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Regional Advisory Board Report  
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The major event for Region I this fall is our Regional Conference, which is scheduled for November 17 to 20, 2013, at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine. As of today, we have more than 400 registrants. While the conference has no formal theme, we are using the line “Be Inspired” in our promotional materials.

Since the last board report, an accomplishment within Region I is the completion of a report by the Regional Budget Task Force, which was submitted to the Regional Advisory Board on November 1, 2013. The report summarizes current financial practices within the Region, and an additional document provides a number of recommendations to the Regional Advisory Board, which we will discuss at our board meeting in advance of the Regional Conference. The report is attached for your review.

### **NASPA Board Action Items**

None.

### **NASPA Mission**

To be the principal source for leadership, scholarship, professional development, and advocacy for students.

### **Leadership**

#### **African American Knowledge Community (AAKC)**

Wanda Tyler (University of New Haven), Regional KC Representative, reports the Region I AAKC leadership team (consisting of NASPA members from the University of New Haven, Fairfield University, Quinnipiac University, St. Anselm College, and Southern Connecticut State University) has been working together since August 2013, to execute the work of the KC at the regional level. Members of the KC came together through a conference call where members learned about the mission of the KC, developed ideas for events, and determined content for AAKC national and regional newsletters. The KC also hosted a networking social in Hartford, CT.

#### **Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Knowledge Community**

Matt Salter (Keene State College), Regional KC Representative, reports that the KC encouraged submissions for presentations at the Regional Conference. There will be one program showcasing the work of the AOD KC.

### **Assessment, Evaluation and Research (AER) Knowledge Community**

Judy Robinson (Massachusetts Institution of Technology), Regional KC Representative, reports that AER KC leadership team continues to have seven active members; each member has a specific role. New projects and initiatives were identified this spring with different members of the leadership team taking on different projects.

### **Asian Pacific Islanders Knowledge Community (APIKC)**

Kristine Din (University of Connecticut), Regional KC Representative, updated her leadership team to include Joliana Yee (University of Connecticut), Anthony Mam (Roger Williams University), Linh Nguyen (Lesley University), and Aaron Parayno (Boston College).

### **Community Colleges Division**

Kristina Testa-Buzzee (Norwalk Community College), Regional Representative, recommended three volunteers to work on the Division's national newsletter, and all three are currently engaged on the national level. She initiated and moderated a webinar panel for NASPA's Careers in Student Affairs Month entitled *Community Colleges as a Career Choice*. Fellow presenters included Wanda Reyes-Deyes (Manchester Community College) and Dr. John Laws (Ivy Tech).

Testa-Buzzee also initiated conversation with State Directors to ensure a community college representative sits on each state board. NASPA CT appointed Mandy Kuster (Norwalk Community College). Dina Brown (Northern Essex Community College), who sits on the NASPA MA state board, has provided workshops for her state on StrengthsQuest and the DiSC Assessment, done in collaboration with the New Hampshire Community College Student Life Association (CCSLA) at the CCSLA Annual Fall Conference in October. In addition, she provides regular community college updates at NASPA MA state meetings.

Testa-Buzzee also reports that the webinar *Community Colleges as a Career Choice* will be replicated at the Regional Conference and used as a template for other Regions. Testa-Buzzee will be also representing the community college perspective as a panelist at the SALT Conference.

### **Disability Knowledge Community**

We have two Regional KC Representatives, Jennifer DelRey (College of the Holy Cross) and Angie Diaz (University of Massachusetts-Lowell). Diaz is working with Neal Lipsitz (College of the Holy Cross) to plan a professional opportunity via webinar or drive-in conference.

### **Fraternity and Sorority Knowledge Community**

Steve Simo (University of Rhode Island) reports that the Region I Fraternity and Sorority KC research drive-in conference, co-sponsored with NGLA, was held Friday, September 27, 2013, to attract involvement in the Region. The conference was intended to build excitement around developing a more extensive knowledge base to better meet educational goals utilizing fraternity and sorority focused research.

### **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues (GLBT) Knowledge Community**

Alex Cabal (Dean College), Regional KC Representative, reports that the KC's leadership team members' presentations were accepted for the Regional Conference. Also, the GLBT KC drive-in conference, co-sponsored with the Student Leadership Programs (SLP) KC, was nominated for an NASPA MA award.

The GLBT KC and the Student-Athlete KC plan to collaborate on an upcoming drive-in conference.

### **Health in Higher Education (HHE) Knowledge Community**

Melinda Stoops (Framingham State University), Regional KC Representative, reports that one email was sent to KC members in the Region at the end of summer about a professional development opportunity in November: the Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services (AGAPSS) KC's program focusing on mental health and graduate students. She also sent an email to KC members in the summer to encourage submissions of program proposals for the Regional Conference.

The KC is sponsoring a morning run on Tuesday at the Regional Conference, which will provide members (and non-members) with an opportunity to connect during an activity of interest to the KC (i.e., exercise). Two programs were accepted for inclusion as KC-sponsored poster sessions at the Regional Conference.

### **International Education Knowledge Community (IEKC)**

Aliki Karagiannis (Stonehill College), Regional KC Representative, reports that the KC is collaborating with the Region's International Director to better connect foreign delegates to the IEKC and Region I. She is also working with her leadership team to find a new site for a Region I International Conference. Sites in Italy and the United Kingdom are being considered. The IPKC utilizes facebook to reach out to local colleagues interested in the IPKC and connects them with the KC at the national level. Karagiannis was assigned to an IEKC subcommittee committee responsible for gathering resources for student affairs professionals who have expressed concerns about being under-prepared to welcome increasing numbers of international students and facilitating cross-cultural interactions.

The IEKC has listed the following items as this year's "Hot Topics" and created subcommittees to provide international perspectives on them: access and affordability (sharing foreign models), international opportunities for professionals and graduate students, cross-unit collaborations to better support campus internationalization plans, under-prepared staff that work in cross-cultural environments, and how to develop and assess global competencies in graduate students and professionals.

### **Knowledge Communities**

Jen Stanley (Roger Williams University) and Beth Moriarty (Bridgewater State University), Regional KC Co-Coordinator, report that on-going training for newly appointed Regional KC Representatives is complete. All regional KC leaders were provided with binders of updated manuals, brochures, and membership lists. At the Regional Advisory Board's summer retreat, they dedicated meeting time to reviewing expectations and building opportunities for collaboration. They mentored and trained new Regional KC Representatives who were appointed after the formal KC training occurred.

Stanley and Moriarty also report that the Regional KC Representatives worked closely with the Regional Conference's Program Chair to review program proposals for possible KC-sponsorship at the Regional Conference.

Stanley and Moriarty will be presenting a session at the Regional Conference that highlights the role of KCs within the Region. The KCs will be sponsoring an information booth at the Regional Conference to share KC information and boost membership.

### **Latino/a Knowledge Community (LKC)**

Walter Diaz (Eastern Connecticut State University), Regional KC Representative, reports that the Region's LKC leadership team remains active. The leadership team has the following board positions

filled: Regional KC Representative, Professional Development (two co-chairs), Social Programming, Mentoring, Membership and Awards, and Communications. The leadership team has maintained communication with its members via email and social media strategies. The leadership team has been active in recruiting members and, as a result of their efforts, there are more than 160 interested members.

The KC will host a social/networking event at the Regional Conference.

Three KCs in Region I – the Latino/a KC, the African American KC, and the Asian Pacific Islanders KC – are planning a joint drive-in conference for early January 2014 called *Leveraging Your Racial/Ethnic Identity for Career Advancement*. Participants will learn how to elevate their under-represented racial and ethnic identity to aid in career planning and advancement; exchange collective knowledge to advise professionals in career advancement; create a space to discuss challenges and opportunities as professionals of color in higher education/student affairs; form a network of support with other under-represented higher education/student affairs professionals in the Northeast; engage in discussion surrounding the opportunities and considerations for educational advancement; and discuss developing a pipeline by engaging and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students into the profession.

#### **Member at Large**

During the past quarter, Lee Peters (University of Hartford), Member at Large, continued his work as a member of the Regional Budget Task Force, which included rolling out proposed new budget guidelines for the Region at the September board meeting. The guidelines will be fully discussed and hopefully ratified at the Regional Advisory Board meeting in November.

#### **Men and Masculinities Knowledge Community (MMKC)**

Shane Long (Southern Maine Community College), Regional KC Representative, reports that the KC's leadership team currently consists of Long, Regional KC Representative; Richard Anderson (University of New England), Partnerships Coordinator; and Mike Ormsby (University of Hartford), Education Coordinator. The Communications Coordinator position is currently open.

#### **NASPA Connecticut**

Shelby Ballard (University of Hartford), State Director, reports that the NASPA CT leadership team selected award winners in the following categories: Graduate Student, New Professional, and Mid-Level Professional.

#### **NASPA New Hampshire**

Sheila Lambert (Southern New Hampshire University), State Director, was nominated for NH mid-level professional award. NASPA NH expanded its leadership by re-designing the State's executive board to focus on professional development planning and setting goals to increase NASPA membership in NH.

#### **New Professionals and Graduate Students (NPGS) Knowledge Community**

The NPGS KC and the Regional Advisory Board sponsored a scholarship to help one new professional and one graduate student attend the NASPA Annual Conference in Orlando. Salome Miclette, who received the graduate student scholarship, and Elizabeth Poling, who received the new professional scholarship, each wrote a reflection piece for the October issue of the Regional Newsletter. Ted Zito (Assumption College), Regional KC Representative, is serving on behalf of the NPGS KC on the Region's New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI) planning committee for 2013-2014. He is helping to

coordinate mentor sessions and the selection process, and is planning two Lunch and Learn sessions at the Regional Conference, one for new professionals and one for graduate students.

Zito is working with the national NPGS KC to develop an application process open to all new professionals and graduate student in NASPA for a scholarship to attend the 2014 NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore.

### **New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI)**

Hank Parkinson (Fitchburg State University), NPMI Chair, reports that the application deadline for participating in the 2013-2014 NPMI has been extended to November 15.

The NPMI planning committee met on July 11, 2013, at Roger Williams University to evaluate the 2012-2013 NPMI and begin planning the 2013-2014 NPMI. The planning committee identified improvements, which include more mentor/mentee time at the first NPMI session, offering two topics at each NPMI session, using the entire day at each session, breaking up the mentor/mentee time throughout the day, adding small group reflection, trying an “un-conference” format at the last NPMI session, targeting mid-level professionals to serve as mentors, setting clear expectations for mentors, and offering socials at the end of each day of the institute.

The planning committee comprises Parkinson, Keyne Cahoon (Northeastern University), Megan Dumaine (Rogers Williams University), Mike Ormsby (University of Hartford), and Ted Zito (Assumption College).

### **Nominations and Awards**

Alison Black (Olin College), Nominations and Awards Chair, reports that Region I received a total of 55 nominations for state awards. State award recipients were chosen by a selection committee designated by the State Director in each state. These awards will be presented at the state meetings at the Regional Conference. Three state winners were also chosen to be the regional recipients of their award categories (Richard F. Stevens Outstanding New Professional, Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional Award, and Program of the Year). These regional recipients will be announced at the awards banquet at the Regional Conference.

Black also reports that Region I received a total of 17 nominations for regional awards. There are nine regional awards; nominations were submitted for seven of the nine awards. Winners were selected by the regional awards selection committee and will be presented at the awards banquet.

The regional awards selection committee comprised Black, Karen Donoghue (Fairfield University), Heidi Hartzell (Roger Williams University), Shane Long (Southern Maine Community College), Leonard “Blake” Singleton (University of Vermont), and Elizabeth Teurlay (Brandeis University).

Black reports that Region I is currently seeking nominations for State Director for Connecticut, State Director for Massachusetts, State Director for Vermont, and International Director. Nomination materials are due by Monday, December 2, and a slate of candidates for each ballot will be selected by the nominations committee by Friday, December 6.

The nominations committee comprises Black, Richard Anderson-Martinez (University of New England), Ginny Doxsey, (University of St. Joseph), Kara Kolomitz (Regis College), Fred Kuo (Fairfield University), and Mandi Kuster (Norwalk Community College). Elections will occur in January/February 2014.

### **Parent and Family Relations Knowledge Community**

Allison Gill (Merrimack College), Regional KC Representative, reports she is still gathering information on parent and family programs. She is also working on developing a resource on parent and family orientation schedules.

### **Small Colleges and Universities Division**

Tashia Bradley (Colby College), Regional Representative, has been working on developing a strategy for outreach and awareness in the Region through the following activities: Region I Small Colleges and Universities Division advisory group, which met in October to discuss upcoming presence at the Regional Conference; and a session at the Regional Conference, which will be presented by Bradley and Kurt Stimeling (Rivier University) about small colleges and universities.

### **Student Leadership Programs (SLP) Knowledge Community**

Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University), Regional KC Representative, reports that the KC's leadership team met via conference call twice since the last report, in addition to extensive electronic correspondence. The KC hosted a webinar in June. The leadership team consists of three active participants and two who assist whenever possible. The KC has been using our latest data from the membership survey to guide program planning.

The KC's leadership team reached out to the national KC to request pins to give out to new members at the upcoming Regional Conference. The KC is submitting a leadership basket to the Region's silent auction themed the "Be Well Retreat Planning" basket with various items for leadership professionals. Due to the loss of the communications coordinator, the responsibilities for social media efforts and email were split up to keep members engaged and share useful information.

The KC is seeking to host a drive-in about technology and leadership in early December. The KC's leadership team has reached out to potential speakers, host sites, and collaborators (i.e. Technology KC). They are also working on a webinar about assessment of leadership programs for spring 2014. Representatives from the Assessment, Evaluation and Research (AER) KC have been contacted as potential speakers.

### **Sustainability Knowledge Community**

Stephen Nason (Unity College), Regional KC Representative, wrote an article entitled "Nest Thermostat...Is This Thermostat Smarter Than You? Probably!", which appeared in the July issue of the Regional Newsletter. Nason also wrote an article entitled "To Divest or Not to Divest in Fossil Fuels?", which appeared in the October issue of the Regional Newsletter. Nason and Peter Osborne (University of Maine - Farmington) maintain and post articles on the Region's Sustainability KC facebook page.

### **Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) Conference**

Nick Negrete (University of Vermont), Undergraduate Liaison and SALT Conference Coordinator, received a record high of 113 applications from undergraduates to attend the SALT Conference, and accepted a total of 70 students to participate. Additionally, the SALT Conference will be welcoming 16 graduate schools and programs that will be presenting and tabling for our undergraduate participants.

### **Volunteers**

Jen DeBurro (University of New England), Volunteer Coordinator, reports that the use of both Volunteer Central and the Regional Newsletter for advertising volunteer opportunities has resulted in the

continued matching of NASPA members with service opportunities in Region I. Positions recently listed on Volunteer Central include those for KC leadership teams, the Regional Budget Task Force, Regional Conference volunteers, and Regional Newsletter writers.

### **Women in Student Affairs (WISA) Knowledge Community**

Christyn Bergquist (University of Massachusetts - Lowell), Regional KC Representative, reports that the KC leadership team comprises Bergquist, Susan Marine (Merrimack College), Elizabeth Teurlay (Brandeis University), Kristen Pierce (Stonehill College), and Connie Cabello (University of Massachusetts - Lowell). The KC continues to engage members through social media. In May 2013, a retreat-style drive-in conference focused on women and their intersecting identities. The KC will host the Candid Conversations program at the Regional Conference.

## **Scholarship**

Judy McGuire Robinson, AER KC, will chair the Region's Small Research Grants program this year. Robinson will work in collaboration with other members of the Regional Advisory Board. Details about the program will be announced at the Regional Conference.

The API KC received IRB approval for a research study to assess the Asiantation Mentoring Program at the University of Connecticut.

The Community Colleges Division has actively shared google scholar alerts with the Adult Learners and Students with Children KC that pertain to community college students.

The Disability KC sends out articles and important information to its members on Thursdays.

Melinda Stoops, HHE KC, authored the Region I blog posting on September 12, "The Change to a Tobacco-Free Campus", which highlighted Framingham State University's transition this semester to a tobacco-free campus. This blog included content of interest to the HHE KC highlighting smoking cessation and the process of changing habits.

Aliki Karagiannis, IEKC, contributes to the national IEKC newsletter and social media efforts by disseminating relevant news articles and policy updates.

The MMKC published a fall 2013 newsletter. Topics included: the Trouble Man/Troubled Man drive-in conference, the Symposium on Gender in Higher Education at the University of Maine, a joint NASPA & ACPA men and masculinities journal, the NASPA Region I Conference, and the KC's Communications Coordinator opening.

The NPGS KC's scholarship winners (one graduate student and one new professional) who attended the NASPA Annual Conference each wrote a reflective article on their experiences for the Regional Newsletter.

SLP Representative Colleen Powers wrote an article, in conjunction with her graduate assistant and student leader, about successful summer retreats for the National SLP Newsletter. Becky Lindley from the KC's leadership team submitted a review of the KC's June webinar for the Regional Newsletter.

## Professional Development

### **Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services (AGAPSS) KC**

- ***Trends and Issues in Graduate Student Mental Health***
- Friday, November 1, 2013, Boston College
- 90 people in attendance
- Keynote by Katherine Lapierre, MD, Chief, Harvard University Student Mental Health Services and breakout sessions to discuss the keynote and mental health issues on campus
- Networking Lunch
- Roundtables: Academic Integrity, Graduate Student Engagement, International

### **Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) KC & NASPA New Hampshire**

- ***Alcohol and Violence on College Campuses***
- October 10, 2013, Southern New Hampshire University
- Around 30 people in attendance
- Keynote by Dan Graney, Assistant Director of Student Life, University of Rhode Island
- Event was successful, especially the roundtable where members could share best practices at their institutions; group recommends earlier promotion for future events

### **Asian Pacific Islanders KC (APIKC)**

- ***Visibility. Vision. Voice 2013 (V3)***
- October 11, 2013, Northeastern University
- Co-Sponsored with Asian American Center (AAC); Delia Cheung Hom, Director of AAC
- Panelists: Umesh Vig, Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs at Manchester Community College; Kevin Gin, Boston College Higher Education Doctoral Fellow; Patricia Nielson, Director of the Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) program; Jack Nguyen, UCONN HESA master's student; Aaron Parayno, Boston College HESA master's student; Sumia Hussain, UCONN undergraduate student; and Bernadette Rietz, Northeastern University undergraduate student.
- Session Presenters: Queena Hoang, Program Coordinator for Campus Programs at UVM; Ange Concepcion, Assistant Director for Residential Life at Iona College; Sounthaly Thammavong; Chong Sun Kim-Wong, Assistant Director for Residential Life at Northeastern University; Mary Grace Almandrez, Director, Third World Center and Assistant Dean of the College at Brown University; and Abby Chien, UCONN HESA master's student.

### **Men and Masculinities KC (MMKC)**

- ***Trouble Man/Troubled Man: The Intersection of College Male Health, Wellness and Conduct Issues***
- October 4, 2013, University of New England
- Co-sponsored by the Maine Association of Student Affairs Professionals
- Conference Description: The intersection of gender, wellness, and student conduct is complex yet fascinating. Why do universities consistently see more men cycling through the conduct system? How do gender dynamics connect with student affairs programming? How can we encourage men on our campuses to engage in pro-social behavior, critical thinking, and connection with their emotional health?
- 22 people in attendance

- Program: two-part keynote address by Matt Vogel, Health Promotion Specialist at the University of Southern Oregon; one break-out session with two available session choices: *Sexual Assault Case Study Discussion* with Mike Ormsby, and *Real Man, Strong Man - Breaking Down the Barriers of Unhealthy Masculinity* with Kyle Carpenter Ashlee; open discussion forum led by keynote Matt Vogel
- Suggestions: Excellent program, would try to offer it in a more central location and possibly in the spring instead of fall to see if more attendees could be attracted

#### **Student Leadership Programs (SLP) KC**

- ***From Icebreakers to Evaluations: Planning Student Leadership Retreats***
- 60-minute webinar, June 28, 2013
- 421 registrants from 254 campuses (webinar was offered nationally)
- Program description: It's that time of year...summer retreats and trainings are right around the corner! Do you want to create a new leadership retreat or improve/expand your current offerings this coming year? Check out this webinar to learn essential components of effective retreat planning, as well as a recommended step-by-step process to create a well-designed retreat experience for developing leaders.
- Presenters: Becky Lindley and Hank Parkinson (Fitchburg State University)
- It was a very successful event. We received positive feedback. The number of registrants exceeded expectations.

#### **NASPA Connecticut**

- ***Working within the Spectrum***
- Friday, October 18, University of Connecticut - Greater Hartford Campus
- 40 people in attendance
- Program description: This event focused on learning about best practices as they relate to students on the spectrum.
- Presenter: Jane Thierfeld Brown
- This topic is very important, and it would be beneficial to have offered this session as a whole day or half-day workshop.

#### **Women in Student Affairs (WISE) KC**

- ***Meeting at the Intersections: Dialogue, Reflection and Action with Women in Student Affairs***
- May 2013
- 20 people in attendance
- A retreat-style drive-in conference focused on women and their intersecting identities

## Advocacy

#### **Campus Safety Knowledge Community**

Melissa Fajardo (University of Rhode Island), Regional KC Representative, reports that policy updates are sent out to the KC's leadership team. Police are now recommending a new approach for individuals to potential mass attacks: [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/07/us/in-a-shift-police-advise-taking-an-active-role-to-counter-mass-attacks.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/07/us/in-a-shift-police-advise-taking-an-active-role-to-counter-mass-attacks.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues KC**

Alex Cabal (Dean College) reports that NASPA was represented at this year's Boston Pride Parade. There were approximately 20 participants, including students from various institutions in the Region.