

**NASBLA ENGINEERING, REPORTING AND ANALYSIS COMMITTEE (ERAC)
THURSDAY March 12, 2026 — MEETING of the FULL COMMITTEE**

**MARRIOTT CITY CENTER – Grand Ballroom E
121 West Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507**

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – All times shown are Eastern Daylight

- 8 a.m. ERAC call to order / setting the stage for the day’s work and remainder of cycle**
- Welcome; opening remarks; attendee introductions (on-site and remote – remote participants in other time zones will be acknowledged as they join in); housekeeping matters
 - Goals for **this** meeting
 - Agenda adjustments (including addition of topics from any members)
 - Recap of ERAC-relevant issues and topics that emerged from announcements, discussions, presentations, or strategic planning activity at the NASBLA Executive Board meeting (March 9) and/or State RBS Workshop (March 10-11) --- some topics will be explored in more detail later in the day

9 a.m. Working through the [2026 Charges](#) and Other Committee Activities (continues at 1 p.m.)

- **Monitor/act on USCG policy development** (IR&A 2026 Extension)
 - Recap of activity this cycle, to date; any regulatory/policy actions on the horizon?
- **2026 NRBSS – monitor USCG/NORC activity** (S&R 2026-1)
 - Review of recent activity - launch, promotion, next steps; additional assistance needed?
- **Lighthouse maintenance and ERAC product placement** (K&CM 2026-1)
 - Discussion / idea generation! – addressing three challenges:
 - Getting users in the door: How do we make potential users better aware of what resources are available there and for what purposes? How do we show the value of products there to potential users as a motivator?
 - Finding their way around: Once inside, how do we make it easier for them to find those resources? Can we improve searchability?
 - Getting users to talk to each other, building community: How can we foster community engagement and ongoing discussion?
- **Best practices development—incident reporting** (IR&A 2026-1)
 - Priorities discussion / review and selection of product(s), tool(s), guidance to complete this cycle.
 - Desperately seeking resolution! – what does “vessel ownership” really mean for incident reporting purposes? – how do we craft meaningful, common definitions for “owned,” “borrowed,” “rented” vessels?

Noon – 12:50 p.m. LUNCH – buffet in foyer -- [Be in the room for a 1 p.m. restart!](#)

1 p.m. Working through the [2026 Charges](#) and Other Committee Activities (continued from morning)

- **Reporting system redesign –incident reporting** (IR&A 2026-2)
 - Recap of workshop presentation/feedback from attendees on BARD redesign.
 - Exploring the conceptual framework – demo/discussions with Ethan Brininger and Paul Kali (NIWC).
 - Next steps for ERAC in the process.

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- **Distraction data collection and evaluation (IR&A 2026-3)**
 - Status update – rundown of participating states/interested states – how much data is being collected and what do we already know?
 - Can we develop “hypotheses”/questions that states can use to analyze their data?

- **NASBLA’s Strategic Plan – how does ERAC fit in?**
 - Recap of workshop discussions on draft plan (slides will be posted to meeting materials).
 - What tactics/actions on ERAC’s part already or could potentially fit under the goals?
 - Can the committee recommend any other tactics or actions to complement the goals?

**Approx.
3:30 p.m.**

Other Updates / Topics for Committee Consideration

What Did We Agree to Today?

- Recap of action items, timelines, assignments through end of 2026 cycle.

Taking the Long View

- What is the future of the committee? What are our collective challenges and opportunities?
- Suggestions for improvements to communications, volunteer service, recruitment and orientation of members, committee structure, etc.

NLT 5 p.m.

Adjourn