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Report for the 2011 March Board of Directors Meeting

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Discussion Items

Role of the Regional KC Rep and expectations for emerging and continuing KCs

Voting and non-voting NASPA members – How do we change this?

Non-US NASPA conferences and expectations for oversight by regional leadership

Action Items

N/A

NASPA GOALS

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

Awards and Nominations

The **NASPA Region III Awards** and Nominations Committee received over 70 nominations for 8 awards – a fantastic response from the Region. We awarded 8 individuals at the Region III Summer Symposium in June 2010. One of our regional award winners, Dennis Pruitt, went on to be awarded the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Service as a Dean. Regional award winners include:

- Robert D. Bradshaw Small College Student Advocate Award: Jaime Woody, Southwestern University
- James E. Scott Outstanding Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional Award: Vince Diller, Palm Beach Atlantic University
- William Leftwich Award for Outstanding New Professional: Kathleen Callahan, Winthrop University
- John Jones Award for Outstanding Performance as a Senior Student Affairs Officer: Dennis Pruitt, University of South Carolina
- John Koldus Award for Distinguished Service to NASPA Region III: Tom Shandley, Davidson College
- Bob E. Leach Award for Outstanding Service to Students: Eric Hartman, Sewanee: The University of the South
- Outstanding Contribution to Student Affairs through Teaching: Kathy Guthrie, Florida State University
- The President's Award: Donna Shalala, University of Miami

Region III RVP Nominations process was led by Tom Shandley resulting in the RVP-Elect slate of Terisa Remelius and Jeanine Ward-Roof.

Historian

All Region III information passed down over the years is now located at Bowling Green State University and will be filed with all the National Archives for future reference.

KC Coordinator

Hosted a regional roundtable at the SACSA conference in Panama City. A basic overview of the contents of this session included: purpose and history of the Knowledge Communities, set-up for regional and national coordination, overview of each KC's purpose and recent activity at the regional level. Provided new professionals with advice on how to network at the state level and underscored the value of linking with professionals interested in the same area of expertise.

Membership

Region III has increased their membership 20% over the last year. Region III continues to have the largest institutional membership base with 268. Region III intends to become the first region to eclipse 3000 total members (not counting voting delegates). Current total membership is 2951.

Newsletter

Newsletter editor has disseminated a comprehensive newsletter three times per year highlighting regional activities and programs, new hires and retirees, and national and regional NASPA professional development opportunities.

Professional Programs

- The **Region III Summer Symposium** planning committee is very excited about the progress toward hosting an amazing professional development event in Savannah, Georgia, in June 2011. The committee has selected the theme, "Charting Your Course to Success in Student Affairs" and plans to focus on the professional competencies in student affairs when selecting programs for the Symposium.
- The **NASPA RIII/SACSA Mid-Manager's Institute** will be held at Auburn University in Auburn, AL, June 18-22, 2011. Information is at this link. <http://www.naspa.org/regions/regioniii/mmi.cfm>
- The **NASPA RIII/SACSA New Professionals Institute 2010** was hosted by Emory University June 21 – 25, 2010. 63 participants were a part of the NPI 2010 cohort. NPI 2011 will also be at Emory University.

States and Regions

- **NASPA-GA** Met with Vice Presidents for Student Affairs and discussed strategies to increase NASPA memberships in the state (November 12, 2010).
- **NASPA-FL** is co-sponsoring the 2011 Florida Association of Community Colleges Student Development Commission Conference at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, FL on May 18 - May 20th, 2011. More information on registering or presenting at this conference can be found online at <http://www.faccsdc.org>

- **NASPA-FL** is a co-sponsoring the Florida Higher Education Threat Assessment Conference
- **NASPA-KY** - On November 18, 2010 held Kentucky state board meeting to discuss initiatives. Working with CPAK to help sponsor a Kentucky state workshop, February 27-28 in Lexington Ky. Hosting SSAO meeting during the CPAK Annual Conference.
- **NASPA-NC** - NASPA North Carolina held its first state-wide video conference on December 13, 2010, titled "The Perfect Storm in Higher Education: The Economic Realities of the Year 2012". The Keynote speaker was Dr. John Connaughton, professor of economics, UNC Charlotte. Nine UNC campuses hosted the event. Despite a blizzard in the NC mountains, we had 116 participants. We will continue this format in future years.
- **NASPA-TN** - Tennessee is discussing the possibility of establishing the Memphis in May Student Affairs Annual Conference as the communication and networking link with NASPA and Region III. The Memphis in May Student Affairs Conference theme for May 13, 2011 will be "Civility in a Modern World" <http://memphis.edu/mimsac> . Discussions about creating a Student Affairs State organization have taken place at two separate meetings during 2009-10 -- the Tennessee Association of Housing Officers and the Memphis in May Student Affairs Conference.
- **NASPA-UAE** will host the Gulf Region Conference, March 2nd & 3rd, 2011 in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates **at the** Higher Colleges of Technology-Fujairah. The theme of the conference is *Educating Dynamic Citizens: The Role of Student Affairs Professionals*.

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

Public Policy

Coordinator presented a session at the SACSA/NASPA Region III fall conference, contributed a column (on new policy leaders Arne Duncan and Martha Kanter) and an article (Making the Dream Act a Reality) for the Leadership Exchange and participated in monthly National Public Policy Board phone conferences.

States and Regions

- **NASPA-TX** led colleagues in the state of Texas in discussion of the concealed weapons on campus legislation. Provided NASPA statement on concealed weapons on campus to legislative representatives.

Knowledge Communities

- **Sustainability KC** website for Region III will be posted this Spring. The site will promote Earthday and Recyclemania events in the region.
- **NGPS KC** is excited to announce that we have added NPGS State Liaisons to our leadership team. We currently have liaisons for Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and Mississippi.
- **NAGPS KC** - Connected Knowledge Community Members with NAGPS association which hosts lobbying days at the Capital, as well as provides advocacy on national issues related to graduate and professional students.
- **SAPAA KC** - Dr. Alexis Anders of UVA is an editor for the SAPAA KC newsletter *Synergy*. Additionally, Dr. Marc Shook, as the SAPAA KC representative, will be facilitating two separate expert panel

presentations at the 2011 ASCA Annual Conference that focus on developing partnerships between academic affairs and student affairs.

- **Veterans KC** - Wrote an article for the National Conference newsletter explaining how campuses can become more veteran friendly.

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

NUFP

Region III is leading by a long shot with 76 Fellows, up from just 39 in spring 2010 (when we were third in numbers compared with other regions). Applications are now being accepted for spring admission to the program; the deadline is April 22.

Knowledge Communities

Latina/o KC - Mary Medina created a Facebook Group entitled "NASPA Region III - Latina/o Knowledge Community" to help promote National LKC activities and other professional activities targeting Latinos.

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

Professional Standards

Have begun discussions with others (chair of Region III programs and other region chairs) to determine how they are utilizing the Professional Competency Areas in their program planning.

Research and Assessment

NASPA Region III has continued to support graduate students in their plans to study NASPA membership. By reviewing proposals and helping with logistics, currently three graduate students have ongoing co-sponsored by NASPA Region III. NASPA Region III's grant recipients also continue to receive mentorship and support. At the regional symposium in June 2011, these recipients will present their findings.

States and Regions

- **NASPA-KY** is coordinating sponsor for the International Service Learning and Study Abroad Symposium: Best Practices, April 19 and 20 in Louisville Kentucky.
- **NASPA-TX** conducted survey of the needs and interests of Texas NASPA members and presented findings of the survey at summer regional meeting
- **NASPA-VA** worked to maintain and increase VA membership. Developing closer working relationship with VASPA. Recruiting a new state director.

Knowledge Communities

Veterans KC Rep - Delivered a presentation on the struggles of returning veterans to the College Advisors and Business Leaders conference.

Spirituality and Religion KC - This Knowledge Community just completed a national assessment of all its members. The survey, conducted with the assistance of Student Voice, ran from June 22, 2010 –

October 1, 2010. The complete survey results can be found on the Region III web page:

<http://naspa.org/regions/regioniii/>. Highlights from the survey:

- 179 national respondents; 33 from Region III;
- ~75% of RIII respondents are most interested in receiving scholarly peer-reviewed articles and best practices concerning this topic.
- The two topics most highly rated as “extremely interested” were Student Spiritual Development (76%) and Leadership Development & Spirituality (70%).

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