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Report for the November 2010 Board of Directors Meeting**

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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.**
- Towson University was the host site for the Careers in Student Affairs Program on October 2nd. This has become a successful event for the Region.
 - The Region is offering a drive-in conference for Graduate and New Professionals, “New Perspectives and Voices.” The program will be offered concurrently at Slippery Rock State University in PA and Seton Hall University in NJ. The program will be linked technologically for segments of the day. Registration is very strong for both locations.
 - Gail Edmonds and Terri Hall are co-chairs of the Regional 2011 Conference. Work continues in earnest for the event scheduled to be held in Baltimore at the Radisson Lord Baltimore Hotel at the Inner Harbor June 5-7.
 - The New Professional and Graduate Students (NPGS) KC collaborated with other NASPA KC’s to sponsor several webinars for professionals during the summer. The topics included working with masculine issues to working with students with disabilities.
 - The NPGS KC is developing a number of pre-conference workshops for both graduate students and new professionals that will hopefully take place at the 2011 conference.
 - WISA (Women in Student Affairs) KC is working with NEACUHO and Region I to co-sponsor a Women’s Retreat on January 7, 2011 at the College of New Rochelle
- B. To provide leadership in higher education through policy development and advocacy for students on important international, national, state, and local issues.**



- Eric Kneubehl has circulated pertinent articles to the Advisory Board for their information following the elections.

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

- The Indigenous Peoples (IP) KC will be hosting a joint meeting with ACPA-Native American Network in December 2010. The goals are to share current research and practice as well as to connect the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) with our communities. Tribal colleges were also invited.
- IPKC plans to build further on previous pre-conference plans for NASPA 2011.
- IPKC recently created a position to include Canada's First Nations. This position allows IPKC to bring in more global experiences.
- At the NASPA 2011 Annual Conference, IPKC will host the first awards reception. This reception will include awards for research and best practices regarding Native students. A goal of IPKC is to increase Native American involvement within Higher Education.
- IPKC is seeking undergraduate Indigenous students to enter the world of Student Affairs. This is through outreach by members of IPKC as well as outreach to tribal colleges.
- IPKC plans to expand IPKC travel assistance programs for Indigenous students pursuing a career in student affairs.
- IPKC encouraged members to submit programs regarding Indigenous students to The NASPA 2011 Annual Conference.
- The Regional Representative encouraged Region II Disability KC members to submit session proposals for the upcoming national conference and submitted one in collaboration with colleagues at GW entitled, *Transitional Experiences Facing Student Veterans: Disability, Loss, and Grief*.
- The George Washington University (GW) Office of Disability Support Services and the Law School are sponsoring a program, *The ADA Amendments and the Revision to the ADA Regulations: New Perspectives for Graduate and Professional Schools*, featuring Salome Heyward, a civil rights attorney with extensive experience in the field of disability discrimination law and



disability management. The program will be held on November 9 and is open to NASPA members.

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

- The Award Selection Committee selected the following individuals for recognition by Region II:
 - Jan Walbert, Vice President for Development, Arcadia College, Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA; David Hoffman, Assistant Director of Student Life for Civic Agency, UMBC, Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional; Paulina Abaunza, Coordinator of Commuter Student Services, NYU, New Professional Award; Greg Blimling, Vice President for Student Affairs, Rutgers University,
 - Outstanding Contribution to Literature or Research; Br. James Liquori, President, Iona College, President's Award. All awardees were nominated for consideration for National Awards.

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

- The Regional Advisory Board meeting will be held in Baltimore on November 19.
- A sub-committee to recommend opportunities to more effectively leverage technology and the web site will present their report in November.
- The Region is developing After Event Reports to better support future program planning.
- The Volunteer Coordinator is working with the national effort to develop a website to streamline volunteer opportunities and connections. The website under construction may be viewed at <http://www.naspa.org/about/volunteer.cfm>.
- There was a flurry of interest expressed after the regional conference by volunteers seeking ways to get involved. They were directed to opportunities. Additional strategies need to be considered to develop and channel interested volunteers for the national conference.
- The relative success in financial support of last year's Regional Conference was the result of three years of work. Even with nearly \$10,000 in support the Region falls behind other NASPA Regions. Immediate feedback from sponsors resulted in cash commitments almost \$8,000 in cash for the 2011 Conference. Chartwells doubled their sponsorship from \$2,500-\$5,000. Other contributions include EBI (conference bags), StudentVoice (\$1,000 towards the SSAO reception) and standing national agreements with USA Today and Golden Key.



- Efforts to encourage Advisory Board members to make personal contacts at the campus level in order to secure contributions will be a point of focus.
- Based on survey feedback from the Region the preferred format to receive information was identified as a direct email. The newsletter format was changed to better align with members' expressed needs. The updates have promoted events, shared information and provided an outlet for KC activities.
- Statewide Coordinators will promote NASPA at the following events: NYU Conference, February 14, University of Maryland Conference February 11; Maryland College Personnel Association; Women in Maryland Higher Education Annual Women of Color Luncheon, CSPA, and the Delaware Valley Student Affairs Conference (PA);
- The Knowledge Community Coordinators will convene for a drive-in meeting in Philadelphia in January.
- Michele Grab is now Co-Coordinator Elect of the Knowledge Communities, she will work with Will Simpkins to provide additional support to the KC's. In March 2011 Michele will assume the Co-Coordinator role and a new WISA KC Coordinator will be named.