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NASPA Board Action Items

None at this time.

NASPA Mission

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

Leadership

Past Regional Vice President

Nancy Crimmin (Becker College) coordinated regional efforts to support the Pillar of the Profession nomination for **Barbara Fienman** (Suffolk University). Nancy solicited donations totaling over \$6,500 on Barbara's behalf in support of the NASPA Foundation. Nancy is assisting with the national silent auction and golf tournament in Orlando, Florida, for the NASPA Foundation. Nancy serves on the Pre-Conference Committee for the 2013 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. Nancy delivered the keynote address to the 2012 SALT Conference participants at the Regional Conference in November at Mystic, Connecticut.

Historian

Barbara Fienman (Suffolk University) led a group of volunteers from Region I to review past Regional Advisory Board minutes to collect information for the archives. This group created lists of past participants of SALT Conferences and Mid-Level Institutes, and past program content and election information. Ongoing initiatives include keeping a running list of past Regional Advisory Board members, information about conferences, and a compilation of Regional Advisory Board actions. The goal of this initiative, named the Region I History Project, is to collect and keep the history of the association. With an ever increasing reliance on technology, it has become more difficult to track the history of the association; therefore, maintaining the history is most important.

Member-at-Large

Lee Peters (University of Hartford) is serving on the Region I Budget Task Force.

Nominations & Awards

Alison Black (Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering) received 80 total nominations for regional and state awards. Twenty-five state/province awards and eight regional awards were presented at the Regional Conference in November 2012. Three winners of state awards were recognized as regional winners in these categories: New Professional, Program of the Year, and Mid-Level Professional.

The state awards were selected by the state boards and the regional awards were selected by a selection committee comprising **Alison Black**, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering; **Peter Fowler**, Wentworth Institute of Technology; **Nita Lamborghini**, Northern Essex Community College; **Shawn McQuillan**, University of Hartford; and **Kristen Salemi**, Rhode Island College. The award nomination process was changed this year and Google survey and documents were utilized, which was more convenient for those submitting nominations.

Nominations were submitted from Region I for several national awards: President's Award, Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Service as a Dean, Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education, and the Community College Professional Award. There were four retirees recognized from Region I at the awards banquet at the Regional Conference: **Carol Boucher** from Quinnipiac University, **Rod Crafts** from Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, **David Ostroth** from Bridgewater State University, and **Chip Yensan** from University of Rhode Island.

Eight nominations for the position of Region I Director were submitted. Four of the nominated individuals chose to be considered for the position. A committee comprising four NASPA members chose two of these individuals to serve as candidates on the ballot. The committee members were: **Alison Black**, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering; **Nancy Crimmin**, Becker College; **Lee Peters**, University of Hartford; and **Lauri Sidelko**, University of Maine. Elections will conclude in mid-February. Candidates are **Rich DeCapua** from Suffolk University and **Anne Hopkins Gross** from Southern Vermont College.

The terms of three of our State Directors will end in March 2013, so nominations were sought for those positions in New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island. One name appeared on the ballot for each state: **Sean Bogle** (Plymouth State University) in New Hampshire, **Jason Saucier** (University of Southern Maine) in Maine, and **Sharon Hay** (Providence College) in Rhode Island.

Silent Auction

Ali Hicks (Babson College) reports that this year's Silent Auction, which took place at the Regional Conference, raised \$15,312, a record-breaking high for NASPA Region I. Several new features of the auction contributed to a creative and dynamic event, including a "Buy It Now" College Bookstore, a "Lunch with Legends" raffle, and the selling of star and salt shaker cutouts to honor a colleague in the field. Ali also employed the help of a planning team, consisting of four additional volunteer members from the region, which collaborated both before and during the conference.

Treasurer

Jackie Newcomb (Brown University) reports that Region I successfully transitioned the Silent Auction credit card pay stations from a paper process to mobile device swipe system.

Community College Division

Kristina Testa-Buzzee (Norwalk Community College) reports that Region I selected **Duncan Harris** (Manchester Community College) as the Regional Community College Professional of the Year at the Regional Conference. Both Connecticut and the Region selected a community college program as Program of the Year: Norwalk Community College's Family Economic Security Program.

Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services (AGAPSS) KC

Dan Volchok (Northeastern University) reports that he has reached out to build a leadership team, but has not yet finalized one at this time.

African American KC

Colber Prosper (Keene State College) reports his leadership team is planning a social event.

Alcohol & Other Drug KC

Matt Salter (Keene State College) reports that the KC had two sponsored programs at the Regional Conference. He is working on improving member engagement and recently sent out a survey to the region to see how to better communicate with them. He will either be creating a facebook page or a Twitter handle. The KC has 145 members in the Region.

Asian Pacific Islanders KC

Kristine Din (University of Connecticut) has set a goal to publish two KC newsletters in 2013. She is also working on the development of a leadership team. She is planning to collaborate with the MultiRacial KC on a drive-in conference in the fall. She will be communicating with the KC members to assess their needs. Kristine also attended a recent conference on *Enhancing Asian American Student Success: Linking Research to Practice*, which will further inform her work in NASPA.

Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC

Judy Robinson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) reports that the KC expanded its leadership team at the Regional Conference in November. There are currently six active members on the team. Each member of the leadership team has a specific role. One member is responsible for coordinating a regional newsletter series on assessment.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Issues (GLBT) KC

Alex Cabal (Dean College) reports members of the KC volunteered at the Regional Conference, and the KC found opportunities (especially at the annual social and fundraiser) for members to feel part of the team.

Indigenous Peoples KC

Tracy Cree (University of Connecticut) reports that she listed leadership positions on Volunteer Central. She also put notices in the August, October, November and February issues of the Regional Newsletter to announce availability of leadership team positions. She connected with two colleagues from Stonehill College and the University of Connecticut who are interested in leadership positions.

International Education KC

Aliki Karagiannis (Stonehill College) reports that she is establishing a leadership team as potential plans for a Region I international conference develop.

Latino/a KC

Walter Diaz (Eastern Connecticut State University) reports that his leadership team remains active. A new member has been appointed as co-coordinator for professional development, bringing the leadership team to six members.

Men & Masculinities KC

Shane Long (Southern Maine Community College) reports that in November 2012, **Mike Ormsby** (University of Hartford) joined the KC leadership team as education coordinator. Mike's role will be to develop educational opportunities for student affairs professionals in Region I to learn and share information relevant to the mission of the KC.

MultiRacial KC

After the Regional Conference, **Sarah Gallenberg** (College of the Holy Cross) sent an interest survey to all members of the KC in Region I, and received only one response. She will continue to gauge interest, reaching out to others who might have an interest in getting more involved.

New Professionals & Graduate Students KC

Ted Zito (Assumption College) requested funds from the Regional Advisory Board to sponsor scholarships in the amount of one registration fee for one graduate student and one new professional to attend the NASPA Annual Conference in Orlando in March 2013. Funds were approved by the board for the scholarship. The leadership team met on conference call to review and develop an application and review for candidates. Ted is working with the Region's IT Coordinator to have the application posted to the Region I website and send an advertisement to regional membership. A new facebook page and Twitter account launched in December. A leadership team conference call was held in January 2013 to discuss ideas for graduate students.

Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC

Zachary Cole (Boston College) reports that every few weeks, the KC sends out a call for interested volunteers. This effort has resulted in three to four additional members on the leadership team. They have accomplished this by posting information on Volunteer Central, posting on multiple relevant facebook groups and sending out weekly email updates.

As a result of KC efforts to increase participation on the KC leadership team, the leadership team is starting to build a structure that works for them. They now have a social media coordinator and a weekly email coordinator. They are also putting together a NASPA conference committee, made up of interested members of the leadership team, who will be responsible for consistently reaching out to individuals who may be interested in submitting regional and NASPA Annual Conference program proposals on topics related to the KC.

Student Leadership Programs KC

Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University) reports that her leadership team has met monthly via web-conference.

There was a lot of interest in leadership and involvement in the KC that came out of the Regional Conference. The KC capitalized on that interest by immediately reaching out to all those expressing interest and gauging their preferred level of involvement. Colleen scheduled a conference call with all those interested and the current leadership team to discuss the best ways to incorporate everyone's interest and give all valuable volunteer experiences. The result of that call was a new leadership team structure including:

- Educational programming co-coordinators focusing on providing web, in-person and print professional development opportunities;
- Social programming coordinator focusing on networking and building a community for leadership professionals within the Region;
- Newsletter/blog coordinator to focus specifically on those items for the regional KC, and allow the communication coordinator to focus on email, social media and contributing to national and regional newsletters;
- Undergraduate liaison to focus on outreach to undergraduate student leaders and students interested in the field, and get student contributors to the blog/newsletter.

The new structure is being developed, but it allows for most of the individuals with continued interest to hold a role they are interested in and help be part of the leadership team.

Colleen also reports that the KC conducted a survey of KC members, for whom they had contact information, to gather data about who the members are and what they would like to see. While the response was not especially large, they found that most respondents work directly in leadership programs or student activities; most have 0-10 years of experience; many identify as a director; and the top preferences for professional development were one-day drive-in conferences and webinars. The top three topics of interest were: interdisciplinary leadership programming, assessment of leadership (learning outcomes), and leadership certificate programs. Technology and leadership was also a highly ranked topic.

The KC donated a leadership toolkit basket to the Silent Auction, which included favorite ice breakers, games and items helpful for retreat planning.

Sustainability KC

Stephen Nason (Unity College) reports that **Peter Osborne** (University of Maine at Farmington) joined his leadership team. Stephen served as a member of the national KC nomination committee and successfully put forward a candidate.

Women in Student Affairs KC

Christyn Bergquist (University of Massachusetts – Lowell) reports that the KC leadership is continuing to figure out their roles and how to be effective. They recently designated one person in charge of social media engagement.

The KC hosted the Panel of Listeners program at the Regional Conference. A retreat-style drive-in conference focused on women and their intersecting identities is being planned for March.

New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI)

Hank Parkinson (Fitchburg State University) reports that he recruited a team of four to coordinate NPMI and selected 16 mentors and 16 mentees to participate in NPMI.

Mid-Level Institute

Marlin Nabors (Southern New Hampshire University) reports that he has recruited and organized volunteers to serve on the planning team. The planning team members have engaged professionals in the Region about their professional development as a way to encourage them to consider whether or not the mid-level experience is a part of their overall growth.

This spring, the planning team will sponsor the four-session professional development series that will bring seasoned practitioners in the field into meaningful conversations with professionals in middle management roles. Participants will increase their knowledge of best practices and NASPA's professional competencies while forming a supportive cohort.

Faculty Liaison

Annemarie Vaccaro (University of Rhode Island) reports that she communicated with the faculty in Region I in October 2012 about her plans for the year, award nominations and 2013 Regional Conference opportunities, including the faculty summit, faculty research presentations, and graduate student opportunities. With the assistance of **David Zamojski** (Boston University), she also reached out to the two Faculty Fellows from Region I to invite them to participate in the 2013 Faculty Summit.

Undergraduate Liaison/SALT Conference Coordinator

Nick Negrete (University of Vermont) reports that he has increased outreach efforts to promote the annual Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) Conference, using social media, SSAO engagement and NUFP mentors.

Connecticut

Shelby Ballard (University of Hartford) reports that at a NASPA CT event in October, the leadership team encouraged non-members in attendance to consider joining NASPA. The leadership team had several non-members ask how to join. There are currently 266 NASPA members in Connecticut. The leadership team will be discussing new ways to get non-members involved by conducting socials and other events that not only focus on professionals, but undergraduate and graduate non-members, as well. Hopefully these efforts will allow non-members to get a sample of what NASPA CT can offer and consider joining association.

Massachusetts

Rich DeCapua (Suffolk University) reports state efforts to utilize Volunteer Central to determine NASPA members' interest in volunteering to staff registration tables, etc., at events sponsored by Massachusetts. Three members took NASPA MA up on opportunities to volunteer. Also, NASPA MA used Volunteer Central to assemble a group of eight professionals who were in charge of the Massachusetts awards selection process.

New Hampshire

Sean Bogle (Plymouth State University) organized a one-day retreat for a coalition between the Granite State Student Affairs Association and NASPA NH in July 2012. He also created a survey for all NASPA NH members and non-member student affairs professionals in the state to assess professional development and engagement desires.

Rhode Island

Jeanine Went (Johnson and Wales University) was appointed State Director in July 2012, replacing **Jason Pina** (University of Rhode Island). State award nominations were reviewed by a committee prior to Jason's departure for Bridgewater State University. The awards review committee included: **John Denio** (Bryant University), **John King** (Roger Williams University), Jason and Jeanine.

In 2011-2012, NASPA RI had volunteers from seven of ten colleges in the state. In 2012-2013, new volunteers were recruited to include nine of ten colleges in the state, including new representation from Providence College (**Sharon Hay**) and the Community College of Rhode Island (**Rekha Rosha**). 2012-2013 academic year representation included: Brown University (**Shelley Adriance**), University of Rhode Island (**Lizette Zajko**) and Bryant University (**Kristin Biggins**).

Vermont

Anne Hopkins Gross (Southern Vermont College) reports that NASPA VT has a full slate of executive board members; one position is dedicated to membership development, as NASPA VT hopes to increase its presence throughout Vermont.

Scholarship

Research Division

Jean Joyce-Brady (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) reports that small research grant funding was approved in June 2012 by the Region I Advisory Board with the mission to promote collaborative research partnerships between regional student affairs faculty and practitioners, as well as to promote the NASPA 2011 research and scholarship agenda. Four grant proposals were submitted in December 2012 and were reviewed by a committee comprising the Research Division Representative (**Jean Joyce-Brady**), Faculty Liaison (**Annemarie Vaccaro**), Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC Representative (**Judy McGuire Robinson**), Veterans KC Representative (**David Vacchi**), and the African American KC Representative (**Colber Prosper**) utilizing an established grant review rubric. Grant funding decisions will be announced in February 2013. Proposals received involved exciting student affairs topics with implications for practice.

Adult Learners and Students with Children KC

Susan Marine (Merrimack College) reports that she distributed a recent report on “Post-Traditional Learners and the Transformation of Post-Secondary Education: A Manifesto for College Leaders,” authored by Louis Soares of the American Council on Education, to the KC mailing list, along with a summary article from the Inside Higher Ed website.

Marine published an article in a fall issue of the Regional Newsletter about the Family Economic Security Program at Norwalk Community College. The program won the Region’s Program of the Year Award at the Regional Conference, and by publishing the article, she is hoping to keep adult learner issues “on the radar” of student affairs professionals who mostly work with traditional age college students.

African American KC

Colber Prosper (Keene State College) reports that the leadership team is contacting individuals to write articles to submit to the Regional Newsletter.

Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC

Dan Doerr (University of Connecticut), a member of the KC’s leadership team, continues to coordinate a monthly series of articles on assessment, evaluation and research. These articles are authored by professionals throughout Region I and are submitted monthly to the Regional Newsletter.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues KC

Alex Cabal (Dean College) reports that the facebook page has been utilized by members to post news, blogs and job postings.

Health in Higher Education KC

Melinda Stoops (Framingham State University) submitted an article to the Regional Newsletter on student affairs professionals as models to students in health and wellness.

MultiRacial KC

Sarah Gallenberg (College of the Holy Cross) reports that the KC is continuing its engagement with social media and is looking to help co-sponsor research efforts.

New Professionals and Graduate Students (NPGS) KC

Ted Zito (Assumption College) reports that the KC's leadership team will continue to reach out to potential new NASPA members in an effort to increase NASPA membership and NPGS membership. The KC's leadership team will be writing an article for each Regional Newsletter in an effort to help promote the KC and help strengthen membership. The KC also launched a facebook page and Twitter account in December in an effort to connect and strengthen membership.

Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC

Zachary Cole (Boston College) reports that the KC has set a goal for publishing at least one article for every Regional Newsletter in spring 2013. So far, they have accomplished that goal, as two articles were submitted from members of the KC. They also submitted information on how to get involved for the newsletter. They are also encouraging submissions for the Journal of College and University Student Housing, as they recently requested manuscripts relating to spirituality and religion in a residential setting.

Student Leadership Programs KC

Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University) reports that the KC created a fall 2012 newsletter that was distributed via email and social media, and was posted on the website and in hard copy at the Regional Conference. The newsletter included bios and photos of the leadership team, information on how to connect with the KC, an article about Suffolk University's Journey Leadership Program, highlights from the summer meet & greet, an undergraduate student leader reflection and a save the date for a drive-in conference. The newsletter was very well received, and they plan to publish one per semester. They may move the newsletter into more of a blog format to encourage more submissions and participation from members.

Sustainability KC

Stephen Nason (Unity College) submitted an article entitled “12 Days of Sustainability” for the February issue of the Regional Newsletter. Stephen, with the help of his leadership team, continues to strive weekly to post sustainability items on the Region’s Sustainability KC facebook page.

New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI)

Hank Parkinson (Fitchburg State University) reports that two of four NPMI sessions have occurred.

NPMI Session I: *Professionalism & Networking*

- December 14, 2012, at Worcester State University
- 30 participants plus the planning team
- Two sessions with **David Zamojski** (Boston University) and **Emily Balcom** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)
- No changes needed, very successful

NPMI Session II: *Work/Life Balance*

- January 11, 2013, at Trinity College
- 30 participants plus planning team
- Two sessions with **Lee Peters** (University of Hartford), **Shawn McQuillan** (University of Hartford), **Josh Cooper** (Harvard University) and **Megan Dumaine** (Roger Williams University)
- Evaluation pending

Faculty Liaison

To increase the level of scholarship shared at the Regional Conference, **Annemarie Vaccaro** (University of Rhode Island) coordinated a panel where faculty members (**Tryan McMickens**, Suffolk University; **Jane Fried**, Central Connecticut State University; and **Susan Marine**, Merrimack College) shared their latest scholarship. The session was very well attended.

Professional Development

Community Colleges Division

Kristina Testa-Buzzee (Norwalk Community College) reports that community colleges in the Region presented four sessions at the Regional Conference; all four focused on community college related issues.

- *Everyone Teaches, Everyone Learns: Co-Curricular as Pedagogy* (Middlesex Community College)
- *Helping Single Parents Graduate Through Innovation and Inquiry* (Norwalk Community College)
- *The Plus 50 Encore Completion Program: Your Gateway to Success* (Cape Cod Community College)

- *Smashing the Silos: Co-Curricular Program Assessment of Developmental Education* (Three Rivers Community College)

Kristina and colleagues from Norwalk Community College presented about the college's Family Economic Security Program, which supports single parent students in developing coping skills, economic literacy and other life skills. 25 were in attendance. The feedback was positive; many participants expressed in interest in learning more so they could replicate the program on their campuses.

Public Policy Division

Cathy Cocks (University of Connecticut) co-presented a session with **Beth Devonshire** (Stonehill College) at the Regional Conference. The program, *Public Policy: The Year in Review and Issues on the Radar*, had 20 participants.

Research Division

Jean Joyce-Brady (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) reports that two programs were accepted and presented at the Regional Conference as a result of the collaboration among the Research Division Representative, the Faculty Liaison and the Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC Representative. One program was a faculty panel presenting brief synopses of their research with implications for student affairs practice. The second focused on best practices for writing research grant proposals. Flyers about the Region's new small grant program were distributed both at the grant writing program and at general information tables at the Regional Conference.

Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services (AGAPSS) KC

Dan Volchok (Northeastern University) followed up with attendees from a one-day AGAPSS conference, thanking them for attending and sending them relevant documents.

Adult Learners and Students with Children KC

Susan Marine (Merrimack College) co-presented a session entitled *Mom, B.A.: Understanding and Supporting Women Students with Children*, at the Regional Conference with **Kristina Testa-Buzzee** (Norwalk Community College). There were 35 participants. The session covered data and theory about student moms and their issues and concerns, as well as best practices for service provision. The presenters received a significant amount of positive feedback from attendees, and the session generated new interest in the KC.

Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC

Judy Robinson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) reports that a roundtable discussion on current trends in assessment was held during the Regional Conference. A small handful of professionals interested in assessment met over breakfast and shared best practices at their institutions. Participants ranged from a graduate student interning in student affairs assessment to more seasoned practitioners. In partnership with Campus Labs, the KC donated an Amazon Kindle to the Silent Auction along with a copy of Linda Suskie's book, *Assessing Student Learning: A Common Sense Guide*.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues KC

Alex Cabal (Dean College) reports that the KC hosted a drive-in conference with the Student Leadership Programs KC in December 2012 on allyship at Clark University. There were over 35 participants. Members of the leadership program will be submitting applications for the Mid-Level Institute. The KC is looking for ways for members to stay active in the KC throughout the semester.

Health in Higher Education KC

Melinda Stoops (Framingham State University) reports that the KC sponsored several programs at the Regional Conference: *Student Concerns Team: A Collaborative Approach*; *Helping the Helpers: Supporting Community Members Impacted by Mental Health*; and *Prepare, Program, Prevent: Promoting a Campus Community Approach to College Student Wellness and Suicide Prevention*.

Latino/a KC

Walter Diaz (Eastern Connecticut State University) reports that several members of the KC's leadership team attended the Regional Conference; a social was held off-site for KC members with about 20 individuals in attendance.

Men and Masculinities KC

Shane Long (Southern Maine Community College) reports that the KC sponsored a program, *Today's College Man: A Discussion on Men and Masculinities in Higher Education*, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in November 2012. The keynote speaker was nationally recognized scholar and author **Michael Kimmel**. More than 50 student affairs professionals from all over New England met to discuss this important topic.

Dr. Kimmel delivered an engaging keynote address focused on the culture of young men and the challenges of working with this population on our campuses. After lunch, participants had a chance to discuss a variety of issues related to Dr. Kimmel's keynote and their own experiences working with college aged men. Thanks to **Cat Sohor** and the MIT Residential Life and Dining Department for putting on the conference and including the KC as a co-sponsor. The KC hopes to hold other drive-in conferences in the near future.

New Professionals and Graduate Students KC

Ted Zito (Assumption College) reports that he is representing the KC on the Region's New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI) planning committee. Ted coordinated a Lunch and Learn session at the Regional Conference on the importance of mentorship. About 20 new professionals attended the panel session.

Student Leadership Programs KC

Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University) reports that there were several sessions offered at the Regional Conference pertaining to leadership development, presented by professionals from the

University of Connecticut, Wentworth Institute of Technology and a team representing Keene State College, Dean College and Central Connecticut State University. Each was well attended.

Colleen also reports that the Student Leadership Programs KC and the GLBT Issues KC co-sponsored *Let's Talk: Conversations about Leadership and Allyship in Student Affairs* at Clark University in November 2012. There were 55 in attendance, including presenters.

- Holistic Student Leader Development Panel: **Colleen Powers, Krista Muise** (University of Connecticut) and **Kyndra Angell** (Suffolk University)
- Queer Students' Leadership Development: **Andrew McGeehan** (University of Massachusetts – Amherst) and **John Hernandez** (University of Hartford)
- Allyship and Alternatives to Ally Training: **Todd Porter** (Mount Holyoke College)
- Interactive Reflection: **Matt Heiser** (Suffolk University) and **Christyn Bergquist** (University of Massachusetts – Lowell)

A post-event evaluation was conducted; average response for all events and overall event was 4/5.

Faculty Liaison

Annemarie Vaccaro (University of Rhode Island) hosted three programs at the Regional Conference, including a discussion with NAPSAs leadership about the needs of faculty in Region I (this session faced a challenge due to the timing with ASHE), and a Lunch and Learn about networking skills with 37 graduate student participants.

Senior Student Affairs Officer (SSAO) Liaison

Kathleen McMahon (Roger Williams University) reports that the annual SSAO Institute was held during the Regional Conference.

Peter Lake, a national expert in the field of higher education law and policy, facilitated a total of three sessions. About 50 SSAOs were in attendance. Evaluation results indicate that 91% of attendees rated the institute as good or excellent.

There were also two SSAO roundtable sessions at the Regional Conference that were well attended (50 attendees in each). SSAOs in the Region will serve as mentors to participants in the Region's Mid-Level Institute when the institute begins in March 2013.

Undergraduate Liaison / Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) Conference Coordinator

Nick Negrete (University of Vermont) reports there were 105 applicants for the annual SALT Conference at the Regional Conference. **Nancy Crimmin** (Becker College) delivered the opening keynote, and **David Zamojski** (Boston University) was the closing speaker. The graduate student fair was the highlight of the program. There were 16 graduate programs participating, and the students left with valuable information to assist them in their next step. Nick suggests that the Region find a way to increase the number of students who can participate in the conference. The demand is high, and the space and budget do not allow us to accept every student who applies.

Connecticut

Shelby Ballard (University of Hartford) reports that NASPA CT hosted a “Hot Topics in Higher Education” session.

- Title of Program/Conference: *The Shifting Culture after the Penn State Aftermath*
- Date/s, Location, October 26, 2012, Eastern Connecticut State University
- Number of Attendees/Participants: 30
- Description of Overall Program/Conference: This was a roundtable discussion about the shifting culture of higher education, including Title IX, the current culture of students, etc.
- Presenters:
Jeff Konin, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Eastern Connecticut State University
Seann Kalagher, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Quinnipiac University

Massachusetts

Rich DeCapua (Suffolk University) reports on several programs offered by NASPA MA to state members.

Spring Summit 2012

- Title of Program/Conference: *Campus Crisis: Dealing with a Student Death*
- Date/s, Location: May 23, 2012, Massachusetts College of Art & Design
- Number of Attendees/Participants: 80+
- Description of Overall Program/Conference: NASPA MA invited administrators to a half-day drive-in conference to examine the issues that are involved with the death of a student on campus.
- Panelists:
Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hill, Dean of Marsh Chapel, Boston University
Greg Gatlin, Vice President for Communications & Marketing, Suffolk University
Maria Kavanaugh, Director of the Counseling Center, Stonehill College
John Piga, Director of Residence Life, Bentley University
Elizabeth True, Vice President for Student Affairs, Mount Ida College

Summer Summit 2012

- Title of Program/Conference: *Higher Education & Law: Staying Informed as Professionals*
- Date/s, Location: July 26, 2012, Suffolk Law School
- Number of Attendees/Participants: 90+
- Description of Overall Program/Conference: NASPA MA hosted a drive-in conference to examine recent court decisions that will have an effect on higher education.
- Presenters:
Rob McCarron, General Counsel/Vice President, Government Relations for AICUM
Tom Flynn, General Counsel for Stonehill College

Fall Summit 2012

- Title of Program/Conference: *From “a Necessary Evil” to a Learning Imperative: A Short History of Student Affairs*
- Date/s, Location: October 26, 2012, Brandeis University
- Number of Attendees/Participants: 70
- Description of Overall Program/Conference: In an era when our profession is becoming increasingly chronicled by 140-character tweets, it is all the more important that we make time to appreciate our profession’s enduring history. This program provided an overview of the history of student affairs, and equipped attendees with core competencies in history, philosophy and values that can better inform their future work in the field.
- Presenter:
Daryl Healea, Associate Director of Residence Life for Student & Staff Development and Lecturer, Higher Education Administration, at Boston University

Winter Summit 2012

- Title of Program/Conference: *Sex, Drugs, and Rock-N-Roll: A Three-Part Campus Climate Discussion*
- Date/s, Location: December 7, 2012, Quinsigamond Community College
- Number of Attendees/Participants: 25
- Description of Overall Program/Conference: Sex – A discussion on recent examples at Wesleyan, Amherst and other schools to examine the impact of hyper-masculinity and male dominated cultures on hazing and sexual violence. Drugs – A brief examination of trends among drugs facing our campuses including prescription drugs, marijuana, and alcohol. Rock and Roll – A look at the messaging through music and the media students are receiving about sex and drugs, as an opportunity to understand where these campus climates may originate from.
- Presenter:
Beth Devonshire, Director of Community Standards, Stonehill College

Rhode Island

Jeanine Went (Johnson and Wales University) reports NASPA RI continued its tradition of “Hot Topics in Higher Education” for its second year in 2012:

- Title of Program/Conference: *The “Dear Colleague” Letter – One Year Later*
- Date, Location: Wednesday, April 4, 2012, Rhode Island College
- Number of Attendees/Participants: 51
- Description of Overall Program/Conference: A robust discussion on the implications of the Dear Colleague letter issued by the Office of Civil Rights. Panelists discussed the implications and challenges of working within these new Title IX guidelines from a general counsel’s perspective to actualizing policy changes on the frontlines.
- Panelists:
Elizabeth Canning, Non-Discrimination Coordinator, Johnson & Wales University
Claire Hall, General Counsel, Johnson & Wales University
Heidi Hartzell, Director Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, Roger Williams University

Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students, Roger Williams University

- Successes and Changes needed should Program/Conference be Offered Again: Have afternoon break-out sessions. Parking could be improved (location and space availability).

Advocacy

Alcohol and Other Drug KC

Matt Salter (Keene State College) reports that members of the KC have emailed out questions to the group over the listserv. Some recent issues have included: alcohol and drug policies at different institutions, AlcoholEdu vs. other online resources, addiction and college students.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues KC

Alex Cabal (Dean College) reports that the KC raised over \$200 for True Colors (a GLBTQ youth program organization), which asked that the funds be directed towards a scholarship for a GLBT student looking to go to college. **Christyn Bergquist** (University of Massachusetts – Lowell), **Todd Porter** (Mount Holyoke College) and Alex did a presentation on transgender students at the Regional Conference. The KC has been asked by various groups and/or institutions to do presentations about GLBTQ issues in higher education.

MultiRacial KC

Sarah Gallenberg (College of the Holy Cross) reports that Yale University hosted a Critical Race Theory conference, looking at how theory can be applied to scholarly work, legal practice, social justice advocacy and community based movement. Recently, there has been discussion within the KC about Russia's ban on US adoption.

Student Leadership Programs KC

Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University) reports that the drive-in conference for which the KC was a co-sponsor addressed many issues of equity and inclusion, specifically with students identifying as GLBTQ. It focused on tactics, tips, theories and best practices for building and supporting student leaders who identify with that community. At the drive-in conference, the KC expressed interest in working with the GLBT Issues KC to co-sponsor a student leader conference in 2013 that would be geared towards the GLBTQ student community. That conference is now in the development and planning stage.

Massachusetts

Rich DeCapua (Suffolk University) reports excellent use of social media to highlight policy issues that were examined by the state advisory board.

NASPA Region I Future Events

The Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC is planning a drive-in conference on assessment in March 2013. The workshop will be held at Bridgewater State University. **Gavin Henning** of New England College is the keynote speaker. The conference will feature workshops aimed at professionals who are new to assessment and those seeking more advanced assessment professional development. The conference will also include a poster session at the end of the day at which professionals can share best practices and successes in assessment, evaluation and research at their institutions.

The African American KC is planning a day conference for professionals that work in or are concerned about diversity and social justice.

NASPA CT is looking to reschedule the drive-in conference called *Piecing it Together: Your Journey into Higher Education*. This event is specific for undergraduate and graduate students interested in the field of student affairs.

The Fraternity and Sorority KC is sponsoring a fraternity and sorority research conference at Theta Delta Chi headquarters on the Boston Waterfront on June 7, 2013. Registration will be limited to 35. The conference will be co-sponsored by NASPA, AFA, NGLA & Theta Delta Chi National Headquarters.

The Health in Higher Education KC and NASPA RI are co-hosting a hot topics drive-in on April 4, 2013, at Roger Williams University. The event is called *It Takes a Campus: Supporting the Health and Wellness of Our Students*, and attendance will be limited to 70 participants. The keynote will be delivered by **Beth DeRicco**, a private consultant, and break-out sessions will feature **Jean Russell** (Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Health Care Quality and Cost Council), **Jim Azar** (Director of the Center for Counseling and Student Development, Roger Williams University) and **Kerry Burns** (Executive Director and Co-Founder of Finnz Fundz).

The Latino/a KC has scheduled a drive-in for April 12, 2013 in collaboration with the University of Connecticut about *Supporting Undocumented Students*.

Dates and locations for the 2013 Mid-Level Institute are:

- March 28, 2013 – Southern Vermont College
- April 19, 2013 – Central Connecticut State University
- May 10, 2013 – Southern New Hampshire University
- June 6, 2013 – Salve Regina University

Marlin Nabors (Southern New Hampshire University), Mid-Level Institute Chair, expects 15 mid-level professionals will participate.

The Multi-Racial KC, in collaboration with NECBAC (New England Counselors of Color Bridging Access to College) is planning a conference at Assumption College on August 7-9, 2013, with 40 to 100 attendees expected. The KC is also planning to co-sponsor a drive-in conference with the Asian Pacific Islanders KC in fall 2013.

The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC is planning a drive-in conference on *Building Interfaith Community on College Campuses* on April 19, 2013, at Brandeis University. 40 to 50 participants are expected, and the conference will include theoretical and application based presentations by professors and professionals. The KC is also planning a webinar on the intersection of GLBT identity and Christianity. Finally, the KC is also planning a webinar on the topic of working at religiously-affiliated institutions, which will be offered in collaboration with The Placement Exchange (TPE).

NASPA VT is engaging in a book conversation on Covering. This book was nominated to be read by NASPA VT at the Regional Conference. It is written by Kenji Yoshino, who will also be a panel speaker at the NASPA Annual Conference.

The Veterans KC is planning a program on veterans for May or June 2013, that will focus on the particular needs of veterans and how campuses can best prepare and assist students who are veterans.