



Nancy Crimmin, Region I Vice President  
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### Discussion Items

*There are no discussion items from Region I*

### Action Items

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## NASPA GOALS & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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

### African American Concerns

#### **KC Rep: Austin Ashe**

- Researching the need for mentorship of African-American women who pursue careers as college administrators – possible drive in for 2012.
- Now “tweeting” on Twitter - @Region1\_AAKC.
- Planning drive-in roundtable with SPLKC.

### Campus Safety KC

#### **Gerry Willis, Salve Regina University**

- Gerry is co-presenting at an upcoming NASPA Region I conference on Nov. 15 in Sturbridge, MA – the topic is crisis case management in Student Affairs, and he will be bringing campus safety issues into the discussion.

### Conference Chair Update

#### **Jennifer Michael, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences**

- **Jennifer Michael**, (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences), Conference Chair, reports that the conference has come together very well and our numbers are currently at 357 (as of 11/6). Program Chair, **Daniel Brown** (Quinnipiac) selected a wide variety of programs to address various needs of our field. **Ted Zito** (Assumption College) has grown the SALT program to 67 students and the process was very selective. **briana Sevigny** (Johnson and Wales) serving as Awards coordinator this year has done a tremendous job soliciting nominees and streamlining the process for nominators. The Region is looking forward to the work done by **Greg Jones** (Brandeis), the Local Arrangements Chair, and the off-site reception at Old Sturbridge Village. Lastly, the success of my role is all due in part to the amazing committee I’ve worked with. **Jenn Kosses** (MCPHS) past Chair, **Hank Parkinson** (Fitchburg State University) Registration Coordinator, **Shelby Summers Ballard** (University of Hartford) Interns and Volunteers, **Elissa Carroll** (Fairfield University) Entertainment and AV, **Jamie Glanton Costello** (Mass Art and Design)silent auction, **Shawn DeVeau** (University of Texas) SSAO liaison, **Jet Goldberg** (Southern New Hampshire University) Secretary, **Patrick Hale** (UVM) Publications and Publicity, **Jackie Newcomb** (Brown University) Treasurer, and **Peter Wiernicki** (Stonehill College) Corporate Sponsors. Lastly, I’d

like to recognize our Graduate Interns; **Jude Paul Dizon** (UVM), **Kevin O'Connell** (Springfield College), **Kim Pho** (University of Connecticut), and **Ashley Robinson** (University of Maine).

### Historian Report

#### **Barbara Fienman, Suffolk University**

- Barbara Fienman has been making progress collecting and assembling the history of Region I. During the summer 2011 a group of volunteers from the region met to sort through the files and folders owned by the region. This resulted in some new Googledocs that track the conference names, themes, registration costs, attendance etc. A compilation of former advisory board members has been started as well as a snapshot of the region's silent auction and budgets. The result of all of this work is being shared with advisory board members to help inform them when making decisions. Paradoxically we are now printing old newsletters and other materials that have only been published electronically. One copy is being saved by the historian and the other copies are being sent to the Bowling Green archives.

### Mid-Level Institute Report

#### **Peter Fowler, Wentworth Institute of Technology**

- **Peter Fowler** (Wentworth Institute of Technology), Regional Mid-Level Institute Coordinator, reports that planning has begun for the 2012 Region 1 Mid-Level Institute. Marketing and recruitment will begin at the Regional Conference in November, which also includes the Mid-Level Reception. Peter continues to participate in conversations at the national level with the other regional mid-level institute coordinators to standardize the institute curriculums.

### New Professionals and Graduate Student

#### **KCRep: Jenn Kosses, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences**

- Jenn is working with **Laura DeVeau** (Mount Ida College), **Yvette Lancaster** (Boston University) and **Joseph Ginese** (Nichols College) on planning the 4th Annual New Professionals Mentoring Institute. The Institute will be partnering with Aramark this year and will be traveling to colleges who use Aramark as their dining service. This year, we will be having a virtual session in March. Applications for new professionals and mentors are due on November 28th, 2011.
- The New Professionals Mentoring Institute will be offering a lunch and learn session as the Regional Conference in Sturbridge, MA on Monday, November 14th, 2011. The session will be open to all attendees and will provide those interested in the Institute to learn more about the program.
- Jenn is coordinating a scholarship for the National Conference to cover the registration cost for one graduate student and one new professional. The first announcement will be in the November Regional newsletter. The application will be due in late January.

### The State of Massachusetts

#### **Laura De Veau, Mt. Ida College**

- MA NASPA has planned quarterly summits that focus on areas that they believe are not only engaging to our members, but are also forward thinking and challenging in content.
- **July 21, 2011:** MA NASPA Held a Summit on Student Affairs Essentials (Title IX, Social Media and Finances) at Suffolk University. Over 80 people attended this event and the following Social at a bar in downtown Boston.
- **October 13, 2011:** MA NASPA Held a Summit recognizing Careers in Student Affairs Month. Over 70 attendees were treated to two engaging panels. One panel focused on grad students and new professionals and the other focused on "seasoned" professionals. This event was also followed with a Social at a local restaurant.

### **Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC**

**Rep: Shawn McQuillan, University of Hartford**

- The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC will be planning a Spring Drive-in Conference focused on building interfaith centers and sacred spaces of worship after the Region 1 conference.
- The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC will be assembling a passive educational display at the NASPA Region 1 conference to provide professionals information about maintaining spiritual wellness, some of which will include information about meditating, yoga, and more.
- Shawn has volunteered to manage the Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC webpage, along with serve as the individual who manages the emails from NASPA regarding our KC.

### **SSAO Liaison Report**

**Shawn De Veau, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston**

- **Shawn De Veau** (UTMB), reports that the SSAO Institute will be happening again this year at the Regional Conference. Hosted by Campus Labs (formerly StudentVoice), the SSAO Institute will emphasize how assessment efforts can be maximized when the division's leadership begins to ask questions that connect data with vision and strategic initiatives. There will be two 75 minute sessions on Monday before the keynote to be followed up by lunch with our presenters and a special visit from Gwen Dungy. As of this writing, there are over 25 SSAOs registered for the event.

### **Student Affairs Development and External Relations KC**

**Rep: Daniel Doerr, University of Connecticut**

- The first in a planned series of on-line meetings is taking place on Friday, October 28. These meetings will pull together individuals to discuss topics related to student affairs development. The first meeting will be focused on establishing a foundation for a community of practice within the region; providing participants an opportunity to share their role with, or interest in, student affairs development, share efforts currently underway at their institutions, and establish an agenda and approach for future meetings. There are currently 8 participants registered for the meeting ranging from graduate student to vice president for student affairs, and representing both public and private institutions.

### **Sustainability KC**

**Rep: Stephen Nason, Unity College**

- Stephen Nason's article, "Introduce a Little Green into Your Student Affairs: How to Create a sustainability committee in Student Affairs", appeared in the NASPA region I October newsletter.

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

### **GLBT KC**

**Alex Cabal, Dean College**

- The GLBT KC Region1 is working on a campaign to raise awareness about the transgender community that will be implemented during the Region 1 conference in Sturbridge. They have partnered with [www.masstpc.org](http://www.masstpc.org) to raise money for their awareness campaigns.

### **Multi-Racial KC**

**Rep: Aaron King, Harvard Graduate School of Education**

- Aaron is in the process of recruiting membership and a leadership team. **Kimberlee Monteaux** (University of Vermont) has joined the leadership team.
- The Region I MRKC has made contact in order to have a presence on the Region 1 KC website.
- They are working on a spring program to provide an opportunity to expand the conversation on MRKC issues. Two people in the area who do research on multi-racial development have been contacted and they are looking for others.
- MRKC now has a Facebook group “NASPA Region 1 MRKC” and is slowly growing.

### The State of Massachusetts

#### **Laura De Veau, Mt. Ida College**

- The state has already had sessions that focus on technology, Title IX and student loans/finances, and will be holding a book discussion on “Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses” in January.
- Several members of the board have become active on Twitter, Facebook and other social networking sites and use these resources to engage our members as well as the greater community in current issues.
- **Connor O’Brien** (Boston College) has taken on all social networking responsibilities as the administrator to the Facebook and Twitter Accounts. Other board members can post to the Facebook account as well.
- **Beth Devonshire** (Stonehill College) is submitting public policy updates via the Facebook Page. This has been well received and we’ve received comments that members like to have this on the page.

### Veterans Affairs KC

#### **Rep: David Vacchi, UMASS Amherst School of Education**

- David is presenting an ASHE scholarly paper at their national conference, which the results will be available in December.

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

### GLBT KC

#### **Alex Cabal, Dean College**

- The GLBT KC Region I is continuing to promote discussions and conversations about GLBT issues in higher education from different angles and perspectives. They focused on religion and spirituality for their first drive-in and currently working on organizing a drive-in conference with a race perspective.
- The Leadership Team is beginning to promote #SAGLBT on Twitter. The new Communications Coordinator will focus on strengthen the communication to our members through social media.

### International Education

#### **KC Rep: Gin Schaffer, Boston University**

- A key goal of the Region I IEKC is to respond to the need for professional development in international education by providing forums for NASPA Region I members to engage with their colleagues to address global issues related to student affairs.
  - The 2011 international conference, "Si possiamo!: Integrating Residential Communities in International Environments" was held June 2-4, 2011 at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland. The Qatar Foundation and European University College Association were sponsors.
  - Key conference topics were sustainability, globalization of living/learning communities, and intercultural conflict resolution.
  - 40 participants representing Bulgaria, Canada, Germany, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Qatar, UK, and USA attended.

- After attending the conference, Aerial Anderson from Georgetown University, moved to Switzerland, she will be writing a future article for both the Region I and IEKC newsletters about her experiences.
- Articles from both the hosts at Franklin College and Amilcah Gomes, Resident Hall Director at Eastern Connecticut State University and Mid-Level Conference Fee Scholarship Recipient ran in the Region I Summer Newsletter and the National IECK Newsletter.
- Lugano conference highlights will be presented at the Region I conference in Strubridge, MA. The program entitled, “Lessons from Lugano: Region I International Conference” will detail the background of the conference and conference participants will provide session highlights as a means of sharing knowledge with fellow NASPA members.
- The Region I IEKC team is working on a conference manual that details the hosting responsibilities and planning guidelines for Region I international conferences.

### **Parent & Family Relations KC**

#### **Rep: Angela Watson, UMASS Dartmouth**

- Angela continues to work to put together a leadership team in the region to assist with providing timely resources and professional development opportunities to those interested in parent & family relations. Via the listserv we have sent out invitations to join a committee and also shared announcements and sought out interest in members wanting to see and work to create professional development opportunities.
- PFRKC already has an existing website for regional members and plans to work more this year to update materials. Also, I plan to continue to seek opportunities for collaboration in the region.
- Continuing to try to provide monthly newsletter announcements, resourceful information or support.

### **The State of Massachusetts**

#### **Laura De Veau, Mt. Ida College**

- The MA NASPA Board maintains a position of “Professional Affiliate Liaison” the position’s goal is to collaborate with other student affairs organizations in the state. This has provided us with opportunities for co-sponsorship as well as done an effective job to cross-promote other organization events.

### **Women in Student Affairs**

#### **KC Rep: Beth Moriarty, Bridgewater State University**

- Beth has set up a WISA Region I Facebook group: NASPA Region1 - Women in Student Affairs (WISA) Knowledge Community which currently has 137 members.
- Beth has also set up a WISA KC Region 1 Twitter group, you can follow us @WISARegion1. We currently have 33 followers.

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

### **Asian and Pacific Islander Concerns KC**

#### **Rep: Kevin Gin, Berklee College of Music**

- The KC has been working with the National Co-chairs on various projects for the National Conference including program reviewing for KC sponsorship in Arizona and identifying new and interested members who can move into leadership roles in the coming year.

- We have been connecting and reaching out to API undergrads and graduate students and connecting them with API professionals at other institutions within the region and nationwide to help facilitate better networking and mentoring.
- A program proposal was submitted to the National Conference on behalf of the region, connecting with 2 other regions' API KC's and highlighting API trends and narratives within higher education.

### **Campus Safety KC**

#### **Gerry Willis, Salve Regina University**

- Gerry has been working on a paper that he will be sending to the Campus Safety KC community soon titled, "On-Campus/Off-Campus: what are our 'campus safety' responsibilities for students living off campus?" It's a discussion that examines the boundaries of the campus proper, and what our role as administrators is to students living beyond that line.

### **GLBT KC**

#### **Alex Cabal, Dean College**

- Alex Cabal is in the process of adding new members to the Region I KC leadership team. This is the first time since Matt Blocker took over as chair that the KC is looking for new members. New people will provide new perspectives on how to make the KC stronger.

### **Membership Coordinator Report**

#### **Megan E. Houlihan, Post University**

- **Megan Houlihan** (Post University), Membership Coordinator, reports our October 2011 membership has increased to 1349 from 1072 in October 2010. Graduate students have steadily increased over the past year from 188 members to 302 as our largest increased population. Continuous communication with the national office to stay up to date on all new membership initiatives.

### **KC Co-coordinators: Lauri Sidelko (University of Maine, Orono) & Jen Stanley (Roger Williams University)**

- KC Initiatives that are proposed for Regional Conference in Sturbridge:
  - KC leaders will be identifiable to membership through KC buttons "KC Ask Me" and ribbons on name tags
  - KC leaders will staff a KC information booth throughout the conference
  - KC Co-Coordinators will be presenting an educational session specifically about KC involvement
  - Many KCs are offering educational sessions and programs for their constituencies
  - Multiple KCs submitted a donations to the Silent Auction

### **Men and Masculinities KC**

#### **Rep: Vu Tran, University of Vermont**

- Vu reports that the KC is sponsoring a telephone dialogue on November 3rd at 12:00pm EST entitled "Motivations for Men to Engage in Masculinity Conversations" facilitated by Ryan Barone.
- The MMKC will sponsor a program at the Region I Conference focused on Intersecting Identities.
- Vu also sent out a survey to the region regarding a possible drive-in conference.

### **State of Connecticut**

#### **Cheryl Barnard, St. Joseph's College**

- Cheryl reports spending the month of September soliciting nominations for Regional Awards. The board is looking to plan a Holiday Social and is also looking to host other events such as: a conference for undergrads interested in Higher Ed and resume review prior to national conference.

## Student Affairs Partnering With Academic Affairs (SAPAA) KC

### **Rep: Rebecca H. Newell, Middlesex Community College**

- Rebecca collaborated with the Student Leadership Programs KC to promote and implement a program bringing members from around the region to the University of Massachusetts Lowell Inn and Conference Center for a webinar about utilizing peer mentors in and out of the classroom. The program was held on Tuesday, October 18th and was attended by over 30 professionals.
- Rebecca continues to connect with her local leadership team in order to solicit relevant newsletter articles and to coordinate future programs. Rebecca is preparing to present and write about co-curricular engagement as an integral part of general education.
- Opportunities for SAPAA promotion and discussion will occur at the upcoming regional conference in Sturbridge, MA.

## Student Leadership Programs

### **KC Rep: Brian Quinlan, Anna Maria College**

- Co-Sponsored the Webinar “Empowering students to advise and mentor their peers can reduce staff workload, allowing those resources to be leveraged elsewhere.” With the Student Affairs working with Academic Affairs Knowledge Community
- Currently planning a roundtable program for mid-January with the Latino/a and African American conference KC’s regarding underrepresented populations and leadership opportunities in higher education.

## The State of Massachusetts

### **Laura De Veau, Mt. Ida College**

- The MA NASPA Board has made a point of promoting exceptional efforts by institutions in the areas of student engagement, assessment, learning outcomes, and more by promoting these efforts on Twitter and on the state Facebook page. This small effort has shown exceptionally useful as their members now promote each other’s good work as well.

## Volunteer Coordinator Report

### **Pauline Dobrowski, Stonehill College**

- **Pauline Dobrowski** (Stonehill College), Regional Volunteer Coordinator, reports that 11 Region I volunteer opportunities are currently posted on the volunteer website. Pauline reports that the greatest challenge is getting members to keep going back to the site to view new postings. Therefore, she is working to increase messaging regarding the site through the use of email, the Region I Newsletter, and the Region I Facebook page.

## Women in Student Affairs

### **KC Rep: Beth Moriarty, Bridgewater State University**

- **briana Sevigny** (Johnson and Wales University) submitted an article on behalf of WISA for the October newsletter entitled: The Student Affairs Marriage: Are you married “in” or “to” our work?
- **Katie Julian** (Boston College) submitted an article on behalf of WISA for the November newsletter entitled: Creating an Affirming Campus Culture for Women: What Can Student Affairs Practitioners Do?
- WISA will once again coordinate the Panel of listeners program at the Regional Conference in November. This year participants can sign up on the conference registration form and the program will take place during breakfast so as not to conflict with a program session.
- WISA is once again collaborating with NEACUHO on the Women’s Winter Renewal Retreat. The Retreat will take place on January 6th at Southern New Hampshire University. There are six members of the WISA KC who are on the planning team for the event.

## **Veterans Affairs KC**

### **Rep: David Vacchi, UMASS Amherst School of Education**

- David sent a welcome email to the Region I Veterans Affairs membership in June 2011 and reports the Veterans Affairs KC leadership team comprised of him and Sharon Young (Social Work Services doctoral student from Connecticut).
- David offered two articles for the NSPA National VKC newsletter in November, 2011
- David is also exploring a Webinar for discussing the inclusive population for Student Veterans and the right label for this population at the National VKC level
- Spring Conference Veterans/LGBT/Women's KC collaboration
  - Location: Greenfield Community College (free of charge)
  - To be held on a Saturday Duration: 1 Day Drive In, Key Note Speaker Genevieve Chase Director of AmericanWomenVeterans.org
  - Two morning sessions, one afternoon session, concluding with keynote speaker

### **5. Strengthen NASPA by making it a more responsive, vital and sustainable organization.**

## **African American Concerns**

### **KC Rep: Austin Ashe**

- Preparing survey with leadership team to send out to KC membership before Region 1 conference. Target date Wednesday November 2, 2011.

### **KC Co-coordinators: Lauri Sidelko (University of Maine, Orono) & Jen Stanley (Roger Williams University)**

- Pleased to announce new IP KC Rep for Region I – **Sylvia Spears** (New England College)
- Working on filling vacated KC position for Assessment, Evaluation and Research
- Regional KC Leaders met during the regional advisory board meeting (Sept. 23rd) to share ideas and plan for the year. Regional VP Elect David Zamojski joined the group for some discussion regarding the structure and support of KCs.
- KC Initiatives that are proposed for Regional Conference in Sturbridge:
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  - KC Co-Coordinators will be presenting an educational session specifically about KC involvement
  - Many KCs are offering educational sessions and programs for their constituencies
  - Multiple KCs submitted a donations to the Silent Auction
  - The Regional VP has offered space during the conference for KCs to host social events for their membership
- KC leaders were provided updated membership rosters during the third week of September
- Working with KC leaders to identify ways to recognize and thank KC participants/leadership teams

## **NUFP Coordinator**

### **Melissa Camba, University of Rhode Island**



- Last spring, twelve new students from Region I were welcomed into NUFP. This October, four more students were accepted to the program. Region I NUFP Fellows come from various schools in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and Massachusetts.

### State of New Hampshire

#### **Eric Braun, New England College**

- The Granite State Student Affairs Organization was founded at Dartmouth College on July 29, 2011.
- The Granite State Student Affairs Organization finalized the GSSAA By-Laws and Advisory Board Membership at NHTI: Concord's Community College on October 10, 2011.
- The Granite State Student Affairs Organization will hold its first annual Summer Conference at an institution to be later named on June 15, 2012.

### Sustainability KC

#### **Stephen Nason, Unity College**

- Stephen actively participated in the National Sustainability KC conference calls in August, September, and October
- In August, Stephen sent out an email to NASPA region I members interested in Sustainability KC updating them on items from the national Sustainability KC and encouraging them to submit sustainability articles to the NASPA region I newsletter and submit sustainability program proposals for the NASPA region 1 conference.

### The State of Massachusetts

#### **Laura DeVeau, Mt. Ida College**

- The MA NASPA board is committed to the longevity of NASPA as an organization and has made efforts to put forth not only excellent programming and services, but to be responsive to our members whenever they reach out to us regardless of the medium (e-mail, phone call, Twitter, Facebook, etc.)

### Treasurer

#### **Cherie Withrow, Community College of Rhode Island**

- **Cherie Withrow** (Community College of Rhode Island) continues to work with the national office staff on all financial management processes and reports that the region remains in good financial health. In order to continue to supplement the cost of some programs (SALT, awards, charitable donations) an emphasis is being placed on increasing the Silent Auction Fund revenue.

## **DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

### Community College Division Representative

#### **Kristina Testa-Buzzee, Norwalk Community College**

- Kristina initiated a linkage between the Annie E. Casey Foundations, Center for Working Families initiative on community college campus by having an article written for the Regional and National e-newsletters. CWF strive to help working students access supports for educational advancement.
- Kristina is in the process of trying to build a New England based community college student affairs LinkedIn group.

- She has also worked with NASPA main office to establish a regional site to pilot a series of one day drive in conferences for professional development for CC in the Region. This is currently in the planning stages. She is also trying to reach out to Student Affairs professionals in the area through approaching CC System offices.
- Increase CC participation at the Regional conference – Current conference is coming up. Kristina will seek data to examine if more community college representation occurred. Emails in addition to the Regional Emails were sent with a note from me as Regional Representative.
- Increase workshop submissions among Community College for the National Conference – Kristina will also look at workshop presenters in comparison to last year. Even if there is no increase it will give a baseline comparison.
- Establish contact with system wide community college offices in the Region – Kristina has a meeting scheduled with the CT Deans of Student Council in early November. She will have materials from NASPA in D.C as well as regional. She will speak about the new dues structure and highlight the upcoming professional development opportunities that will be occurring as a result of NASPA piloting a series of one day drive in conferences for professional development for CC in the Region. If this approach works Kristina will work through State directors to reach out to other system offices.

### **Professional Competencies Division**

#### **Anne Hopkins Gross, Southern Vermont College**

- **Anne Hopkins Gross** collaborated with the Region I Conference Program Chair, Dan Brown, in order to provide specific competencies for each workshop so that attendees can target participation according to their professional competency goals.
- “Got Competencies” will be presented at the Regional Conference to provide a primer on how to use the competencies both for professional development and departmentally. The conference program will also be referenced to highlight workshops being offered in the 10 competency areas.
- The Professional Competencies Coordinator has been working via phone meetings with other PCCs to further the promotion and use of the Professional Competencies.

### **Regional Vice president Report**

#### **Nancy Crimmin, Assumption College**

- Nancy has attended state meetings and/or fall conferences in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. She offered updates from the national office on strategic planning and the bylaw changes.
- Nancy wrote articles for the September, October and November newsletters.
- We have welcomed three new Regional Advisory Board members to the group, **Alex Cabal** (Dean College) as the LGBT KC rep, **Sylvia Spears** (New England College) for the IP KC and **Cathy Cocks** (University of Connecticut) as our Public Policy Division chair.
- Nancy facilitated the fall Advisory Board meeting at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI in September. Topics for discussion included on RVP spending, national conferences for 2012 and 2013 NASPA’s strategic planning initiative, conference preparations, and bylaw voting initiatives.
- Nancy has started the process for state director elections in MA, CT, VT, Canada and Europe.