early December to discuss the Question & Answer responses from the NAME conference, as well as any questions or issues that are outstanding.

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