



Nancy Crimmin, Region I Vice President

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Discussion Items

*** Thank you to the NASPA staff for their attention and diligence in addressing the concerns regarding the previous email system. The updates are working very well and are a huge improvement!*

Action Items

There are no action items within my report that require a Board motion or Board vote during the meeting.

Goal A: To provide professional development to our members through the creation and dissemination of high quality experiences, information and exemplary models of practice.

Vermont

- **Sophie Blanco** (University of Vermont) and **John Maggs** (Castleton State College) have been appointed Co-Directors to fill the remaining year term for State Director.
- They are actively seeking representatives for the state membership for their Board and have recently completed a Vermont State NASPA Facebook page.
- They are working on starting a book discussion club via conference call, which will make it easier for the northern and southern schools to connect.

Connecticut

- State Director **Cheryl Barnard** (St. Joseph College) reports two events occurred in CT during the month of December. The first was entitled "How I Meet My Career" which was attended by approximately 30 undergraduate students in the state. The conference which was graciously hosted by Quinnipiac University, and provided students who had an interest in student affairs with personal stories from current student affairs professionals about how they found their way into the profession, the types of positions available within student affairs and how one goes about getting their foot in the door via graduate school or non-master level positions. Feedback on the event was excellent and the State Board feels that this will become a yearly event. The second event held in December was a Holiday Social which was held in the Hartford area.
- During January, the State Board is hosting two programs to assist NASPA members in getting ready for the National Conference and the Placement Exchange. The State Board is reviewing resumes of anyone in the state who would like to have another pair of "eyes" look at their materials. To date we have had 13 resumes submitted and reviewed. This service ends on February 1st. On February 12, the State will be hosting a Mock Placement Exchange (MPE). The goal of MPE is to have candidates relieve some fears that come with attending a national search including the setup, the day, the time commitments. The participants will have the chance to have numerous mock interviews for types of positions that they are thinking about applying for, and get good feedback on what they are doing well and areas for improvement.

Massachusetts

- State Director **Laura De Veau** (Mount Ida College) reports the state meeting at the NASPA Region I program was a tremendous success with over 300 in attendance. The meeting ran smoothly, was seen as informative and was utilized to gain feedback for future programs and initiatives. The highlight was our state awards program where we recognized four of the state's most outstanding professionals and the program of the year.
- In the first week of February, we offered a drive-in on the topic "the changing landscape in college mental health". Despite being held after what seemed to be our umpteenth snow storm of the season, we had over 20 mental health and student affairs professionals in attendance. The tone of the summit was casual and informative, and we're compiling feedback to keep the momentum going on furthering the dialogue regarding this topic.

- MA NASPA is organizing a TPE preparation event to be held on Saturday, February 26 at Mount Ida College. This will be an all-day event that will allow for graduate students and new professionals to learn about the TPE program as well as participate in mock interviews and resume critiques a few weeks prior to TPE in Philadelphia.

Maine

- State Director **Jennifer DeBurro** (University of New England) reports an 'End of Semester' Social was hosted by the Maine Association of Student Affairs Professionals (MASAP) on December 18th at Sebago Brewing Company in South Portland. The event proved a relaxing break from both the activity on our campuses as well as the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations! Future social events will include a night at the Maine Roller Derby on February 12th and an evening of bowling (date to be determined) which will be geared specifically towards new professionals and graduate students. The addition of a Maine Student Affairs Social page to Facebook has permitted a new avenue through which such events are being advertised.
- Two events geared towards undergraduate students took place during the month of January, one hosted by the University of Maine Orono and the other by the University of New England. The UMaine event, which drew 193 students, featured keynote speaker Joe Urbanski of Collegiate Empowerment. The event at UNE drew 146 participants and featured keynote speaker Nicholas Mirabello of URock Marketing. Both events included break out sessions and networking opportunities.
- A recent survey of professionals in Maine indicated that there is an interest in reflecting on the role Student Affairs plays on our respective campuses and how we are, or can be, communicating about and advocating for the work we do throughout the rest of the academy. As a result, MASAP's annual spring summit, which is tentatively slated to take place on April 15th, will address this issue. Our featured speaker and summit schedule will be released shortly.

New Hampshire

- State Director **Tim Keefe (Plymouth State University)** sends greetings from the cold, snowy mountains of New Hampshire! For those schools with winter terms, the semester has just gotten started and the action is fast and furious. We have a number of new folks who have expressed interest in "getting involved" with NASPA, many thanks to our State meeting at the Regional Conference.
- Calls for nomination have just gone out for the State Director's position in New Hampshire. Anyone who would like to learn more is encouraged to contact the current State Director, Tim Keefe, Dean of Students at Plymouth State University at (603) 535-2206 or timk@plymouth.edu.
- The "KISSA" program is gaining momentum (Keep It Simple Student Affairs), with schools inviting colleagues to join them at their respective institutions for professional development opportunities, such as speakers, webinars, etc. It's great to see collaboration and cost savings with this simple approach.

Rhode Island

- State Director **Judy Kawamoto** (Bryant University) reports this past fall saw several great things in the Ocean State. An updated membership directory was developed and distributed electronically to the membership
- A successful "Partnership for the Future" shadowing program was implemented in October.
- Rhode Island had nominations in every category this year for our state awards, which was an improvement over last year!
- They also hosted a Holiday Social on December 9, and had 25 – 30 people in attendance. It was a really great way to end the semester, and of course the food at Johnson & Wales was fantastic!! They also collected 20 blankets that were donated to Camp Street Community Ministries in Providence.
- The members of the Rhode Island Advisory Board recently participated in a conference call, and we will be meeting on Friday, February 11th at Bryant University to plan future events and opportunities for the state membership. We have a few new members on our Advisory Board; the current membership is below:

Rajesh Bellani, Associate Provost/Dean of Students, Rhode Island School of Design

John Denio, Associate Dean/Director of Residence Life, Bryant University

Evans Erius, Community Director, Brown University

Jennifer Jensen, Assistant Dean of Students, Salve Regina University
Megan Kielty, Graduate Student, University of Rhode Island
Kristen Salemi, Director of Student Union, Rhode Island College
Jen Stanley, Director of Residence Life and Women's Center, Roger Williams University
Jeanine Went, Director New Student Orientation and Support Programs, Johnson & Wales

Canada

- Provincial Director **Jana Luker** (McGill University) is expanding the community outreach component of Student Services through a Community Action Toolkit (CAT) and Hidden Gems project. CAT helps students to become involved in meaningful ongoing issues within Montreal. Hidden Gems matches students with community elders, in order to create radio plays based on those elders' lives.
- Mental Health Services' Eating Disorder Program (EDP) is continuing to grow and maintains its position as a groundbreaking program within a University setting.
- Plans are in the making for a Leadership Centre within Student Services. It would expand students' opportunities for leadership development, a serious asset in today's society. Also under consideration is a Staff-in-Residence program with Housing & Residences for fall 2011, to expand mentorship and leadership opportunities within the Residence setting.

KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES

Co-coordinators: Lauri Sidelko (University of Maine, Orono) & **Jen Stanley** (Roger Williams University)

- Working on filling vacated KC positions for Veteran's Affairs and Latino/a
- KC Initiatives that happened at the regional conference in Manchester:
 - KC leaders hosted a KC information booth throughout the conference
 - Many KCs offered educational sessions for their constituencies
 - Multiple KCs submitted a donation to the Silent Auction
 - KC leaders wore buttons that said "KC Ask Me"
 - KC leaders were provided updated membership rosters on Jan. 24th
 - Working with KC leaders to identify ways to recognize and thank KC participants/leadership teams
- KC Co-coordinators are working to set expectations with KC leaders about their regional commitments and responsibilities - attending quarterly board meetings, having a presence (either personally or through KC leadership team) at the Regional Conference, disseminating a minimum of 2 pieces of knowledge annually to their KC, attending the summer retreat, meeting deadlines with KC reports.

African American Concerns KC

Rep: Austin Ashe, Quinnipiac University

- Austin is continuing to recruit professionals to be a part of AAKC leadership team and to find opportunities to involve AAKC leadership to deliver quality professional and personal development opportunities to Region I.
- He is hoping to deliver the first AAKC newsletter by May 1, 2011 and identify an easy way for Region I members to submit materials for AAKC newsletter. He is also going to utilize social media to encourage more discourse about AAKC related issues
- Upcoming Programs include April 15, 2011: "*American Students and Families: How do colleges and Universities work to purposely and successfully engage these co constituents?*" – Drive in conference at UMass Dartmouth. TBD 2011: "*Diversity Affairs Best Practices Swap Meet: Building Coalitions on Campus and in the Community- Drive in conference* - * Site not yet determined

Alcohol and Other Drugs KC

Rep: Tracey Pakstis-Claiborne, Assumption College

- Tracey reports that she is starting to put together spring round table on best practices for April/May and a Facebook page is coming soon.

Asian/Pacific Islanders KC

Rep: Kevin Gin, Berklee College of Music

- Goals: Create social media and networking sites to disseminate current research, trends and case studies via centralized websites; Create contact lists and resources for API undergraduates who are interested in mentors, contacts and networking at institutions within the region; encourage and promote participation at the APPEX Pre-Conference in Philly.
- Upcoming Programs include the APPEX Pre-Conference at NASPA National in Philly, titled "Breaking Boundaries, Sharing Discoveries, (Re)defining Purpose". This program will delve into a day exploring themes relating to API immigration, community organizing, and an exploration of personal and cultural histories regarding their impact on higher education.
- New intended methods of disseminating knowledge to the KC members and new ways of connecting to each other and students (both undergrad and grad) are listed in the goals for this upcoming year. The hope is that online media and centralized webpage postings will be a place to better disseminate information and links to current API trends in the field without requiring heavy time commitments from the membership.

Campus Safety KC

Rep: Jason Pina, University of Rhode Island

- This semester I am hoping to reach out to KC members in a formal manner and design a structure that will meet members' long term needs.
- On March 2nd, our KC is cosponsoring with ASCA a brown bag event on student handbooks. We will be discussing various topics including: printing versus web-based, mid-cycle revisions, distribution, legal climate, and FIRE responses. Flyers will be sent out on January 31st.
- In early April, we plan to host a program tentatively titled "Law Enforcement and Higher Education: A Partnership in Prevention." The program is design to highlight campus safety officers' perspective on working with Student Affairs professionals. The program will include sessions on crises communication, collaborative on investigation, improving relationships, and town-gown challenges and opportunities.

Disability KC

Eileen Berger, Harvard graduate School of Education

- Eileen presented a session at the Region I conference on Disability Issues- Cross Campus Collaboration with Neal Lipsitz. She was also a panel member on another program entitled, "*The Only One in the Room.*"
- She is also planning a symposium for April 8 2011 at Harvard Graduate School of Education that is co-sponsored by NASPA along with a disability art exhibit. She is also collaborating with the Colleges of the Fenway Disability administrators for professional development sessions with Susan Mayo from Emmanuel College.

Fraternity and Sorority KC

Rep: Kimberlee Monteaux, University of Vermont

- Kimberlee will reach out again to new mailing list and only one member has showed interest in assisting with the FSKC. She is also working to plan a drive in for summer and create Facebook group for more regular communication and marketing.

GLBT Issues KC

Rep: Matthew Blocker, University of Hartford

- The Region I KC has worked on restructuring the leadership within their leadership team. They have moved to a structure with Coordinators such as: Membership, Educational Programs, Social Programs, Communication, and Policy and Advocacy. They felt this would better suit the KC and mission.
- The team is in the process of creating a webinar on mental health issues regarding GLBT topics and working to collaborate on a Drive In Conference covering different identities and focusing on GLBT identity and people of color.
- The team is currently meeting bi-weekly over conference-call to plan and update their leadership team as they move along in the planning process for the Spring Semester.

Health in Higher Education KC

Rep: Todd Porter, UMass-Amherst

- HHEKC is currently working on co-sponsoring a webinar with the GLBTCK around issues of mental health and sexual orientation. This is in response to much of the national outcry regarding the heightened awareness of LGBT youth suicide. We have contacted a presenter, and are now just trying to solidify a date.
- Upcoming goals for this semester/year: to closely monitor the changes in the health care bill and do education regarding how this will impact students. I am also looking at doing something regarding the differences in mental health care at small colleges and how to offer development opportunities for non-health educators that still work in student affairs/

Men & Masculinities KC

Rep: Vu Tran, University of Vermont

- The MMKC is supporting Men Can Stop Rape in a survey of colleges and universities who have programming geared towards college men. We hope to have a summary of institutions in Region I that have men's programming.
- Sponsored an impromptu meeting after the MMKC co-sponsored workshop at NASPA Region I.
- We are looking to sponsor article discussions, where we send out hot topic articles on the topics of masculinities and men's issues and discuss them via conference call. There are many opportunities to co-sponsor with other KCs on different topic focuses.

Latino/a KC

Rep: Raul Fernandez, Boston University

- Raul reports that the New England Latino Student Leadership Conference will be hosted at the University of Vermont, April 2-3, 2011. The contact for the event is Tomas Sanchez (tsanchez@uvm.edu).

International Education KC

Rep: Gin Schaffer, Boston University

- A key goal of the Region I IEKC is to provide a forum for NASPA Region I members to engage with their colleagues to address global issues related to student affairs.
- The main upcoming program for the Region I IEKC is the 2011 international conference, "Si possiamo!: Integrating Residential Communities in International Environments" to be held June 2-4, 2011 at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland.
 - Through the use of interest surveys and meetings at the Region I conference in Manchester, NH, Gin created a conference planning committee for the Switzerland conference.
 - Gin submitted a "Call for Programs" announcement for the Region I February newsletter regarding the 2011 conference, "Si possiamo!: Integrating Residential Communities in International Environments" to be held June 2-4, 2011 at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland.
 - In addition, the Region I IEKC membership is being encouraged to participate in NASPA's 16th International Symposium in Philadelphia.
- Gin has contacted 4 identified programs to submit IEKC Best Practices nominations on behalf of Region I for NASPA's 16th International Symposium in Philadelphia.
- Gin and **Yvette Lancaster** (Boston University), will present, "Language Link: Connecting Residential, Academic, and Cultural Communities" during NASPA's 16th International Symposium in Philadelphia.

New Professionals and Graduate Students

Rep: Jenn Kosses, Wentworth Institute of Technology

- **Jenn Kosses** (Wentworth Institute of Technology) is working with **Laura DeVeau** (Mount Ida College), **Yvette Lancaster** (Boston University) and **Joseph Ginese** (Nichols College) on running the 3rd Annual New Professionals Mentoring Institute. The sessions will take place on February 24th, April 28th, May 19th, and June 23rd. The committee decided to postpone the first session due to weather which was supposed to take place on January 27th. We currently have 12 new professionals in the Institute from across the region. Topics for this year include: the mentor/mentee relationship, professionalism, social media, campus culture and case studies. The session will occur at the College of the Holy Cross and Bridgewater State College.

- Jenn has received funding from the KC Coordinators to offer a scholarship for the National Conference registration. If additional funding is secured from the Advisory Board then the application will be sent out the first week of February.
- Jenn is working with the Massachusetts State Advisory Board on a TPE event for graduate students. The event will take place on February 26th at Mount Ida College from 9 am to 4 pm. The day will include panels about placement, a keynote, mock interviews and a resume critique.

Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC

Rep: Shawn McQuillan, University of Hartford

- The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC will begin planning a possible spring drive in conference.
- The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC is currently working on developing a newsletter article for the NASPA Region I newsletter this semester.
- The KC representative will be making contact with all KC members based off of the new membership list to solicit ideas and suggestions for programs and activities again.

Student Affairs Development and External Relations KC

Rep: Dan Doerr, University of Connecticut

- For the spring semester a series of sessions will be set up using GoToMeeting. They will be designed to share information and practices among those who are interested in, or have responsibility for, student affairs development. While topics will likely emerge organically the focus will start with identifying where people are with their efforts at their campuses and looking at the continuum of friend raising and fund raising.

Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs KC

Rep: Rebecca H. Newell, Middlesex Community College

- On December 8, 2010, in conjunction with the Association for Student Conduct Administrators, the Region I SAPAA KC co-sponsored a workshop entitled *Conduct in the Classroom* which focused on best practices for collaborating with faculty on issues relating to behavioral disruptions as well as academic violations. The conversation was lively as attendees struggled with similar concerns and were eager for suggestions. The dialogue was facilitated by NASPA's Sara Iszard, Associate Dean at Babson College who is a respected professional in this area of Student Affairs. Twenty people from across Massachusetts and Maine registered for this program which included a luncheon and was hosted by Middlesex Community College.

Student Leadership Programs KC

Rep: Brian Quinlan, Annamaria College

- Brian is continuing to utilize social media for outreach to KC members. The use of twitter/Facebook has enabled the SLP-KC to connect with people on a regular bases about a large variety of topics
- He is also continuing to brand the KC using marketing give-a-ways (draw string bags at the regional conference), and emails to KC members of SLP related topics.
- Currently in the planning stages of co-sponsoring a MA-NASPA Placement Exchange for late March. We would gear this event toward graduate students and new professionals.

Sustainability Region KC

Rep: Stephen Nason, Unity College

- Stephen's sustainability program, "You Can't Manage What You Don't Measure" was presented at the Region I fall conference in Manchester and was well received.
- Stephen has submitted a sustainability article, *Unity Student Passive House: Transforming the Approach to Student Housing* to both the Region I February newsletter and to the national Sustainability KC February newsletter.
- Stephen has reached out to the Region I members interested in the sustainability KC welcoming them, providing some sustainability resources and links, and asking them what they want from their sustainability KC.

Parent and Family Relations KC

Rep: Angela Watson, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

- Angela continues to work to submit articles/announcements to the newsletters and has reached out the KC members for additional support. To date, Angela has not received any additional support from membership of the KC.
- The PFRKC website continues to be updated and most recently the joint Parent/Family Relations and African American Knowledge Community drive-in conference registration and conference information has been posted for potential participants. The Call for Programs for the joint conference has been included in the most recent newsletters and on the KC webpage. Both the PFR and AAC Knowledge Community continue to work together to identify conference presenters.

Women in Student Affairs KC

Rep: Beth Moriarty, Bridgewater State College

- Beth Moriarty and Tara Rupp coordinated the Panel of Listeners Program at the Regional Conference in NH in November. 12 pairs of seasoned women and new professionals were matched prior to the conference and met during a conference session. In addition seven new professionals came to the session and were matched on the spot.
- Region I WISA successfully partnered with Region II WISA and NEACUHO to sponsor the Women's Winter Renewal Retreat on January 7th at the College of New Rochelle. Thirty women participated in the retreat which focused on women supporting and caring for one another. The keynote speakers focused on how to turn negatives into positives. Additionally there were sessions on "Taking time to Take Care of Ourselves", Women in Student Affairs" and "Managing Your life and Career with Graceful Strength. Finally there was a panel of seasoned women leaders in student affairs who offered participants insights on a variety of issues including managing your supervisor and balancing career and family.
- The KC submitted an article for the December issue of the Region I newsletter called: *A Graduate Student "Climbs to New Heights" At NASPA's Region I Conference*. The article was written by Katie Julian from the University of Vermont.
- The KC submitted an article for the November issue of the Region I newsletter called: *Female Supervisors: Rising to the Challenge*. The article was written by Kristin Pierce from Stonehill College.

OTHER NASPA REGION I INITIATIVES

Regional Vice President Report

Nancy Crimmin, Assumption College

- As the first year of the current two year term comes to an end, Nancy will be conducting an assessment of Board members participation and commitment to their obligations to the Board, their leadership teams and constituents. This will be done in conjunction with the KC Coordinators, **Lauri Sidelko** (University of Maine, Orono) **Jen Stanley** (Roger Williams University) and the Board Secretary, **Allison Gill** (Merrimack College). This effort is important to ensure quality work on behalf of the region is ongoing and effective and that we maintain an active group of volunteers.
- After review of the Conference Review task Force Report (listed separately below) submitted by chair of the committee, Member-At-Large for Region I, **Rich DeCapua** (Suffolk University), Nancy has accepted the recommendations and referred the results to the current conference chair and the past conference chair for consideration. One recommendation to move the Awards position from the Advisory Board to a permanent Conference Committee position has been implemented. Other recommendations are under consideration for the 2011 conference.
- Nancy is reviewing recommendation from **Shawn DeVeau**, current SSAO Liaison for the Advisory Board and 2009 conference chair for the site of the 2012 regional conference. Locations under consideration are: Newport, RI, Mystic, CT and Hartford, CT.
- Nancy is currently seeking a Membership Coordinator for the Advisory Board.

Past RVP Report

Pauline Dobrowski, Stonehill College

- During the regional conference, Pauline worked with Shelby Summers Ballard, the Volunteer Coordinator, to promote volunteering within NASPA, both during and after the conference. Pauline then followed up via email

with all those who volunteered their time during the conference to thank them for their contributions to the organization and to encourage them to contact her if they would like to volunteer in the future. For those who responded with continued interest, Pauline worked to connect them with folks who might be able to best provide opportunities for them.

- Pauline recently participated in a conference call with Judy Albin, National Volunteer Coordinator, Joey DeSanto from the NASPA National Office, and the other Regional Volunteer Coordinators regarding the new NASPA Volunteer Database. During this call, Judy and Joey provided an overview of the database, which is not yet available to the general membership, and solicited feedback from the regional coordinators. Pauline will present information regarding database at the January Regional Advisory Board meeting and will be working to respond to volunteer requests from the general membership once the database goes live.

Conference Review task Force

Chair: Member-At-Large, Rich DeCapua (Suffolk University)

- In the spring of 2010, Regional Vice President (RVP) **Nancy Crimmin** (Assumption College) formed a task force and charged them with examining the annual Region 1 conference. This group was chaired by **Richard DeCapua**, (Suffolk University), Member-at-Large for Region 1. Those asked to participate in this taskforce represented a cross section of the region. Participants have both experiences on regional or national conference committees, as well as, experience in conference planning within other student affairs associations.
- The goal of this group was to answer the following questions:
 - What aspects of the conference work well and efficiently?
 - What aspects of the conference need to be enhanced or modified?
 - How might the governance structure of the conference committee need to change to maximize conference planning and volunteer opportunities?
 - How might the proposed NASPA/ACPA consolidation affect conference planning for the future?
- The full report can be found at the end of this document.
- The results and recommendations from the task force were presented to the full Advisory Board at their January meeting in combination with the 2011 Regional Conference Committee.

Region I Conference

Jennifer Michael, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

- **Jennifer Michael** (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) has assembled the 2011 conference committee. The Region I conference will be held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts from November 13th to November 16th.
- Conference members include: **Jenn Kosses** (MCPHS) past chair, **Shawn DeVeau** as SSAO Liaison, **Dan Brown** (Quinnipiac University) as programs and pre-conference chair, **Jacqueline Newcomb** (Brown University) as treasurer, **Henry Parkinson** (Fitchburg State University) as registration chair, **Elissa Carroll** (Fairfield University) as entertainment and a/v chair, **Shelby Summers Ballard** (University of Hartford) as evaluations, volunteers and interns chair, **Peter Wiernicki** (Stonehill College) as corporate sponsor chair, **Jet Goldberg** (Southern New Hampshire University) as secretary, **Greg Jones** (Brandeis University) as local arrangements, **Ted Zito** (Assumption College) as SALT chair, **Jaime Costello** (Massachusetts College of Art and Design) silent auction, **Patrick Hale** (UVM) publications and publicity and **briana Sevigny** (Johnson & Wales University) awards coordinator.

The Mid-Level Institute

Peter Fowler, Wentworth Institute of Technology

- Mid-Level Institute Chair **Peter Fowler** (Wentworth Institute of Technology) reports applications for the 2011 Mid-Level Institute are being accepted through January 28, 2011. The planning team is planning for a class of 20 participants.
- The dates for this year's institute are March 24th at Babson College (MA), April 15th at Southern Maine Community College (ME), May 19th at University of Connecticut (CT), and June 10th at Marlboro College (VT). New to this year's institute is an institutional profile that each participant will complete before the first session and be utilized as a frame of reference for the discussion and activities during each session.

- Approximately 30 people attended the Mid- Level Reception at the Regional Conference, including institute alumni, prospective participants, and presenters.

Undergraduate Liaison

Ted Zito, Assumption College

- Undergraduate Liaison **Ted Zito** (Assumption) reports that the 2010 Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) Conference was held successfully prior to the regional conference in Manchester on Sunday, November 7th through Monday November 8th 2010. 64 undergraduate students attended this year's conference representing 31 of our regional institutions. The conference was well received by participants with 85% of attendees rating their overall experience from good to excellent. This year's conference presenters included faculty from 11 Region I Higher Education graduate programs, Region I Advisory Board members, as well as featured speakers from leaders in our region. Planning for the 2011's SALT Conference in Sturbridge is underway. Ted is also exploring programming opportunities for SALT participants beyond the fall conference.

Goal B: To provide leadership in higher education through policy development and advocacy for students on important international, national, state and local issues.

- Public Policy Division Chair **Ron Herron** (Southern Connecticut State University) continues to keep the advisory board and regional membership updated on issues pertaining to public policy.

Goal C: To promote pluralism, diversity, and internationalism in NASPA and the profession.

- As indicated in Goal A, a number of programs, conferences, and workshops have been held and are currently being planned to address this goal.

Goal D: To provide leadership for promoting, assessing and supporting student learning and development.

- As indicated in Goal A, a number of programs, conferences, and workshops have been held and are currently being planned to address this goal.

Goal E: To maintain, evaluate, and develop a high quality association structure and national office to meet current needs, anticipate future trends, and promote growth.

- Treasurer **Cherie Withrow** (Community College of Rhode Island) continues to work with the national office staff on all financial management processes and reports that the region remains in good financial health.