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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

Adult Learners and Students with Children Knowledge Community (KC)

Susan Marine (Merrimack College), Regional KC Representative, is focused on increasing awareness of the ALSC KC in Region I and increasing membership. There are currently 15 members in the KC. Marine has a stated goal of 50 members in the KC by the end of the Regional Conference in November. Marine recently volunteered to coordinate a monthly call with her leadership team so that they can communicate about ideas to build awareness and participation of the KC in our region. The first monthly call will take place on October 18, 2012, and every third week of the month thereafter. She will connect monthly with the National KC Chair to find out what information needs to be relayed. Three programs are being sponsored by the KC at the Regional Conference which will enable the KC to be more visible and to attract new (and ideally active) members.

Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services KC

Dan Volchok (Northeastern University), Regional KC Representative, reports that he solicited AGAPSS members to form a leadership team. This was put on hold as the group planned a one-day conference in October. They will finalize the leadership team based on interest from the conference.

Alcohol and Other Drug KC

Matt Salter (Keene State College), Regional KC Representative, reports that the AOD KC is continuing to open up the group and to get an active base in Region I. They haven't had a national phone call in a while and he looks forward to working with his colleagues to set an agenda and goals for the KC. He has a list of KC members in Region I and would like to find a way to better interact with them. He plans on attending AOD programs at our Regional Conference and form a leadership team.

African American KC

Colber Prosper (Keene State College), Regional KC Representative, reports that the leadership team is complete and the team is working on titles and responsibilities.

Assessment, Evaluation and Research (AER) KC

Judy McGuire Robinson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Regional KC Representative, reports that the Region I AER KC has a newly established leadership team of four. The group is planning to expand the leadership team following the Regional Conference. The leadership team is communicating with interested NASPA members via email to update them on the KC activities and invite and encourage involvement in KC leadership.

Campus Safety KC

Gerry Willis (Salve Regina University), Regional KC Representative, reports that he has been in communication with the Campus Safety KC on a number of issues, most notably the recent uptick in campus bomb threats. He has also been in communication with his KC on issues surrounding Title IX issues as they relate to campus safety. His goal remains to stay in good communication with his team and pass along information on emerging issues and incidents regarding campus safety both regionally and nationally.

Community Colleges Division

Kristina Testa-Buzzee (Norwalk Community College), Regional Representative, reports that she is communicating with Region I members via email to reinforce professional development opportunities offered by NASPA. She also indicates that a community college program has been nominated for Program of the Year and a community college SSAO has been nominated for Community College Professional of the Year.

Enough is Enough

Brittany Bogle (Saint Anselm College), Regional Coordinator, distributed the October Enough is Enough Newsletter to all member schools in Region I. The newsletter contains suggestions on programs that schools can host as well as contact information for assistance and/or reporting EIE efforts to the Regional Coordinator. She discussed upcoming Enough is Enough efforts for Southern New Hampshire University with Sheila Lambert, SNHU EIE representative and Prevention and Education EIE board member. To date, there are approximately 52 Region I institutions that are active in the Enough is Enough campaign, and one community partner from the YWCA.

Faculty Liaison

Annemarie Vaccaro, Faculty Liaison, reports that in late September, she sent an email to all of the student affairs faculty members in Region I to keep them abreast of her work as the faculty liaison. She also encouraged them to attend the Regional Conference in general and the Faculty Summit in particular.

GLBT Issues KC

Alex Cabal (Dean College), Regional KC Representative, has been able to establish a connection with his leadership team, which is full. The members of the leadership team are involved at the regional and national levels. They nominated a member of their KC for a state award. The group is looking for ways to involve members rather than just receiving information by email. Julia Golden (Social Programming Coordinator) and Cabal started a conversation about creating committees to ensure that the GLBT Issues KC can have events in different parts of the region.

Health in Higher Education KC

Melinda Stoops (Framingham State University), Regional KC Representative, began efforts to establish a leadership team. She reached out to KC members via email with this request in the summer and received a response from one member who is interested in taking on a leadership role. She intends to do some active recruiting in this area at the Regional Conference.

Indigenous Peoples KC

Tracy Cree (University of Connecticut), Regional KC Representative, has listed leadership positions via Volunteer Central and placed notices in the August and October newsletters announcing availability of leadership positions.

International Education KC

Aliki Karagiannis (Stonehill College), Regional KC Representative, has a goal of establishing a leadership team as potential plans for a Region I International Conference develop.

Knowledge Community (KC) Co-Coordinators

Beth Moriarty (Bridgewater State University) and **Jen Stanley** (Roger Williams University) report that they completed on-line training for Regional KC Representatives. This training was conducted by the Regional KC Co-Coordinators and the National KC Director. They also offered dedicated KC training time at the June Retreat and September's Region I Advisory Board meeting. They shared their Regional KC Check List with the National KC Director, who has posted it on the portal as an example of a best practice.

Latino/a KC

Walter Diaz (Eastern Connecticut State University), Regional KC Representative, has developed a KC leadership team. The positions of Social Programming, Membership and Awards, Professional Development and Communications Coordinator have been filled.

Member at Large

Lee Peters (University of Hartford) reports that he has agreed to serve on the Region's Nominations Committee and the Regional Budget Task Force.

Men and Masculinities KC

Shane Long (Southern Maine Community College), Regional KC Representative, recently assumed the KC representative role. A call for members for the leadership team was included in the Regional Newsletter. The positions of Communications Coordinator, Partnerships Coordinator and Education Coordinator were advertised.

New Professionals and Graduate Students KC

Ted Zito (Assumption College), Regional KC Representative, and the NPGS KC supported Greg Jones' initiative for the "Leaving Your Mark" graduate student conference. Zito worked with NASPA office to set up registration and provide funding. The conference took place at Suffolk University on June 16, 2012, and 25 graduate students participated. Zito is serving on the New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI) committee on behalf of the NPGS KC, and he is planning a Lunch and Learn on mentorship at the Regional Conference.

New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI)

Hank Parkinson (Fitchburg State University), NPMI Chair, reports that the committee has been formed, three conference calls have been held, goals have been identified, program topics have been selected presenters have been lined up, dates have been chosen, host sites have been identified, mentor/mentee applications have been created, Chartwells has agreed to sponsor the food at all four sessions, the Region's website has been updated, a mentor Lunch and Learn has been planned, and they are working on assessment efforts.

Silent Auction

Ali Hicks (Babson College) reports that the Silent Auction planning team is preparing for the 15th annual auction at the upcoming Regional Conference. Three new features are being added to the traditional silent auction: 1) the selling of star and salt shaker cutouts at registration to post at the conference and honor a fellow colleague; 2) the "Lunch with Legends" raffle table, where participants can purchase raffle tickets to enter the chance to win a lunch and meeting with a legend from Region I; and 3) the "buy it now" NASPA Region I College Bookstore, where donations of college apparel are available for immediate purchase.

Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC

Zachary Cole (Boston College), Regional KC Representative, was appointed this summer. Cole introduced himself through both the weekly email listserv of the KC and the Regional Newsletter. He also solicited volunteers to serve on a leadership team.

SSAO Institute

Kathleen McMahan (Roger Williams University) reports that the Senior Student Affairs Officer (SSAO) Institute is an opportunity for Deans, Vice-Presidents, and other advanced professionals to discuss topics and issues relevant to their positions. The institute includes a dinner and a half-day of programs at the Regional Conference. Peter F. Lake is the presenter for the institute. Lake is a national expert in the field of higher education law and policy. He co-authored The Rights and Responsibilities of the Modern

University: Who Assumes the Risks of College Life? and is a highly sought after presenter at colleges and universities.

State Director-Connecticut

Shelby Ballard (University of Hartford) reports that on Friday July 27th, CT NASPA had a social at Black Bear in Hartford to kick off the year. More than 20 people attended and it was a relaxing social to get people excited about NASPA CT. In the future, she hopes to find a venue that is a central location so that they can have more attendees. In addition to the ECSU event (See section III), several non-NASPA members have asked if they can attend this drive-in; Ballard believes this is a great initiative to get new NASPA members involved. The CT State Advisory Board plans to give them information so they can potentially join NASPA.

State Director-Maine

Jason Saucier (University of Southern Maine) reports that since June 2012, he has worked with his state board (MASAP) to amend by-laws to include several new positions which will help MASAP connect with the 30 higher-education institutions in Maine and promote involvement with NASPA. He has created campus liaison positions for all of these schools as well as a position that is responsible for sharing law and policy news with the state.

State Director-Rhode Island

Jeanine Went (Johnson and Wales University) was appointed State Director after Jason Pina left the state to serve as VPSA at Bridgewater State in Massachusetts. Since her appointment, she has recruited several new members for the RI State Advisory Board. They hope to have representation on the board from all colleges across the state. At the first board meeting on October 12, they discussed the creation of two new roles: State Awards Chair and State Membership Coordinator. They brainstormed plans for two upcoming events—a holiday social with a philanthropic component to be held at RIC and a “Hot Topics” presentation to be held at Roger Williams University’s conference center in the spring. Advisory board photos have been submitted to update the RI State Advisory Board webpage.

Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs KC

Karin Edwards (Three Rivers Community College), Regional KC Representative, reports that she participated in three conference calls with the National KC Chair and other regional reps. She will present at the Regional Conference in November. The title of the presentation is “Smashing the Silos: Co-curricular Program Assessment of Development Education.” She sent communication to members of the KC to introduce herself and solicit input and ideas for regional programming.

Student Leadership Programs KC

Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University), Regional KC Representative KC, reports that the KC has met monthly via web-conference to plan and prepare. They have created three coordinator positions for the leadership team. The positions have been effective in helping lead the KC in the region. Region I SLP KC created an internal opt-in listserv for regional members for regular contact and sharing of messages. Additionally, a facebook page, twitter account and gmail account were created to

maintain contact and share information. All social media have been used effectively to date. Region I SLP KC sent out a survey to members to gather interest for future programming and activities. KC members helped nominated a mid-level professional in leadership development for a Region I award.

Technology KC

Max Koskoff (University of Hartford), Regional KC Representative, reports that the main focus right now is to find a leadership team. There are some ideas for educational gatherings to discuss topics related to technology. There will be a call for members to join the leadership team via Volunteer Central. The current KC leadership team contributed a gift basket towards the NASPA Region I Silent Auction.

Veterans KC

David Vacchi (University of Massachusetts – Amherst), Regional KC Representative, reports that the Region I VKC continues to develop membership and leadership involvement and that the process is slow moving. The leadership team is formally two members, with guidance from 4-6 informal leaders. The Regional Conference presents the first opportunity for face-to-face new member engagement for this leadership team. He is disappointed with the number of affiliated members; this year will be a recruiting year. He participated in a collaborative NASPA VKC leadership blog exchange which solidified definitions of Student Veteran, Veteran Friendliness, and inclusive populations of student veterans.

Treasurer

Jackie Newcomb (Brown University) reports that she has worked with the NASPA office and provided documentation to assist with the audit and closing of the fiscal year and has set 2012-1013 budgets for the auction and Region I accounts.

- **Member Engagement**

Matthew Salter (Keene State College), Alcohol and Other Drug Regional KC Representative, put out a call for members of the AOD KC to help review programs for the Annual Conference and was very happy with the response.

Denise Fung (Boston College), Asian Pacific Islanders Regional KC Representative. reports that the KC will submit an article every month to the Regional Newsletter. Kristine Din and Fung have been planning a webinar for November or December about the ways racial and professional identify can play a role in the workplace.

Health in Higher Education Regional KC Representative **Melinda Stoops** (Framingham State University) sent out two emails to the Region I Health in Higher Education KC membership during this quarter. The emails included links to relevant articles from the weekly Public Policy Update, information about the national Health in Higher Education KC's hot topics, a reminder about the call for programs for the Regional Conference, a call for volunteers to participate in the KC's leadership team, and an announcement of a LinkedIn group for the regional KC.

Tracy Cree (University of Connecticut), Indigenous Peoples Regional KC Representative, will be hosting a lunch at the Regional Conference for IPKC members and has created a KC brochure to distribute at the conference. She will send out a survey at end of October to current members regarding their interests in the IPKC.

Aliki Karagiannis (Stonehill College), International Education Regional KC Representative, plans to contribute to the national IEKC newsletter and social media efforts.

Zachary Cole (Boston College), Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education Regional KC Representative, sent out messages throughout the summer with information regarding conferences and volunteer opportunities.

- **Community Involvement**

Matthew Salter (Keene State College), Alcohol and Other Drug Regional KC Representative, was able to get some in the community to submit program proposals for the Regional Conference.

- **Award Recognition**

Alison Black (Olin College) reports that there were nominations for eight of the nine regional awards. There were a total of fourteen nominees for all of the regional awards; eight awards will be presented at the awards banquet at the Regional Conference.

There were fifty-three nominations for state awards. There are five state awards that could be presented in each state. The final breakdown for award recipients per state/province is: Massachusetts - 5 awards; Rhode Island - 5 awards; Connecticut - 5 awards; Canada - 2 awards; Maine - 3 awards; Vermont - 4 awards; New Hampshire – no awards being presented. These awards will be presented during the State and Province meetings at the Regional Conference in Mystic, CT.

Four retirees from the region are slated to receive recognition at the awards banquet.

Scholarship

- **Creation of Knowledge**

Jean Joyce-Brady (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy), Research Division Representative, reports that Region I has approved funding for a small research grant program to support and encourage collaborative research partnerships between student affairs faculty and practitioners. Criteria for grant applications include direct relevance to student affairs practice as well as to the NASPA 2011 Research and Scholarship Agenda. Information about the grant application process has been emailed to all Region I members and posted on the region's website. The deadline for small research grant applications is December 15, 2012. This grant program is the result of collaborations among the Region I

Research Division Representative, Faculty Liaison and Regional KC Representative for Assessment, Research and Evaluation. Inaugural grant funding will be announced in February 2013.

Zachary Cole (Boston College), Religion and Spirituality in Higher Education Regional KC Representative, reports that an article was added to the August 2012 edition of the Regional Newsletter calling for leadership team interest and that the KC has set a goal for publishing at least one article for every Regional Newsletter starting after November.

- **Faculty/Research/Scholarship Involvement**

Adult Learners and Students with Children Regional KC Representative **Susan Marine** (Merrimack College) composed and distributed an email newsletter for the KC that included information about the KC's mission, information about sponsored sessions at the Regional Conference and information (and links) to public policy issues of interest to those working with adult learners and students with children.

Colber Prosper (Keene State College), African American Regional KC Representative, reports that he created a facebook page and will start using this page to pass along research and scholarship. He will be presenting at the Regional Conference.

Judy McGuire Robinson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Assessment, Evaluation and Research Regional KC Representative, reports that she has been actively involved with the new NASPA Region I Small Research Grant Program. The Region I board approved a total of \$3000 to support this initiative for the coming year. The purpose of the Small Research Grant Program is to promote and support cutting edge research on the practice of student affairs. All proposals must have a faculty member and a practitioner listed as investigators. McGuire Robinson developed a scoring rubric to review grant proposals. To support the launch of the Small Research Grant Program, she will present a workshop at the Regional Conference on grant writing. Dan Doerr, a member of the leadership team, is coordinating a monthly series of articles on assessment, evaluation and research. These articles will be authored by professionals throughout Region I and are submitted monthly to the Regional Newsletter.

Annemarie Vaccaro (University of Rhode Island), Faculty Liaison, has been working in conjunction with Jean Joyce-Brady (Research) and Judith McGuire Robinson (Assessment KC) on a small grant process to support assessment and research in Region I.

Karin Edwards (Three Rivers Community College), Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs Regional KC Representative, created a facebook page to serve as a discussion board for current issues relevant to the KC.

Shane Long (Southern Maine Community College), Men and Masculinities Regional KC Representative, reports that the Region I MMKC published a fall 2012 newsletter. Included in the newsletter were a call for volunteers for the leadership team, information about the "Today's College Man: A Discussion on Men and Masculinities in Higher Education" drive-in conference being co-sponsored by the KC and the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology on November 2, links to MMKC resources and contact information for the Region I MMKC Representative.

- **Grants/Research**

David Vacchi (University of Massachusetts – Amherst), Veterans KC, won a NASPA Foundation small research grant to develop and implement a pilot study of student veterans – to be completed by fall 2014 (Defining and Describing the Contemporary Student Veteran Population).

Professional Development

- **Conferences, educational program reporting**

Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services Regional KC Representative **Dan Volchok** (Northeastern University) reports that the KC hosted a drive-in conference in October. The title was “Support for Diverse Populations.” The conference was held at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts. There were 80 attendees. The program schedule included:

- Breakfast/networking opportunities
- General session keynote presentation – Supporting International Graduate and Professional Students
 - Meeta Kumar, Associate Director and Psychologist, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), University of Pennsylvania
 - Chia-Ying Pan, Director of the Office of Learning Resources, Weingarten Learning Resources Center, University of Pennsylvania
- Lunch/networking
- Roundtable discussions on student engagement, orientation, support of underrepresented populations and current trends in graduate and professional student services (all repeated twice so attendees could attend two of the four topics)
- Post-conference social at a Harvard Square bar

Volchok reports that the conference was very successful. Those previously involved recall that a similar conference four years ago had about 25 attendees.

Susan Marine (Merrimack College), Adult Learners and Students with Children KC, reports that three sessions relating to adult learners and student parents will be presented at the Regional Conference, including a session she is co-presenting with two members of the KC, Kristina Testa-Buzzee and Vanessa Johnson. Marine is planning a get-together for Region I’s interested members in the early part of 2013, featuring a guest speaker on issues of interest to adult learners.

Colber Prosper (Keene State College), African American KC, reports that they are currently discussing a professional development day conference with other KCs. He will be presenting at the Regional

Conference with the LGBT Issues and Student Leadership Programs KCs. The title is “Beats, Rhymes and Leadership: Building Emotionally Intelligent Leaders through the Influence of Music.”

Alcohol and Other Drug Regional KC Representative **Matthew Salter** (Keene State College) led the committee that reviewed the programs submitted for the NASPA Annual Conference to be sponsored by the Alcohol and Other Drug KC. In leading this committee, he worked with colleagues around the nation in many different capacities and was able to see some of the great work done in this field.

Denise Fung (Boston College), API KC, reports tentative plans for a November/December social at Boston College and a future webinar about racial and professional identity.

Judy McGuire Robinson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), AER KC, reports that a roundtable discussion on current trends in assessment is scheduled to take place at the Regional Conference. The AER KC is planning a drive-in conference on assessment in March 2013, at Bridgewater State University.

Community Colleges Division Regional Representative **Kristina Testa-Buzzee** (Norwalk Community College) is a lead presenter for a Regional Conference workshop about community colleges.

Annemarie Vaccaro (University of Rhode Island), Faculty Liaison, has spent the last few months planning three sessions for the Regional Conference. She completed the program proposals and recruited panelists for two separate sessions:

- Faculty Scholarship Panel: three faculty members (Jane Fried, Susan Marine, Tryon McMickens) will share their scholarly work;
- Graduate Student Pre-Conference Session: a pre-conference lunch and learn for graduate students with five panelists who will talk about networking (Jen DeBurro, Stephanie Grejtak, Hank Parkinson, Jason Pina, Colber Prosper).

She is also planning the faculty summit that will include a faculty dialogue with Kevin Kruger.

Steve Simo (University of Rhode Island), Fraternity and Sorority KC, reports a program proposal was submitted to the Regional Conference (Fraternity & Sorority Life Advising: Meeting our Mission for this Century) but it was wait listed. There may be no other fraternity and sorority programming offered at the conference. It has been a challenge to build the KC within the Region.

GLBT Issues Regional KC Representative **Alex Cabal** (Dean College) reports that the KC is planning to co-sponsor a drive-in conference with the Student Leadership Programs KC on Friday, November 30, tentatively at Clark University.

Melinda Stoops (Framingham State University), Health and Higher Education KC, reports that three programs at the Regional Conference will be sponsored by the Health in Higher Education KC. She is also working with the National KC Chairs to explore a collaboration between the Health in Higher Education KC and the New Professionals and Graduate Students KC. This would be a webinar focused on graduate students' mental health.

Aliki Karagiannis (Stonehill College), International Education KC, reports that there will be an international conference (as yet untitled) on June 17-20, 2013, at McGill University, in Montreal, Canada, which will coincide with the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services' (CACUSS) 40th anniversary conference. She is also exploring a webinar, possibly co-sponsored with the New Professionals and Graduate Students KC, which would highlight higher education and graduate student program offerings abroad.

Regional Knowledge Community Co-Coordinators **Beth Moriarty** (Bridgewater State University) and **Jen Stanley** (Roger Williams University) report that they are presenting at the Regional Conference. The program title is "Mission Possible: Building Connections and Exploring Your Professional Development through Knowledge Communities."

Shane Long (Southern Maine Community College), Men and Masculinities KC, reports that the KC will sponsor "Today's College Man: A Discussion on Men and Masculinities in Higher Education" on November 2, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The keynote speaker is nationally recognized scholar and author Michael Kimmel. The keynote address will be followed by lunch and then facilitated discussion groups on the following topics:

- masculinity and hazing
- women in guyland
- men in residence
- gender identity and sexual orientation
- non-traditional and commuter students

Shelby Ballard (University of Hartford), State Director – Connecticut, reports that on October 26, NASPA CT will host a drive-in at ECSU titled, "Hot Topics in Higher Education: The Shifting Culture of the Penn State Aftermath". Sean Kalagher from QU and Jeff Konin from ECSU will be guest speakers.

Jason Saucier (University of Southern Maine), State Director – Maine, reports that since June 2012, they have worked at a state level to start providing student affairs twitter discussions with professionals around the state. They have also created and filled two new board positions focused on increasing SSAO involvement in the state and providing a focus on mid-level and new professional development in the state of Maine.

Student Leadership Programs Regional KC Representative **Colleen Powers** (Central Connecticut State University) reports that she planned her first program in conjunction with the GLBT Issues KC, scheduled for November 30. Also, the KC held a social event, SLP KC Meet & Greet, on August 9, in Providence, RI. There were 10 attendees, and they discussed potential event ideas and future programs.

Technology Regional KC Representative **Max Koskoff** (University of Hartford) reports that the NASPATech conference on October 25-28, 2012, will provide a much needed sense of knowledge and

areas to focus on, in addition to getting regional people on board a leadership team. The Regional Conference has four programs being sponsored by the Technology KC.

Advocacy

- **Activities related to Inclusion & Equity**

Zachary Cole (Boston College), Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC, reports that the KC in Region I recently discussed the idea of including international students more in future advocacy efforts. The KC also recently discussed the idea of unpacking misconceptions of Islam and the Muslim world following recent world events.

- **Activities related to support of student success and student learning (can be through programming, public policy, etc.)**

Dan Volchok (Northeastern University), AGAPPS KC, reports that their one-day conference created an opportunity for attendees to explore support of international students and network with colleagues on how they support graduate and professional student success.

Matthew Salter (Keene State College), Alcohol and Other Drug KC, reports that his institution is hosting its second annual recovery panel in which students learn from other young adolescents who are in recovery from addiction.

Kristina Testa-Buzzee (Norwalk Community College), Community Colleges Division, has helped to keep CC's in the region informed of potential funding opportunities for CC student service programs. She has also advocated for featuring CC students in national KC and Division newsletters.

Alex Cabal (Dean College), GLBT Issues KC, reports that during the Regional Conference, the KC will raise money for True Colors, a GLBTQ youth program organization. There will be a presentation on transgender students at the Regional Conference.

Technology Regional KC Representative **Max Koskoff** (University of Hartford) reports that there will be a session at the Regional Conference about how technology plays a role in disability services, and how more institutions need to become more ADA apparent with their technology needs.

NASPA Strategic Plan

Goal 1

1. Build the capacity to create knowledge and use data to provide evidence that will support excellence in practice.

Ted Zito (Assumption College), New Professionals and Graduate Students KC

Goal: Create a leadership team in Region I for the NPGS KC aimed at providing professional development and programming opportunities for members, as well as expand communication through email, regional newsletters and social media.

- Zito held a leadership team meeting of members requesting to participate in the NPGS KC leadership team in Region I.
- Zito is forming the leadership team and assigning job responsibilities.
- New Region I facebook and twitter accounts plan to be launched for the NPGS KC in October.

Objectives

1.1 Be the primary source of data on the experience of college and university students.

Veterans Regional KC Representative **David Vacchi** (University of Massachusetts – Amherst) is working with NASPA’s VP for Research and Policy, Brian Sponsler, on a “Top Five” paper for student affairs professionals working with student veterans – expected publication date is by the end of the fall semester 2012.

1.3 Tighten and align the connections among theory, research, and practice.

International Education KC Representative **Aliki Karagiannis** (Stonehill College)

- Representing NASPA Region I as a NAFSA Region XI Presenter
 - Conference Topic: Pin Them Down: Millennials and Social Media will explore student engagement through the use of social media with a focus on good practices in the arena of education abroad

1.4 Enhance skills and provide tools to conduct student affairs program reviews in support of best practice and institutional effectiveness.

Kristina Testa-Buzzee (Norwalk Community College), Community Colleges Division, has signed up for google scholars article updates to receive information regarding “adult learners and students with children” and email pertinent articles to members of the Adult Learners and Students with Children KC.

Karin Edwards (Three Rivers Community College), Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs KC, will do a presentation at the Regional Conference which will explain her college’s assessment process of the Developmental Education program.

Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University), Student Leadership Programs KC, reports that the KC is creating and compiling the first of two annual newsletters which will share knowledge and experiences to help demonstrate the impact of leadership development on student learning, and tighten connections between theory and practice.

Goal 2

2. Lead advocacy efforts that shape the changing landscape of higher education.

Ted Zito (Assumption College), New Professionals and Graduate Students KC

Goal: Sponsor a drive-in conference in June for graduate students in internships focusing on how to leave a lasting mark at the intern institution.

- Zito and the NPGS KC supported the “Leaving Your Mark” graduate student conference. Zito worked with the NASPA office staff to set up registration and provide funding. The conference took place at Suffolk University on June 16, 2012; 25 graduate students participated in this year’s conference.

Objectives

2.2 Define, adopt, and communicate a public stance on critical policy issues in higher education.

David Vacchi (University of Massachusetts – Amherst), Veterans KC, facilitated a national VKC dialogue to establish the following paradigms/definitions previously elusive in higher education literature and dialogue:

- Student Veteran: This is the universal term inclusive of all students with some military connection or background, not “veteran student”, “military student” or “military affiliated student”.
- A student veteran is any student who is a current or former member of the Active Duty Military, the National Guard or Reserves regardless of deployment status, combat experience, legal veteran status or GI Bill use.
- A veteran friendly campus identifies and removes barriers to the educational goals of veterans, creates a smooth transition from military life to college life, provides information to veterans about available benefits and services, creates campus awareness of the student veteran population and creates proactive support programs for student veterans based on their needs.

2.4 Track state and regional issues that might significantly affect students, practitioners, and/or campuses.

Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education Regional KC Representative **Zachary Cole** (Boston College) reports that the KC is planning on establishing a more effective social media presence in order to generate discussion on the spirituality and religion-related issues that are present in the Region.

Goal 3

3. Launch an initiative to collaborate with student affairs worldwide.

Objectives

3.1 Conduct a needs assessment to guide and prioritize NASPA's international efforts.

Aliki Karagiannis, International KC Representative will generate dialogue via emails and survey to gain perspective on members' interests and needs.

3.3 Provide context-appropriate professional development activities to improve knowledge and skills of student affairs professionals both domestic and abroad.

Dan Volchok (Northeastern University), AGAPPS KC, reports the KC hosted a drive-in conference in October about "Support for Diverse Populations."

Goal 4

4. Strengthen NASPA by making it a more responsive, vital and sustainable organization.

Ted Zito (Assumption College), New Professionals and Graduate Students KC

Goal: Reach out to new graduate students and new professionals in Region I in an effort to increase NASPA membership and registration for the NPGS KC in our region.

- Zito and the Region I NPGS KC leadership team will continue outreach to potential new NASPA members in an effort to increase NASPA membership and NPGS membership.
- The Region I NPGS KC planned to launch facebook and twitter accounts in October in an effort to connect and strengthen membership.
- The NPGS KC plan to connect with the Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) Conference graduates as a lead to increase membership.

Goal: Support and collaborate with NASPA Region I initiatives to contribute to the strength of our membership.

- Zito is serving on the Region I New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI) committee on behalf of the NPGS KC. He is helping to coordinate mentor sessions as well as plan the upcoming panel on mentorship for the Lunch and Learn Series at the Regional Conference.

Goal: Support Region I's graduate students and new professionals' professional development by sponsoring a scholarship to attend the NASPA Annual Conference in Orlando.

- Zito will request funding on behalf of the NPGS KC from the NASPA Region I Advisory Board at the November 2012 meeting to provide financial support to a new professional or graduate student to attend the Annual Conference in Orlando.

Jackie Newcomb (Brown University), Treasurer

- In an effort to provide more fiscal responsibility and PCI compliance, we will keep online registration open during the Region I Conference to allow for credit card payments to be processed electronically rather than using paper promissory notes.
- We will use the Square Up app and card reader to process credit cards for auction payments to improve our collection rate and become more efficient in taking payments.

Kristina Testa-Buzzee (Norwalk Community College), Community Colleges Division

- Testa-Buzzee initiated a regional CC LinkedIn page.

Alex Cabal (Dean College), GLBT Issues KC

- The KC continues to utilize twitter and facebook to provide members with information about GLBT-related issues in and out of student affairs.

Objectives

4.1 Diversify and strengthen the sources of NASPA's revenue.

- 4.1.1 Increase collaboration and partnerships with higher education and other organizations

Zachary Cole (Boston College) Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC

- Cole recently started an email thread among all of the Region I KC representatives in hopes of improving collaboration efforts.

4.5 Strengthen NASPA's contributions to student affairs graduate preparation programs.

Aliki Karagiannis (Stonehill College), International Education KC

- The KC is exploring the idea of offering a webinar, possibly co-sponsored with the New Professionals and Graduate Students KC, which would highlight higher education and graduate student program offerings abroad.

Zachary Cole (Boston College), Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC

- As a current student of the student affairs graduate preparation program at Boston College, Cole is bringing his increasing knowledge of NASPA and all of its opportunities to members of his cohort. This includes basic information sharing, but also sharing the opportunities that exist within knowledge communities.

Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State College), Student Leadership Programs KC

- SLP KC is allowing graduate students to take on leadership roles, contribute to the organization and build their experience for future positions.