



**2019 NASPA Conference Chair Report**  
**Summer Board Meeting**  
**Jason Pina, Conference Chair**  
**July 2018**

The 2019 NASPA Conference Leadership Committee (CLC) came together in July 2017 for the first time, just after Penny Rue was elected as the Board Chair-Elect for the 2018 – 2019 year. Rue and I selected a team of outstanding and energetic student affairs educators who, along with NASPA staff, have been working diligently to plan for the 2019 NASPA Annual Conference at the JW Marriott L.A. Live and the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles, California.

The Conference Planning Committee has conducted its planning in both face-to-face meetings and conference calls since July 2018. We met in July 2017 in LA to examine the conference facility and determine how we can best deliver an innovative and dynamic professional development experience for NASPA members while, at the same time, take advantage of our location in Los Angeles to allow conference attendees to take care of themselves professionally and personally. Monthly conference calls allow the Committee to exchange information, coordinate efforts, and stay on task with our planning.

The CLC worked together to develop the three foci of this year's event:

- ***Belonging & Student Success*** – As student affairs professionals committed to student success, we must transform our institutions into nimble environments where we are student-ready. We must explore the necessary conditions required to develop imaginative, responsible, future-oriented, risk-taking solutions to seemingly intractable problems.
- ***Community & Democratic Engagement*** – Higher education is under scrutiny for its role in the democratic process. On one hand, universities are seen as echo chambers that reinforce liberal biases and marginalizes conservative students. On the other hand, student affairs educators struggle to engage students across difference in meaningful ways. We must create an environment where we assist students in navigating the complex world of activism and democratic engagement.
- ***Leaning Forward to the Next 100 Years*** – In 2019, we will begin our next 100 years as an Association. Student affairs has evolved from our early beginnings of student support to a remarkably diverse profession that has multiple layers and varied perspectives. Within higher education, it has often been said that we stand upon the shoulders of those who have come before us. The founders of the student affairs profession are individuals whose actions have inspired and transformed lives, institutions, communities, and the world. Their legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come and we have a responsibility to leave a new legacy for our future professionals.

In addition to our three foci, NASPA's guiding principles and the professional competencies for student affairs educators will continue to be infused in the program in order to assist participants to track their experiences, if they so choose.

The Call for Programs has been sent to NASPA members and others in the higher education arena in an effort to encourage a diverse array of submissions representing research, scholarship, and practices in

our profession. We already have nearly 60 programs started in the database. And, in reviewing evaluations from the 2018 NASPA Annual Conference, the Committee is responding to member feedback by planning unique and diverse opportunities for social engagement, personal, and professional development.

The CLC has brainstormed a number of Featured Speakers and the various subcommittees have been hard at work these last couple of months to prepare what will be posted on the conference website and ultimately what will take place in LA.

### **Conference Registration**

As approved by the Board of Directors in March, 2018, the Annual Conference registration will increase this year by \$25 as of July 1, 2018. Registration opened May 20<sup>th</sup> in order to provide the opportunity for individuals to register at this year's rates by June 30. As of June 25, 2018, there are 210 people registered for the 2019 NASPA Annual Conference.

### **Conference Leadership Committee**

The following lists members of the 2019 NASPA Annual Conference Planning Committee:

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