

Brian Dietz & Kye LeBoeuf Personal Statement as candidates for NASPA AOD KC Co-Chairs

We are running for the position of Alcohol and Other Drug Knowledge Community Co-Chairs because we believe the issues of this KC are critical to all student affairs professionals, no matter their functional area, institution type, or student body demographics. We believe this KC can help NASPA members understand the pertinent issues related to AOD use and their impact on students, as well as the role student affairs professionals play in reducing risk and increasing safety within our institutions.

With regard to our philosophy on campus AOD issues, we believe in the power and effectiveness of comprehensive programming, environmental management, and evidence-based practices. We also believe it is critical all professionals, no matter their functional area or specific role on campus, understand the central and emerging components of college AOD issues and their impact on student safety, campus culture, and effective learning. Additionally, we think it is critical for professionals to utilize current and emerging research so they employ evidence-based practices designed to meet the specific needs, characteristics, and resources of their own institution.

With regard to our qualifications and experience, we have 25 years of combined experience working with AOD issues on college campuses and in our communities. Together we have experience at several types of institutions, ranging from large flagship universities to small liberal arts colleges.

I, Brian, have served in several local, state, and national leadership positions related to AOD work. This includes serving as a Center Associate for the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Higher Education Center on Alcohol and Other Drug and Violence Prevention, through which I provided technical support and strategic training for campuses addressing AOD issues. I have also served as a grant reviewer and site visitor for ED's "Model Programs" grant competition and related publications. Additionally, I served on the planning committee for the "360 Proof" project recently developed through a partnership between NASPA and the NCAA. I have also served as a program reviewer, planning committee member, conference volunteer, and presenter for the NASPA AOD conference. Finally, I have served in leadership roles for both The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Other Drug Issues and the Virginia College Alcohol Leadership Council. Additionally, as I reflect on my own growth within the profession and as a member of NASPA, I would like to volunteer my time to the association and its members by serving in this role for the next three years.

I, Kye, am new to NASPA, though I have served as a community-level prevention specialist in Louisiana and a university-level alcohol awareness educator in Oklahoma. My 8 years of combined community development and prevention programming have given me a clear understanding of the impact that successful university prevention programming can have on the local community, as well as the personal and professional futures of our students. I am in my second year of managing the University of Oklahoma's Comprehensive Alcohol Program, which provides students with information on how to be safe through campus-wide programming, specific programs for individuals with higher-risk behaviors and interventions for individuals exhibiting problematic behaviors. By way of an in-person, Peer Educator facilitated social-norming curriculum, we effectively reach more than 90% of our nearly 4000 first-year students.

If elected Co-Chairs, we will work to continue the good work of NASPA and the AOD KC. Though specific goals will be guided by the KC membership and priorities, some specific areas of focus will likely include:

- Partnerships to encourage education in graduate preparation programs so future professionals are exposed to key issues and emerging knowledge about AOD issues. This can help ensure effective work is being done in all functional areas of student affairs at institutions across the nation.

- Development of resources for student affairs professionals working in a variety of functional areas and institutions working on AOD issues, especially those who may not have prevention or health education as a primary or formal background.
- Identify current regional AOD KC representatives and other Student Affairs AOD staff at flagship and other universities to both share best practices and encourage leadership within and between regions.