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Report for the 2011 December Board of Directors Meeting

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Discussion Items

What should NASPA's role be at the state level? What are Best Practices for states in NASPA. Do other regions even have State Directors?

Action Items

Veterans Knowledge Community sponsored the first-ever Remembrance Day National Roll Call on Veterans Day 2011. One hundred and seventy five schools in all 50 states plus D.C. participated in reading the names of the service men and women who have fallen in the past ten years of war. This initiative has significantly helped raise awareness of Veterans issues on campuses and strengthen campus and community relations. Recommend the National Board acknowledge this significant accomplishment and support future such efforts.

NASPA GOALS

- 1. To provide professional development to our members through the creation and dissemination of high quality experiences, information and exemplary models of practice.**

Region III Offices

- Awards and Nominations – The NASPA Region III Awards and Nominations Committee received a fantastic response from the Region in nominations for 9 awards. This cycle, we added a new award: the Rising Star award, which recognizes the achievements and future potential of a graduate student in Student Affairs. In total, we awarded 9 individuals at the Region III Summer Symposium in June 2011. Regional award winners include (bolded awards will be forwarded for national consideration):
 - The John Jones Award for Outstanding Performance as a Senior Student Affairs Officer (Scott Goodnight Award)
 - Gage E. Paine, Vice President for Student Affairs
 - The University of Texas at San Antonio
 - The John Koldus Award for Distinguished Service to NASPA Region III (Fred Turner Award)
 - Jeanine Ward-Roof, Dean of Students
 - Florida State University

- The William Leftwich Award for Outstanding New Professional in NASPA Region III
 - April Moore, Student Involvement Coordinator
 - University of West Florida
 - Outstanding Graduate Student in Region III Award
 - Teresia Greer, Graduate Assistant for Greek Life
 - Louisiana State University
 - The Bob E. Leach Award for Outstanding Service to Students
 - Melissa Shehane, Leadership and Service Center Senior Advisor
 - Texas A&M University
 - The Robert D. Bradshaw Small Colleges Student Advocate Award
 - David Tuttle, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students
 - Trinity University
 - Outstanding Contribution to Student Affairs through Teaching (Robert Shaffer Award)
 - D. Stanley Carpenter, Dean of the College of Education
 - Texas State University
 - James E. Scott Outstanding Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional Award (Mid-level Award)
 - Michael Farley, Assistant Dean for Student Life
 - Stetson University
 - The President's Award (President's Award)
 - James Wagner, President
 - Emory University
- We have also collected information about regional retirees since March 2011, which will be shared with NASPA for recognition at the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Conference in 2012.
 - Jon Dalton, Vice President for Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Higher Education, Florida State University
 - Rita Moser, Director of Housing, Florida State University
 - Alicia Crew, Director of Campus Recreation, Florida State University
 - Bob Ruday, Dean of Students, University of Tampa
 - Helen Ellison, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Florida International University
 - Melanie McClellan, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, University of West Georgia
 - Wayne Wallace, Director of Career Resource Center, University of Florida
 - Barry Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, Lamar University
 - Carol Daniels, Student Life Coordinator, Furman University

- Tom Stafford, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, North Carolina State University
- Enough Is Enough -- Constructing a proper list of all the persons on campuses who will support the initiative in this region. Constructing a list of organizations with best practices on campus for violence prevention in a variety of topical areas.
- Community College Division -- Presented at the NASPATech conference in Newport, RI Oct 28 on using Web 2.0 Tools to Reach Students.
- Professional Programs –
 - SACSA with NASPA Region III Conference was held in Atlanta, GA, on November 5-8. Region III presented seven programs at the conference. One of the programs was a presentation and discussion of NASPA's Strategic Plan.
 - NASPA/SACSA Mid-Manager's Institute – The site (Auburn University) and dates are selected and we are in the process of selecting the faculty for the institute.
 - NASPA/SACSA New Professionals Institute – Will be held at NC Central University in June 2012. Faculty being selected now.

Knowledge Communities

- Campus Safety KC - Completed an assessment of topics / issues for review and research. Some topics have been assigned to interested professionals and they are writing articles for the KC consumption.
- Health In Higher Education KC –Sponsoring a three-day conference to bring together senior-level campus administrators, alcohol education specialists, health promotion and prevention staff, and researchers from the alcohol and other drug arena to focus on advancing knowledge of student affairs educators and information-sharing about alcohol and other drug use on college and university campuses. NASPA Pre-conference Proposal Accepted: One for All and All for Health: Linking Health and Student Affairs
- International Education KC – Initiated a newsletter for KC and sponsored annual awards for efforts on campuses across the region.
- SAPAA KC - Offers members the opportunity to participate in focused Conference presentation and distance-based learning. Within SAPAA, members can join any of the following committees: membership and social/networking; Technology; communications; as well as research and scholarship. The SAPAA KC has created the following working groups to expand conversations and involvement based on particular areas of interest: academic advising; career services; living/learning communities; and service learning/civic engagement.
- Spirituality & Religion KC - To disseminate information as broadly and quickly as possible, our region has been using the #RIIISRHE, @NASPA_RegionIII and @SRHE_KC handles on Twitter. Tweets have included information on applicable conference, webinars, and articles.

State Directors

- FL –

- The Graduate Case Study Competition on October 6, 2011 at the University of Tampa hosted 10 graduate case study teams from 6 different universities.
- With 231 people in attendance from over 26 universities, the 2011 NASPA-FL Drive-in at the University of Tampa on October 7 was the largest attended conference in NASPA-FL history.
- NASPA-FL also hosted the first ever NASPA-FL Undergraduate Symposium, during National Student Affairs month, in which 80 undergraduate students attended from 13 different universities on October 8, 2011 at the University of Florida. Every undergraduate in attendance received a FREE NASPA Undergraduate Membership and participated in sessions that were focused on Applying to Graduate School/Graduate Assistantships, The A,B,C's of Student Affairs, a Florida Graduate Prep Fair, and a panel of first and second year graduate students.
- The NASPA-FL Knowledge Communities created at online Resource Network (<http://www.naspafl.org/ResourceNet>) by which members in Florida can search for campus speakers, researchers, and consultants.
- NASPA-FL hosted a Core Competencies in Student Affairs Drive-in at Lynn University on May 23 in which 35 participants from 8 different universities attended.
- NASPA-FL co-sponsored a Threat Assessment Conference with the University of Florida on June 3 in which 140 participants from 35 different universities and organizations attended.
- NASPA-FL posted a comprehensive list of all the Graduate Prep Programs in the state on the NASPA-FL website.
- NASPA-FL created additional state-wide awards in order to become consistent with the national awards nomination process
- MS - The Mississippi Association of College Student Affairs Professionals(MACSAP) Conference was held in May, 2011 at the University of Mississippi, Oxford. Updated the listserv for the State of Mississippi and added the e-mail addresses that NASPA furnished for current NASPA-III Mississippi members.
- KY - Held Kentucky state board meeting in October to discuss initiatives. Have agreed to co-sponsor two professional development drive-in events each year that would be hosted by the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky. Sponsoring with the University of Louisville an afternoon with Richard Padilla, recently retired VPSA from UTEP. Dr. Padilla is facilitating a conversation about life in Student Affairs, family, trends, faith, practice and students. Discussing with CPAK and KAHO leadership the possibility of a joint leadership meeting, to explore ways that we can work together to serve student affairs professionals in the Kentucky.
- NC - Surveyed the state for interest in a drive-in or webinar/video conference for the fall semester.

- TN - NASPA Region III sponsored the Memphis in May Student Affairs Conference. TN this year is hosting the first combined Housing and Judicial Officers conference. The focus on collaboration between the two organizations is a first in the state.

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

- Enough is Enough - I hope to suggest a number of policy developments that may help with violence prevention and harm reduction. These recommendations touch on issues like “the best role for guns on campus” and how to deal with self-harming students” (so as to balance institutional obligations with individual rights).
- Community College Division - I have attended phone conference calls and provided feedback regarding policy/advocacy issues discussed through Community College Division meetings.
- Professional Standards – Dr. Tony Cawthon was appointed to the NASPA Ethics Task Force.
- LGBTQ KC - Shared resources to assist colleagues that develop programs and/or services designed to support the LGBT community on our campuses.

3. To advance pluralism, diversity, and internationalism in NASPA and the profession

- Community College Division - I have sent out emails to several Florida community college student services contacts regarding participation in the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program.
- Latino/a KC - A new initiative entitled “Talks with Region III LKC” was created to facilitate dialogue among Latino/a Knowledge Community members. The first edition of this online dialogue will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 12:30pm via NASPA’s webinar program. This event is being offered at no cost to current NASPA members as a member benefit.
- Veterans KC - Campuses involved in the Remembrance Day National Roll Call have experienced an increased level of collaboration within the campus community to accomplish an event that spans over eight hours and requires 30-60 readers plus campus wide logistical support. This has significantly helped raise the level of awareness of veterans’ issues on campuses.
- International Education KC - Through our work as the International Education KC, one of our central tenets is to increase internationalism. We have spent significant time working with colleges and universities in the United States to partner with our colleagues in other nations, encouraging programs that foster awareness for international issues, and developing conversations around topics salient to international awareness.

4. To provide leadership for promoting, assessing, and supporting student learning and successful educational outcomes

- Professional Standards - Serving on the Region III Program Committee –task will be to ensure that programs selected for summer symposium have NASPA competencies identified (I recently participated in a training session by Stephanie Gordon on how to assign competencies to sessions accepted for conference program)
- Veterans KC - The National Roll Call has been a source of service-learning for the students involved in organizing the events. Service-learning is an integral part of the post-secondary education experience.
- Men and Masculinities KC - Shared learning outcomes from the 2011 Men’s Conference at Trinity University to assist colleagues with creating/evaluating learning outcomes for programs and services focused on masculinity/identity development for college men.

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

- Health In Higher Education KC - We are in the process of redefining roles for the Regional Representatives and also updating our web presence as a KC to provide current information and resources to the NASPA membership.