

NASPA IV-West Advisory Board Meeting
March 3, 2002 - 1:00 p.m.
Sheraton Hotel, Commonwealth Room
Boston, MA

Those attending: Alvarez, Armbrewster, Arnett, Christensen, Covington, Doyle, Gocial, Gonzales, Johnson, Long, Mathew, Mahon, Mullens, Olson, Pena, Perez, Reesor, Reichert, Schneikart-Luebbe, Songer, Stoner, Strom, Tosten, Valdez, and Young.

1. Introductions
2. Review responsibilities for Boston:
 - a. Regional Business Meeting – Monday, March 4th at 5-6 pm, Sheraton - Gardner A&B
 - b. IV-West Reception – Monday, March 4th from 9-11 pm, Sheraton, Suite 1608, North Tower
 - c. NASPA Business Meeting – Tuesday, March 5th at 4:30 p.m.
3. Program Updates
 - a. Mid-Level Institute - June 22-26, 2002 (Tammy Gocial). Report and brochure are attached. Tammy distributed a proposal for 4 partial scholarships. Proposal attached. State coordinators will coordinate the nominations for scholarships. Motion made that proposal be accepted as presented with the exception that the scholarship expenses be taken from the regional budget, not Institute budget. Approved and passed. Regional Conference – November 14-16, 2002 in Kansas City (Ann Eversole)
 - b. Board meeting and Leadership dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 13. KSPC will join the Region IV-West conference in Kansas City.
 - c. Career Fair in Kansas City - Nov. 16 at UMKC (Rosa Cintron/Dick Palm). Will dovetail at the end of the Regional conference.
4. Updates from NASPA Board of Directors Meeting:
 - Role of retirees in the Regions (recognition). National wants these individuals to be recognized regionally for better tracking at both the national & regional levels.
 - Faculty Fellows program was introduced. A task force has been formed to look at communication channels between the higher ed faculty, the practitioners & NASPA.
 - MUFF has received a ¼ million dollar grant at the national level.
 - NASPA Journal will go on line – No printed copy will be distributed. Archive back issues will be on line. Suggestion – an e-mail message should be sent to the membership reminding them that the Journal is available on line. (After conference information: The Journal will be sent to members as is done with NetResults. An e-mail reminder will be sent to membership.)
 - National Volunteer Registry – suggested agenda topic for Summer Board meeting. Participation in professional development activities, by specified areas, will be recorded and recognized in the national registry. The National will coordinate this effort.
 - Think Tank paper. What is the status? There will be a Town Hall meeting to discuss this topic.
 - Increase in cost to participate in Jobslink. Lori will investigate background and rationale for increased costs. (After conference information: Costs of Jobslink have increased because the costs of operating the program have increased because of new functionalities and conveniences. They are still a fraction of the costs of many other online job services. NASPA's technical costs are quite high and they need to recoup some of the costs.)
5. Membership – Christine Schneikart-Luebbe. On line reports are available and seem to be working.

6. Job Description for Development Coordinator and Exhibits Chairperson – Renee Arnett. Job descriptions for Development Coordinator & Exhibits Chair were submitted with pre-conference materials.
7. Brainstorm sponsors – Renee Arnett. Sponsor interest form for KC was distributed (and is attached to the minutes.)
8. Celebrating Region IV-West in St. Louis (2003) and Denver (2004). Tammy Gocial is on local arrangements & Prakash Mathew is on the program committee. Suggestions:
 - University banners (from entire region) displayed through out the conference center.
 - Career Services – no fees. Continue this aspect, at least for graduate students anyway.
 - Explore/spotlight regional specialties & cultures – the arch: gateway to the Midwest; native American impact on the Midwest; rural/agri-business; etc.
 - Now it the time to volunteer for the Denver conference. The conference committee is being put in place at the present time.
9. Scholarships for Institutes. Topic was discussed earlier with the MLI proposal for scholarship distribution. It was suggested that a portion of the profits from the 2001 Oklahoma Regional conference be designated for scholarships to Institutes and/or regional conferences. This will be discussed further at the summer Advisory Board meeting with the 2002 Advisory Board.
10. Miscellaneous
 - Board vacancies – Wyoming, Disabilities, GLBT & Two-year institutions.
 - Newsletter Deadlines (Becky Barker) Copy **due March 29th!** See her pre-board report for upcoming editions.
 - Budget Review – submitted with pre-board materials.
 - Summer Planning Meeting: May 31-June 1 (Friday – Saturday) in Kansas City at the Hyatt. **Mark your calendar!**
11. New Board members/retiring board members – share your materials and background & expertise. The 2002-03 roster will be distributed in two weeks with the newsletter. The following positions will turn over: New Mexico; North Dakota; Wyoming; Kansas; New Professionals; Small colleges; Graduate & Professional Studies; International Education; Student Leadership; Awards; Knowledge Communities; SSAO Liaison; Service Learning; Graduate student representative; and, VP Assistant.
12. Challenges facing Region IV-West:
 - Discussion about GLBT issues/concerns
 - Role of knowledge communities in NASPA.
 - Promotion of professional development at the State level, university level
 - Use of participants for leadership in NASPA – immediate participation.
 - Technology
 - Promotion and institutional support for MLI & NPI
 - Dialog with faculty
 - Communication from national level to knowledge communities to the Region.
 - Web page – current, up to date and user-friendly
13. Celebrations:
 - Friendly, open and supportive regional membership

- Active and participatory Advisory Board
- Lori Reesor's 3-year commitment to the Regional VP position, providing continuity to Board and Regional programming.
- Financial stability to the Region
- Regional conference
- NPI & MLI
- History of strong leadership and nationally recognized professionals in the region.

14. Reflections – Lori Reesor. National Board Report attached to the minutes.

15. Other updates, questions, comments, concerns – none. Meeting was adjourned.

Ruth Stoner, Region IV-West Historian, prepared these minutes. A copy of these minutes and all handouts distributed during the meeting are filed in the Historian file. Corrections, deletions and additions to these minutes should be sent to her at:

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“There is one right I would not grant anyone. And that is the right to be indifferent.” -- Elie Wiesel

Thank you, Lori, for your 3-year leadership of Region IV-West as Regional Vice President! And best wishes, Diana, as you assume leadership of Region IV-West as the new Regional VP.