



Nancy Crimmin, Region I Vice President

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### Discussion Items

There are no items for discussion.

### Action Items

There are no action items within my report that require a Board motion or Board vote during the meeting.

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

### **Vermont**

- In the absence of a State Director, **Ken Schneck** (Marlboro College) has graciously stepped in to manage the annual awards process for Vermont. We are actively seeking a candidate to complete the current term.

### **Connecticut**

- State Director **Cheryl Barnard** (St. Joseph College) reports that there were approximately 15 people who attended their first State Open Meeting and Oktoberfest Social. During this meeting, attendees generated ideas for upcoming programs and workshops. In addition, plans were finalized for a one day workshop for undergraduates entitled "How I Found my Career". In addition, CT now has a newsletter and Facebook page.

### **Massachusetts**

- State Director **Laura De Veau** (Mount Ida College) reports that MA-NASPA held two of the Quarterly Summits. The first was held in July at Suffolk University. The event was billed as a "Summer Primer" on current topics around student development theory. Over 60 individuals attended the event. In October, MA-NASPA co-sponsored a summit that was held during the ASCA Circuit-I fall drive-in at Bentley College. The MA-NASPA sponsored topics focused on Victim Advocacy as recent laws in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have changed, and this impacts how Colleges and Universities respond to sexual assault, harassment and relationship violence.
- The February Quarterly Summit has been moved to a date that doesn't conflict with Region I board meetings. The February meeting will be held in Worcester in order to increase interest from the central and Western state residents.

### **Maine**

- State Director **Jennifer DeBurro** (University of New England) reports the state of Maine successfully executed two conferences on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Maine Maritime Academy, drawing a diverse group of over 70 participants. The first conference, geared toward professional staff, featured keynote speaker Daren Bakst, Esq., Director of Legal and Regulatory Studies for the John Locke Foundation. Breakout sessions addressed topics such as student behavioral review teams, serving veterans in higher education, fiscal management and more. The second conference, geared towards student leaders, featured keynote speaker Anthony D'Angelo, Founder and Chief Visionary Officer of Collegiate EmPowerment. Breakout sessions attended by the students addressed topics such as member recruitment, community service leadership, large scale programming and more.
- After a successful joint-training day for Resident Advisor staff, representatives from five Maine colleges and universities are gathering to plan a second training, to be presented in January. The opportunity, while very positively received by the student leaders, also enabled participating colleges and universities to maximize their training budgets by combining resources.
- The MASAP Board is presently seeking a Secretary, Southern Social Chair and a Graduate Student Liaison.

## New Hampshire

- State Director **Tim Keefe** (Plymouth State University) reports that New Hampshire held its State Advisory Board meeting on October 22nd. They selected their award recipients, but only had nominations in two categories, "Mid Level Professional" and "Program of the Year".
- New Hampshire continues to promote their "KISSA" model (Keep It Simple Student Affairs). The goal of "KISSA" is to encourage campuses hosting professional development opportunities to invite colleagues around the state to participate creating simple collaborations. A recent webinar at Plymouth State drew colleagues through KISSA from New England College and was most successful.

## Rhode Island

- State Director **Judy Kawamoto** (Bryant University) reports that thirteen professional staff members and six students signed up to participate in their annual "Partnership for the Future" shadowing program, and the students will be able to gain exposure to the following areas: judicial affairs, orientation, community service, student activities, residence life, leadership development programs, career services and Greek Life, among others.
- RI is in the midst of selecting their state award winners, and have received nominations in every award category, which is an improvement over last year. Two of the categories had multiple nominations, which was again an improvement.
- Judy is also finalizing the information for their annual membership directory, with the goal of having it ready for the NASPA Regional Conference.
- Judy is continuing to build the state advisory board, which now consists of the following members: Rajesh Bellani – Rhode Island School of Design, John Denio – Bryant University, Jennifer Jensen – Salve Regina University, Kristen Salemi – Rhode Island College, Jen Stanley – Roger Williams University, and Jeanine Went – Johnson & Wales University. They are working to have a representative from each NASPA member school in Rhode Island on the advisory board, which means that we still need representatives from Brown University, Providence College and the University of Rhode Island. Judy has already made calls to the VP's at each of those schools, and am hopeful that an interested member will volunteer soon.
- Next on the RI state agenda is identifying a holiday service project for the membership. Rhode Island has a great tradition of participating in a service project during the holiday season, and last year, their Adopt-a Family project raised more than \$400 to help a family in need. This will be discussed at the state meeting at the NASPA Regional.

## Canada

- Provincial Director **Jana Luker** (McGill University) is investigating the establishment of co-curricular records at McGill University. Over 25 Canadian universities, including 5 other universities in Québec and the Eastern provinces, currently utilize co-curricular records.
- McGill University hosted Stand Up for Mental Health (SMH), an initiative based in Vancouver, British Columbia that sheds light on mental illness through stand-up comedy. SMH travelled to many universities in the region, and is helping schools emphasize mental health services in university settings.

## KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES

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

- Working on filling newly vacated KC positions for Technology and Veteran's Affairs
- Lauri and Jen will host an "intro to KCs" session at the upcoming Regional Conference
- Other KC Initiatives planned for regional conference:
  - KC leaders will wear buttons that say "KC Ask Me"
  - KC leaders will staff a KC information table throughout the conference to answer questions and recruit new KC membership
  - Each KC will submit a donation to the Silent Auction
- Working with KC leaders to identify ways to recognize and thank KC participants

### **African American Concerns KC**

#### **Rep: Austin Ashe, Quinnipiac University**

- The Parents & Family Knowledge Community and the AAKC are collaborating on an effort that hopes to introduce a drive-in conference that will take place during spring 2011. This conference will be centered on taking a look at the relationship between African-American students & families have with institutions of higher education.
- In 2011 we hope to provide the region with the opportunity to attend a best-practices swap that hopes to provide Student Affairs professionals in the southern New England region with an opportunity to network with one another and to share information they can take back to their respective campuses. Designed especially for professionals working in Diversity/Multicultural Affairs

### **Alcohol and Other Drugs KC**

#### **Rep: Tracey Pakstis-Claiborne, Assumption College**

- The AOD Knowledge Community is currently planning a roundtable for the spring entitled “Best practices from Region I.”

### **Asian/Pacific Islanders KC**

#### **Rep: Kevin Gin, Northeastern University**

- The API KC APPEX Pre-conference Summit was recently accepted to as part of the Philadelphia National Conference and Kevin is serving on the planning committee to develop the day's worth of programs that features panel discussions, a community service project and case studies/informational sessions surrounding the DREAM Act. Kevin is working with faculty at UPENN to facilitate involvement with undergraduates and NASPA participants attending the conference.
- Kevin is currently working with the API KC co-chairs to better network and connect with KC members within the region and across the country for collaboration for articles, publications and presentations. He is currently working on a co-authored chapter re: API professionals and their experience in student affairs for a book that is spearheaded by members of the National APIKC.

### **Fraternity and Sorority KC**

#### **Rep: Kimberlee Monteaux, University of Vermont**

- Kimberlee had 2 volunteers contact her about being interested in helping her KC; she is planning a conversation with them in the near future to see what plans are for the future. She is also working on a survey for the KC to see what the regional needs are.

### **GLBT Issues KC**

#### **Rep: Matthew Blocker, University of Hartford**

- The Region I K.C is working hard to promote awareness around bullying and the recent suicides of GLBT Youth. They have requested a moment of silence at our regional conference via the conference committee.
- Matt reports they will also be promoting the “It Gets Better” campaign at the conference. Stickers for all attendees have been purchased to wear on their name tags at the conference. The sticker promotes the campaign as well as promoting the K.C and our involvement in the campaign. They are also hoping to make their own Regional NASPA clips for “It Gets Better” Campaign while at the conference.
- GLBT KC is involved in presenting two sessions by the leadership team at the regional conference.
- They are planning the annual “Night out the GLBT KC” at the regional conference. They have requested to be in the conference booklet as it is an official event of the GLBT KC and this will help promote the event. This event is one of their largest fundraisers for charity as well as a huge recruitment tool for membership in the K.C. This event has come very popular among conference attendees. The donations at the Social will be donated to Manchester “Outright” a local GLBT non-profit.

### **Health in Higher Education KC**

#### **Rep: Todd Porter, UMass-Amherst**

- HHEKC has conducted several conference calls regarding the intersections between health education/health promotions and other functional areas of student affairs. Items covered during these conference calls were the preparation of graduate students in student affairs in issues of health education, the collaboration between health promotions and residence life in effective programming, protocol for crisis response, etc. Members of the KC will get together at the regional conference to discuss these issues and discuss the possibility of coordinating a phone conference

### **Men & Masculinities KC**

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

- The MMKC is proudly sponsoring a drive-in conference entitled: "Balancing the Challenge and Support of Collegiate Men: Exploring Alternative Masculinities"
- Program Proposal accepted for the NASPA Region I Conference. The program is titled "Masculinity and Male Privilege in the Workplace".
- A Fall Newsletter and survey on college men's group will be prepared in time for the Regional Conference in November.

### **Indigenous Peoples KC**

**Rep: Shelly Lowe, Harvard University**

- Members of the IPKC leadership team are continuing to work with a book project through Styluss Publishing. The book addresses the various aspects of serving Native students in higher education. IPKC is working with leaders from the ACPA Native American Network (NAN) to contribute to the book. The final book submission will be complete in Spring 2011.
- IPKC is currently working with the ACPA Native American Network to plan the 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting between IPKC and NAN. This meeting will be held December 2-4, 2010 at the University of Oklahoma.
- IPKC will be hosting a pre-conference summit on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia. The summit is titled, Beyond The Asterisks: Serving Native American Students and will focus on issues pertaining to identity and what it means when a student marks the box identifying themselves as Native American.
- Hot topics of concern for IPKC continue to focus on issues of access, opportunity, and success for Indigenous students.

### **Latino/a KC**

**Rep: Raul Fernandez, Boston University**

- Raul reports that the LKC hosted a Green Mountain Getaway in Burlington, VT, July 24 - 25, 2010. The focus of this weekend retreat was on connecting with and supporting the New England Latino college student. The diverse group of attendees represented cultural affairs, residential life, Greek life, and academic counseling.
- Raul will be moderating a panel on identity and the student affairs profession at the Region I Conference. Panelists will include representatives of the following KC's: African American; Asian Pacific Islanders; Disability; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender; Indigenous Peoples; Men and Masculinities; Spirituality & Religion in Higher Education; and Women in Student Affairs.

### **International Education KC**

**Rep: Gin Schaffer, Boston University**

- Gin is currently surveying the Region I IEKC membership to investigate what IEKC Best Practices are occurring in our region and along with the Region I IEKC leadership team, encourage more nominations for the 16th International Symposium in Philadelphia.
- Gin submitted a newsletter article for the Region I November newsletter regarding World Kindness week.
- Gin submitted a "Save the Date" announcement for the Region I November newsletter regarding the 2011 conference, "Si possiamo!: Integrating Residential Communities in International Environments" to be held June 2-4, 2011 at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland which includes a link to a survey to gauge members' interest in participating.
- Gin will meet with the Region I IEKC leadership team and other interested parties at the Region I conference in Manchester, NH to discuss the 2011 conference and other IEKC activities.

- Gin will collaborate with Province Director, **Jana Luker** (McGill University) to investigate another professional exchange opportunity between the United States and Canada.

### **New Professionals and Graduate Students**

- **Jenn Kosses** (Wentworth Institute of Technology) is working with **Laura DeVeau** (Mount Ida College), **Yvette Lancaster** (Boston University) and **Joseph Ginese** (Nichols College) on planning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Professionals Mentoring Institute. The committee has selected the College of the Holy Cross as the Institute location and is finalizing dates and speakers. Information will be available at the Regional Conference.
- Jenn will be coordinating the scholarship for the National Conference and will begin advertising to the Region in December. The application will be due in mid-January.
- Jenn is planning a half-day workshop in February for Graduate students planning on attend TPW in Philadelphia. Jenn has been in contact with an individual working on TPE who will be providing information and insight as plans get started for the workshop.

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

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

- The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC in collaboration with Suffolk University Division of Student Affairs sponsored a drive-in conference titled "Advising and Mentoring Students of Faith" on October 15th at Suffolk University in Boston, MA. The keynote speaker was Greg Epstein, Harvard University Humanist Chaplain. The program included a panel which consisted of several student affairs professionals who work with students of faith. 20 participants attended the conference and it was a huge success.
- The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC will be hosting its annual Morning Mediations at the NASPA Region I Conference.
- The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC is currently reviewing the NASPA Spirituality and Religion National KC survey results and is looking to develop future programs.
- The Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC Leadership team is currently working on an article for NASPA Region I Newsletter for the December edition.

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

#### **Rep: Dan Doerr, University of Connecticut**

- Initial efforts to generate a leadership team and regional interest were not as successful as hoped. After the regional conference new efforts will be undertaken to generate additional strategies. The goal of these strategies will be to begin to develop a regional community of practice around student affairs development within the region. It is hoped that this will provide an initial forum for the exchange of ideas and practices and begin to establish a regional network among those who have some responsibility for or interest in student affairs development.

### **Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs KC**

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

- SAPAA Region I, in partnership with the American Student Conduct Association (ASCA), will host a luncheon and roundtable discussion on best practices for dealing with conduct in the classroom on December 8, 2010 at Middlesex Community College in Bedford, MA. Registrations are currently being accepted for this limited seating program.

### **Student Leadership Programs KC**

#### **Rep: Brian Quinlan, Annamaria College**

- Brian is continuing to utilize social media for outreach to KC members. The use of twitter/Facebook has enabled the SLP-KC to connect with people on a regular bases about a large variety of topics
- Brian is currently working with the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) on co-sponsoring a staff & associate luncheon.
- He is also working with the National Student Leadership Programs on how to increase the regional outreach of members. Looking at what this KC offers that can be unique to other professional associations.

## Sustainability Region KC

### Rep: Stephen Nason, Unity College

- Together with the KC sustainability Leadership team, a KC sustainability web site has been created and is up for region I at <http://www.naspa.org/regions/regioni/kc/sustainability.cfm>
- Stephen's "Take Back the Tap" sustainability article which appeared in the Region I newsletter, also appeared in the national KC sustainability newsletter in July.
- Stephen submitted a sustainability article, "Defining Sustainability", which appeared in the July Region I newsletter
- Stephen's sustainability program, "You Can't Manage What You Don't Measure" was accepted for the region 1 fall conference in Manchester which will be held during Session Block 3, which takes place on Tuesday November 9th at 9:15AM

## Parent and Family Relations KC

### Rep: Angela Watson, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

- Angela is continuing to work with members of KC to submit articles for the monthly newsletters
- PFRKC is working with the African American Concerns KC on a joint drive-in conference entitled *African American Students and Families: How do colleges and Universities work to purposely and successfully engage these co constituents*. This conference is scheduled for Friday April 15th and will be hosted by UMass Dartmouth.

## Women In Student Affairs KC

### Rep: Beth Moriarty, Bridgewater State College

- The KC submitted an article for the July issue of the Region I newsletter called: *Things I Wish I Knew Then: Advice from Women in Student Affairs* which was submitted by Tara Rupp from Fairfield University.
- The KC submitted an article for the September issues of the Region I newsletter called: *What is Mindfulness?* The article was written by Anne Hopkins Gross from Southern Vermont College.
- Beth Moriarty and Tara Rupp will be coordinating the Panel of Listeners Program at the Regional Conference in NH in November.
- Region I WISA is partnering with Region II WISA and NEACUHO to sponsor the Women's Winter Renewal Retreat on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the College of New Rochelle.
- A Region I WISA KC Facebook group was created to market the efforts of the KC.

## OTHER NASPA REGION I INITIATIVES

### Regional Vice President

#### Nancy Crimmin, Assumption College

- Nancy continues to send a welcome email to all new or returning members to the region. Each corresponding State Director is copied so they can also personally welcome the new member.
- Nancy participated in a program sponsored by the Spirituality and Region in Higher Education KC entitled "Advising and Mentoring Students of Faith" on October 15th at Suffolk University in Boston, MA.
- We are currently searching for a Vermont State Director, Veteran's Concerns and Technology KC reps, and a Membership Coordinator.
- She is currently preparing for the Regional Conference to be held November 7-10, 2010 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Led by Conference Chairperson, **Jenn Kosses** (Wentworth Institute of Technology), the conference features Stephen Pemberton from Monster.com, closing keynote NASPA Executive Director, **Gwen Dungy**, and a Consolidation Town Hall Meeting led by **Elizabeth Griego** (University of the Pacific), current NASPA President.

### Past RVP Report

#### Pauline Dobrowski, Stonehill College

- Pauline is currently serving on the Nominations Committee with (Chair) **Michael Luciani** (Landmark College), **Lauri Sidelko** (University of Maine, Orono), and **Umesh Kunwar Vig** (Manchester Community College) to coordinate the nominations process for the next Region I RVP-Elect. An email was sent out to the membership

in late September soliciting nominations for the position. Nominations are due on October 4<sup>th</sup> and candidate information is due on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Pauline is also serving on the newly created International Advisory Board and will be participating in the first conference call of that group on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- As the regional Volunteer Coordinator, Pauline has been in contact with the national chair, Judy Albin, regarding the status of the volunteer database. Until the database is up and running, Pauline will work to develop a method by which those interested in volunteering within the region can identify themselves and be properly tracked.

### IT Coordinator

#### **Greg Jones, Brandeis University**

- Google IDs have been created for each position on the advisory board. Each advisory board member can use their Google ID to store and share documents through Google Docs. Google IDs will also provide each position with access to other tools and applications available to Google users, including Google Calendar and Gmail.

### Region I Conference

#### **Jennifer Kosses, Wentworth Institute of Technology**

- Registration numbers are at 250 for the conference. This number is consistent with previous conference registration information. The committee will continue to send email announcements to the region about the conference. We are expecting an addition 75 to 100 people register for the conference before the start.
- SSAO Institute and SALT numbers are looking very good. SALT had 95 applications and we are accepting an additional 14 students to the program.
- Jenn has finalized all meals and room set-ups and this information has been received from the hotel. At this time planning meetings are over and all last minute details of being finalized.

### The Mid-Level Institute

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

- Mid-Level Institute Chair **Peter Fowler** (Wentworth Institute of Technology) reports planning for the 2001 Mid Level Institute has begun. This year's planning team consists of Teresa Brown (Rhode Island College), Jen Casavant (Bentley University), Marlin Nabors (Wentworth Institute of Technology), and Beth Shapiro Settje (University of Connecticut).
- Details of this year's Mid Level Institute, including topics, presenters, and sites, will be announced at the Regional Conference, at which there will also be a Mid Level Reception for Institute alumni and interested individuals.

### Undergraduate Liaison

#### **Ted Zito, Assumption College**

- The 2010 Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> through Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Manchester New Hampshire just prior to the NASPA Region I annual conference. SALT had an increase in applicants this year jumping from 80 in 2009 to 95 applicants for 2010. We are excited to have 60 undergraduate students from 31 Region I institutions participating this year. Highlights for the upcoming conference include an opening address by Nancy Hunter Denney, closing remarks from Sheila Murphy, representation from eleven Region I graduate programs, as well as a interactive student affairs career session with many Region I Advisory Board members.

### NUFP Coordinator

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

- On Oct. 22, twelve new students from Region 1 were welcomed into NUFP. The 12 new NUFP Fellows come from various schools in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont.

### Historian

#### **Barbara Fienman, Adjunct Faculty Member, Suffolk University, MNA**

- **Barbara Fienman** (Suffolk University) reports that she has located many of the board meeting minutes since 1990 and she is working to scan and burn these onto CDs to preserve.

### **SSAO Liaison**

#### **Shawn DeVeau, Merrimack College**

- **Shawn De Veau** (Merrimack College) has completed planning for the SSAO Institute that occurs prior to the Regional Conference. Marcy Clark, Senior Analyst and Custom Research Manager for Eduventures, will be leading two morning sessions on the topic of Retention.

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

- Public Policy Division Chair **Ron Herron** (Southern Connecticut State University) continues to keep the advisory board and regional membership updated on issues pertaining to public policy.

#### ***Goal C: To promote pluralism, diversity, and internationalism in NASPA and the profession.***

- As indicated in Goal A, a number of programs, conferences, and workshops have been held and are currently being planned to address this goal.

#### ***Goal D: To provide leadership for promoting, assessing and supporting student learning and development.***

- As indicated in Goal A, a number of programs, conferences, and workshops have been held and are currently being planned to address this goal.

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

- Treasurer **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.
- Nominations chair **Michael Luciani** (Landmark College) reports that the nomination process for the next RVP elections is underway. In early October, a call was put out to the region for nominations for the next Regional Vice President. Ten members were nominated by their colleagues and contacted to let them know they were brought forward for consideration. Of those that choose to continue with the process, the nominations committee will select two to three candidates to be put forth for the election. Ballots will be e-mailed to the Region I membership in January, and the RVP Elect will assume office at the conclusion of the regional business meeting held at the national conference in March 2011. The nominations committee consists of: **Michael Luciani** Chair (Landmark College), **Pauline Dobrowski** (Stonehill College), **Kunwar Umesh Vig** (Manchester Community College) and **Lauri Sidelko** (University of Maine, Orono.)
- Member-at-Large **Rich DeCapua** (Suffolk University) is currently chairing a taskforce to examine the regional conference. His group is in the final stages of data collection and is working with the current conference chair, **Jenn Kosses, Wentworth Institute of Technology**, to conduct a focus group at this year's conference as the final stage of information gathering for the final report which will be sent to the Regional Vice President in December. Rich and our regional faculty liaison, Mike Siegel, Suffolk University, will once again be offering the 'Faculty Summit' series at this year's regional conference. So far 11 faculty members from across the regional have RSVPed. This year's summit will focus on the job placement process for graduate students finishing their academic programs and broad discussions pertaining to the newly released *Professional Competencies for Student Affairs Practitioners* from NASPA/ACPA and how that can impact/influence graduate program curricula.

### **DIVISION REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- Research Division Chairs **Cynthia Forrest** (New England College) and **Jean Joyce-Brady** (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) report that the dissemination of information regarding the availability of small grant research funds from the NASPA Foundation Small Grant Research Funds occurred or will occur in Region I by: updates in the Region I Newsletter, a program at the November 2010 Region I conference and information included in a Region I Research Division Survey.
- In August 2010, the Region I Research Division administered a second survey to the membership to evaluate if assessment data was truly part of institutional decision-making in Region I, specifically as it impacts Student Affairs. A program at the Region I conference in Manchester, New Hampshire will review the results of this survey. A snapshot of membership perceptions of the impact of the economy on their respective institutions will be provided and discussed.