



**David Zamojski**  
**Region I Director**

**Report for the 2013 Summer Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 24, 2013**

### **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**

#### **Enough is Enough (EIE)**

**Brittany Bogle (Saint Anselm College)** reports that she is working with Darnelle Bosquet-Fleuriva from Regis College to develop a week-long series of EIE programs on the campus, rather than one day of programming there. She is also working with Greg Jones, Regional Conference Chair, to discuss logistics of having an Enough is Enough table at the Regional Conference (space pending) to promote EIE and provide program ideas to Region I members. She is also working with Sheila Lambert, New Hampshire State Director, to develop a program proposal about Enough is Enough for the Regional Conference. She continues to send updates via email to the regional members involved with Enough is Enough.

#### **Massachusetts**

Rich DeCapua (Suffolk University) reports that in order to utilize Volunteer Central, two actions were initiated. The first was to see if any NASPA members wanted to volunteer to staff registration tables, etc., at events sponsored by NASPA MA. Three members took advantage of the offer. The best use of Volunteer Central was assembling a group of eight professionals who were in charge of the entire Massachusetts awards selection process.

This past year also saw a state election process that had every position contested, which resulted in the largest amount of state board turnover in four years. An all-day retreat was held on June 5, 2013.

## **Membership**

**Scott Kane (Rhode Island College)** reports that NASPA Region I, as of June 2013, has **1358** active members (compared to 1321 in June 2012), which is a 2.8% increase over last year. Our goal was to sustain a 2% increase. For June 2013, there were **792** Professional, **278** Graduate, **127** Institutional, **48** Associate, **22** Faculty, and **15** Undergraduate memberships. A breakdown by state:

<b>Connecticut</b>	264 members (vs. 262 in June 2012)
<b>Maine</b>	68 members (vs. 83)
<b>Massachusetts</b>	678 members (vs. 672)
<b>New Hampshire</b>	86 members (vs. 76)
<b>Rhode Island</b>	117 members (vs. 110)
<b>Vermont</b>	79 members (vs. 73)
<b>Canada &amp; Europe</b>	23 members (vs. 14)

## **Member-at-Large**

**Lee Peters (University of Hartford)** is participating as a member of the Regional Budget Task Force.

## **New Hampshire**

**Sheila Lambert (Southern New Hampshire University)** was appointed NH State Director in March 2013. She has been active in the Enough is Enough campaign, and is currently Director of Education on the NASPA Enough is Enough Executive Board. NASPA NH has formed a new executive board and will be working on increasing membership.

## **New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI)**

**Hank Parkinson (Fitchburg State University)** reports that the last session of NPMI 2013 was on April 12. The topic was Social Media in Student Affairs. Sixteen mentees completed the institute. They all received a group picture and the book Greater Than Yourself, by Steve Farber. The mentors received a group picture and thank you pin. Evaluations were administered and collected. The committee will be reviewing the results as they begin to plan the 2013/14 NPMI.

## **Nominations and Awards**

**Alison Black (Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering)** reports that elections for Region I Director-Elect and for three State Directors occurred in the winter. Rich DeCapua, Associate Dean of Students at Suffolk University, was elected Region I Director-Elect. The following individuals were elected to the State Director positions: Sean Bogle, Plymouth State University (New Hampshire); Jason Saucier, University of Southern Maine (Maine); and Sharon Hay, Providence College (Rhode Island). After the election, Sean Bogle had to step down due to a career change to another state, so David Zamojski appointed Sheila Lambert of Southern New Hampshire University to the position of State Director - New Hampshire.

The regional awards selection committee is currently being appointed and will comprise a diversity of Region I members.

The deadline for state award nominations is July 15, and the deadline for regional award nominations is July 31. Award nominations will be submitted by Region I members via a Google form and an email with attachments. Black will work with nominators to submit national award nominations via the official NASPA award submission page. As of June 11, we have received a total of eight award nominations.

Deadline for selection of regional and state awards is August 15. Deadline for selection of regional nominees for three awards (Program of the Year, Richard F. Stevens Outstanding New Professional, and Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional Award) is September 15. Awards will be presented at the Regional Conference in Samoset, Maine, on November 19.

### **Regional Conference**

**Greg Jones (Boston College)** reports that the Regional Conference Committee has selected four graduate student interns. They are: Tara Bartley, Boston College; Kayley Robsham, University of Rhode Island; Severino Randazzo, UMASS - Amherst; and Jeremy Weinberg, Northeastern University.

### **Silent Auction**

**Ali Hicks (Babson College)** reports that last year's Silent Auction, which took place at the Regional Conference in November 2012, raised \$15,312, a record-breaking high for the association. Several new features of the auction contributed to a creative and dynamic event, including a "Buy It Now" college bookstore, a "Lunch with Legends" raffle, and the selling of star and salt shaker cutouts to honor a colleague in the field. Hicks also employed the help of a planning team, consisting of four additional volunteer members from the Region, which collaborated both before and during the conference.

### **Small Colleges and Universities (SCU) Division**

**Tashia Bradley (Colby College)** reports that she has an advisory committee, and they have developed a strategic plan for engaging SCUs for the year ahead.

### **Treasurer**

**Jackie Newcomb (Brown University)** continues to work closely with the NASPA office to ensure that all revenue is credited to the Region, as well as all expenses correctly charged back. Region I is in good financial shape.

The Regional Budget Task Force members are: Phil Bernard, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Jet Goldberg, Southern New Hampshire University; Alisha Leu, UMASS - Amherst; Lee Peters, University of Hartford; past Treasurer Cherie Withrow, Community College of Rhode Island; and Newcomb. They have been reviewing regional and conference budgets from the past three fiscal years, along with financial policies and procedures. The group is creating comprehensive guidelines and recommendations to be presented to the board.

### **Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services (AGAPSS) KC**

**Dan Volchok (Northeastern University)** sent two e-mails to KC members requesting volunteers to join the leadership team for the KC, and to help plan the KC's second one-day conference, scheduled for this fall.

### **Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) KC**

**Matt Salter (Keene State College)** reports that the AOD KC has been active on the national listserv answering and asking questions. There is not currently a regional KC leadership team; when asked through email, there was little interest expressed. Salter has encouraged members to submit program proposals for the Regional Conference and to have them endorsed and supported by the AOD KC.

### **Asian Pacific Islanders KC (APIKC)**

**Kristine Din (University of Connecticut)** reports the launch of an APIKC Region I blog. The regional KC leadership team has been formed. The members are: Joliana Yee, University of Connecticut; Anthony Mam, Rhode Island School of Design; Linh Nguyen, Nichols College; Aaron Parayno, Boston College; and Monisha Murjani, University of Vermont.

The KC is planning its first drive-in conference for October 18, 2013, at Northeastern University. The theme will be "Visibility. Vision. Voice." They chose the three words to: 1) encompass their mission of being visible as Asian American educators and professionals, as well as provide support and visibility to students; 2) define their vision as a cohesive Knowledge Community; and 3) raise their voices as Asian Americans to be heard and their presence to be recognized. They are looking to bring together students, educators, political figures, staff members and faculty with the hope of having a dialogue across professions to share thoughts and ideas about how to best support Asian American youth and students, and combat the issues that face Asian American communities.

Din recently attended a one-day conference at UMASS - Boston entitled "Enhancing Asian American Student Success: Linking Research to Practice." She plans to introduce the information gathered at the conference into the KC position and share knowledge with colleagues.

### **Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC (AERKC)**

**Judy Robinson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)** reports that the regional KC leadership team has added two new members; there are now seven active members. Each member of the leadership team has a specific role. New projects and initiatives were identified this spring, with different members of the leadership team taking on different projects.

### **Campus Safety KC**

**Melissa Fajardo (University of Rhode Island)** reports that she is planning monthly conference calls for the regional KC leadership team. She also shared with her team a full schedule of NASPA-sponsored KC webinars related to areas as budget, technology and educational programs.

### **Disability KC**

**Jennifer DelRey (College of the Holy Cross)** and **Angie Diaz (UMASS - Lowell)** have yet to establish a regional KC leadership team. Diaz served as a panelist in a workshop entitled *Supporting our Students with Disabilities*. This workshop was sponsored by MCPA, BACHA, NASPA MA, and took place on April 18.

### **Fraternity and Sorority KC**

**Steve Simo (University of Rhode Island)** reports that the KC's drive-in conference, co-sponsored with NGLA, has been re-scheduled to Friday, September 27, 2013, to attract involvement in the Region. The conference is intended to build excitement around developing a more extensive knowledge base to better meet educational goals utilizing fraternity and sorority focused research.

### **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues (GLBT) KC**

**Alex Cabal (Dean College)** reports that the KC is currently in the process of compiling award nominations for the Regional Conference. Jace Kirschner is taking the lead as awards coordinator. KC members had the opportunity to represent their institutions as well as Region I at this year's Boston Pride parade.

### **Health in Higher Education KC (HHEKC)**

**Melinda Stoops (Framingham State University)** reports that the NASPA RI Hot Topics Drive-In Conference, was held on April 4, 2013, at Roger Williams University; the topic was *It Takes a Campus: Supporting the Health and Wellness of Our Students*. This program was collaboration between NASPA Region I and the Health in Higher Education KC.

Stoops also reports that the *Health and Wellness in the Graduate and Professional Student Experience* series – a three-part webinar series – was co-sponsored by the Health in Higher Education KC, the Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Success KC and ACPA. It was free of charge to NASPA members.

Stoops was involved in planning both events, and KC members from Region I presented at both. She also sent out emails were sent to the Region's KC members about professional development opportunities. Additionally, one email was sent to the Region's KC members to submit program proposals for the Regional Conference.

### **Indigenous Peoples KC (IPKC)**

**Tracy Cree (University of Connecticut)** reports that many past issues of the Regional Newsletter included calls for members to express interest in joining the regional KC leadership team. Cree connected with two colleagues – one from Stonehill College and one from UCONN – who are interested in IPKC leadership positions. She is exploring making connections with the African American KC to host a social. There is new leadership for the AAKC in Region I, which presents new opportunities for co-sponsorship.

### **International Education KC (IEKC)**

**Aliki Karagiannis (Stonehill College)** is collaborating with Region I's International Director to better connect foreign delegates with the IEKC and Region I. She is also working with her regional KC leadership team to find a new site for a Region I international conference.

### **MultiRacial KC (MRKC)**

**Sarah Gallenberg (Boston College)** reports that she posted a call for members to join her regional KC leadership team. The hope is to create a five-member leadership. She is utilizing Facebook to generate knowledge and share hot topics and professional development relevant to the MRKC's mission. She also continues serving on the NECBAC annual conference committee, which will take place August 7-9, at Assumption College.

### **New Professionals and Graduate Students (NPGS) KC**

The NPGS KC and the Region I Advisory Board sponsored a scholarship to help one new professional and one graduate student attend the NASPA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. The NPGS KC reviewed nine applications and selected Salome Miclette as the graduate student representative and Elizabeth Pooling as the new professional representative.

**Ted Zito (Assumption College)** will be serving on behalf of the NPGS KC on the Region I New Professional Mentor Institute (NPMI) planning committee for 2013-2014. He is helping to coordinate mentor sessions as well as plan the upcoming panel on mentorship for a Lunch and Learn session at the Regional Conference.

The regional KC leadership team will meet to discuss and outline expectations and a timeline for a "One Shot" opportunity. We anticipate informal one-on-one meetings between mid-level professionals and new professionals and graduate students over the summer; and for graduate students and new professionals to connect for resume review and guidance through the job search in the fall. The goal is to reach out to new graduate students and new professionals in Region I in an effort to increase NASPA membership and affiliation with the NPGS KC in our Region.

The regional KC leadership team has several goals including reaching out to potential new NASPA members in an effort to increase NASPA membership and NPGS membership. They are planning to increase their use of their Facebook and Twitter accounts in an effort to connect and strengthen membership. The NPGS KC also will connect with the Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) graduates as a way of leading to increase membership. Additionally, the NPGS KC has set a goal to submit newsletter submissions for each issue of the Regional Newsletter, and to support and collaborate with NASPA Region I initiatives to contribute to the strength of membership.

Zito is serving a second term on behalf of the NPGS KC on the Region I New Professionals Mentor Institute (NPMI). He is helping to coordinate mentor sessions as well as plan the upcoming panel on mentorship for a Lunch and Learn at the Regional Conference this November.

### **Student Athlete KC**

**Kris Niendorf (Wellesley College)** was appointed the Regional Representative to our newest KC in March 2013. This is the first year of this KC and they will be spending the year creating a structure with the national board. They will be having monthly phone meetings with this group; the first meeting was in May. During this first meeting the discussion revolved around developmental tasks for the year. Goals will be formulated in future meetings throughout the next year. The goals include: reviewing research on student athletes and promoting this research within all KCs, creation of a newsletter, development of a website for communication with the NASPA membership, a review of the use of social media to promote student athlete issues, and the development of program proposals for regional and national conferences that promote the intersection of athletics and student affairs.

On the regional level, Niendorf's goal is to recruit additional members to the KC (currently there are only two members). This will be done by utilization of the NASPA Region I newsletter to promote the KC, presentations at the Regional Conference on a topic related to student athletes, consult Region I colleagues who have larger numbers in their KC to explore methods to increase membership.

### **Student Leadership Programs (SLP) KC**

**Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University)** reports that the regional KC leadership team has met via conference call twice since the last report, and had an e-meeting as well. She reports that the KC has lost some members to promotions or employment outside of the Region, but the leadership team remains committed. She reviewed the national membership data with the KC, which has helped them understand the demographics and needs in order to plan future events. The KC supported the GLBT KC in the Boston Pride Parade. Powers represented the Region on a national KC webinar about getting involved in the Knowledge Communities. She is also encouraging KC members to submit awards nominations for the Regional Conference.

### **Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs (SAPAA) KC**

The SAPAA KC for Region I underwent a mid-term change of leadership. Karin Edwards (Three Rivers Community College) stepped down as the Regional KC Representative, and **Daryl Healea (Boston University)** assumed the position, a term that will end in March of 2014.

Healea began his term by first communicating with national SAPAA KC leadership to identify general goals. These goals currently include greater inclusion of diversity in NASPA members and leadership, more collaborative programs with KC colleagues, enhanced professional development opportunities for all SAPAA and NASPA members, increased integration of graduate students in the KC, and focused activities to promote student development and leadership across our campuses.

With broad national goals in place, Healea appointed a small regional KC leadership team. The initial goals of this leadership team include: 1) recruiting more members to affiliate with SAPAA; 2) generating both regional and national program proposals related to SAPAA; 3) writing for newsletters and other media; and 4) considering possible stand-alone programs/conferences on the topic of SAPAA.

### **Veterans KC**

**David Vacchi (UMASS - Amherst)** reports that a May/June newsletter went out in early June. Vacchi initiated a NASPA small grant project that includes: defining and describing the student veteran population, data collection, and a report at the NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore. Vacchi is building a team for succession in March 2013, including: Sara Patch, Southern Vermont College; Richard Fox, Boston University; and Beth Solomon, Merrimack College.

### **Women in Student Affairs (WISA) KC**

**Christyn Bergquist (UMASS - Lowell)** reports that the KC is currently collecting evaluations from the drive-in conference of May 22, 2013, which was called *Meeting at the Intersection: Dialogue Reflection and Action with Women in Student Affairs*. The KC is planning a WISA social for the summer. The regional KC leadership team is preparing to submit program proposals for the Regional Conference. They have expanded their leadership team and hope to do more work to engage the talents of leadership and members.

## Scholarship

### **Alcohol and Other Drug KC**

**Matt Salter (Keene State College)** polled members of the KC if a Facebook group or Twitter feed would be beneficial to them. He received mixed responses and is still working on a way to make sharing knowledge work for members of the KC.

### **Asian Pacific Islanders (API) KC**

**Kristine Din (University of Connecticut)** received a research grant from UMASS - Boston, an AANAPISI, to conduct a research study to assess the Asian Mentoring Program (AMP) at the University of Connecticut, and to examine the relationship between involvement in AMP and student retention, success and racial identity development. She is planning a future NASPA presentation on this topic.

### **Disability KC**

The Disability KC's Regional Representatives send out articles and important information to the members each Thursday. **Jennifer DelRey (College of the Holy Cross)** authored a chapter on the transition from K-12 to college for students with disabilities in a new disability services book to be published by NAFSA next spring.

### **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues KC**

The KC's regional Facebook page has been utilized by members to post news, blogs and/or job postings. It has been a great way to keep members and others informed. As of June 3, the KC has 203 members in Region I.

### **International Education KC (IEKC)**

**Aliki Karagiannis (Stonehill College)** contributes to the national IEKC newsletter and social media efforts by disseminating relevant news articles and policy updates.

### **MultiRacial KC**

**Sarah Gallenberg (Boston College)** shares knowledge of timely topics with the KC's members in Region I, including information about birth certificate legislation for adoptees, the experience of biracial people and the recent Cheerios commercial featuring a biracial couple. The KC also assists members in the area in connecting them with study subjects to help with their research.

### **Regional Conference**

The Regional Conference will be offering a pre-conference Lunch and Learn session for faculty members, hosted by Annemarie Vaccaro (University of Rhode Island).

### **Student Leadership Programs KC**

Within the Region, the SLP KC created a fall 2012 newsletter that was distributed via email, social media and in hard copy at the Regional Conference, and it was posted on the website. The newsletter included bios and photos of the regional KC leadership team, information on how to connect with the KC, an article about Suffolk University's Journey Leadership Program, highlights from the summer Meet & Greet, an Undergraduate Student Leader Reflection and a save the date notice for the next drive-in. The newsletter was very well received, and we plan to publish one per semester. We may move the newsletter into more of a Blog format to encourage more submissions and participation from members.

The KC generated a list of topics for blog posts and/or newsletter submissions that are relevant to the field, functional area and member interest. **Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University)** reports that the response has been light, but she hopes to publish the newsletter this summer. A member of the regional KC leadership team submitted an article based on an interview he did with a student leader to both the Regional Newsletter and the national SLP KC newsletter.

### **Research**

**Jean Joyce-Brady (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy)** reports that in June 2012, the Region I Advisory Board approved funding for a small research grant program to support and encourage collaborative research partnerships between student affairs faculty and practitioners in the region. Criteria for grant applications included direct relevance to student affairs practice as well as to the NASPA 2011 Research and Scholarship Agenda. This grant program was the result of coordination by the Region I Research Division Chair, Faculty Liaison and Regional Representative for the Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC. Four grant proposals were received and reviewed by a committee. After committee deliberations, one proposal was funded, one proposal was returned requesting revisions for re-evaluation and two proposals were not funded.

The current funded grant proposal is: **Examining gender-inclusive practices at college and university women's and gender centers: A constructivist exploratory study**

Susan Marine, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Merrimack College School of Education

Gina Helfrich, Ph.D., Director, Harvard College Women's Center

Liam Randhawa, Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of British Columbia

### **Small Colleges and Universities (SCU) Division**

**Tashia Bradley (Colby College)** has committed to co-authoring a program proposal about SCUs for the Regional Conference.

### **Sustainability KC**

**Stephen Nason (Unity College)** wrote an article entitled “12 days of Sustainability: Ideas on How to Make Your Holidays a Little More Sustainable”, which appeared in the February issue of the Regional Newsletter, and he wrote an article entitled “Sandy...The New Normal”, which appeared in the March issue. Nason and Peter Osborne maintain and post articles on the NASPA Region I Sustainability KC Facebook page.

## **Professional Development**

### **Assessment, Evaluation and Research (AER) KC**

**Judy McGuire Robinson (MIT)** reports the AER KC coordinated a successful drive-in conference on assessment in March. The event was held at Bridgewater State University, and it was co-sponsored with Campus Labs and Bridgewater State University. There were about 100 participants from the Region in attendance. Dr. Gavin Henning, Associate Professor of Higher Education at New England College, served as the keynote speaker, speaking on how to build a culture of assessment in student affairs.

Breakout session topics included: *Developing an Assessment Cycle; Running Focus Groups; Strategic Planning and Assessment; What Are My Options...Really?; Types of Assessment and Selecting Methodologies; Developing and Using Rubrics in Student Affairs; and Closing the Loop: Interpreting and Reporting Results.*

An assessment coaching session was held at the end of the conference. Conference evaluations were overall very positive. The regional KC leadership team is interested in hosting an annual assessment meeting with varied topics; planning for next year’s event will begin in the fall. The NASPA Region I Advisory Board and the Regional KC Co-Coordinator supported the event with funding.

A member of the regional KC leadership team will review the drive-in conference evaluations to identify assessment, evaluation and research topics of interest among participants and encourage Regional Conference program proposals on those topics. Two members of the regional KC leadership team will work on developing a strategy and tools for using the NASPA/ACPA professional competencies rubrics for assessing and providing professional development to graduate assistants and interns. Another member of the regional KC leadership team will coordinate assessment coaching and roundtable discussions to be held at the Regional Conference in November.

### **Asian Pacific Islanders (API) KC**

**Kristine Din (University of Connecticut)** attended the Annual Asian Community Development Conference on May 14, 2013, at New York University. 250 policy makers, advocates, and community development practitioners from across the country discussed emerging issues facing the Asian American community. The conference is also a vehicle for strategizing opportunities to advance civic participation,

civil rights, asset building, housing and economic development, and grassroots leadership within the diverse Asian American community.

This conference helped Din to gain a different perspective on supporting Asian and Asian American students. Those in attendance were primarily community organizers and/or involved in the political arena. Din was able to gather a few ideas for a drive-in conference that the regional KC leadership team is planning. Din learned more about the growing Asian American population in New York and how this will have an impact on higher education institutions. She left with a renewed sense of what activism is and can be, and thoughts on how to bring more leaders from different fields together.

#### **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues KC**

**Alex Cabal (Dean College)** reports that the GLBT KC provided assistance with WISA's *Meeting at the Intersections* drive-in conference.

Cabal will be sending an email to encourage KC members to submit program proposals for this year's Regional Conference. Todd Porter, educational coordinator, will be in charge of these proposals. Cabal represented the KC as a participant in this year's Mid-Level Institute,

#### **International Education KC (IEKC)**

**Aliki Karagiannis (Stonehill College)** was assigned to an IEKC subcommittee committee responsible for gathering resources for student affairs professionals that have expressed concerns about being under prepared to welcome increasing numbers of international students and also facilitating cross-cultural interactions. She is planning to organize a drive-in to discuss elements of intercultural communication, student perspectives of university resources and intercultural communication.

Karagiannis reports that the KC is interested in strengthening NASPA's contributions to student affairs graduate preparation programs. They also are interested in the exploration of a webinar, possibly co-sponsored with the New Professionals and Graduate Students KC, which would highlight higher education graduate student program offerings abroad. The IEKC has also dedicated a sub-committee to compiling resources for graduate students seeking international opportunities, which will be the focus of the October newsletter.

#### **Member-at-Large**

**Lee Peters (University of Hartford)** presented at the Mid-Level Institute session held at Central Connecticut State University; the topic was *Budget≠Boring*. There were 25 participants.

#### **MultiRacial KC**

**Sarah Gallenberg (Boston College)** attended the NASPA Annual Conference in Orlando and participated on a panel about the job search for multiracial professionals. She also facilitated a table during the intersections of identity roundtable at the conference.

## **Massachusetts**

SPRING Summit 2103

Title of Program: *Theory vs. Practice: Putting your knowledge to work as a practitioner*

Date/s, Location: Friday, February 22, 2013, Stonehill College

Number of Attendees/Participants: 45

Description of Overall Program/Conference: An afternoon workshop hearing from new professionals and seasoned professionals about how they put their knowledge from undergraduate and graduate experiences into practice.

## **Rhode Island**

**Sharon Hay (Providence College)** reports NASPA RI hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NASPA RI drive-in conference in collaboration with the Health and Higher Education KC.

Title of Program/Conference: *It Takes a Campus: Supporting the Health and Wellness of Our Students*

Date/s, Location: Thursday, April 4, 2013, Roger Williams University Conference Center, Portsmouth, RI

Number of Attendees/Participants: 49 participants

Feedback from Attendees: Positive

Schedule:

9 am: Registration

9:30 am: Welcome

9:45 am: Opening Keynote: Beth DeRicco, PhD, DeRicco Consulting

Prevention and Intervention for Student Development Professionals

### **Track One**

*QPR Training*: Joseph Barresi, Associate Dean for Counseling, Health and Wellness, Johnson and Wales University and Jean A. Russell, Clinical Counselor, Johnson and Wales University

### **Track Two**

*Weaving the Safety Net*: Kerry Burns, LICSW, Johnson and Wales University

*Mindfulness + Meditation*: Jim Azar, Director of Counseling and Student Development, Roger Williams University

### **Lunch and Closing Program**

*Best Practices for Health and Wellness in Higher Education*: Ian Wong, Director of Alcohol and Health Education, Tufts University

Closing Remarks: Melinda Stoops, Health in Higher Education Knowledge Community

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

**Nick Negrete (University of Vermont)** reports that planning for the Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) Conference is underway. Applications will be available at the end of August 2013. The goal is to have 70 registrants. SALT will take place at the Regional Conference on November 17 and 18. There will be a \$75 registration fee, which will include hotel, program and meals. Announcements about the program will be made throughout the Region, on the listserv and to SSAOs beginning in July.

### **Student Leadership Programs KC**

**Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University)** reports that the KC is promoting the Regional Conference and submitting proposals on behalf of the KC, utilizing the formula created by Briana Seigny from the Regional Conference Committee. They are planning a webinar for the end of June on successful retreat planning. They have presenters and a date and time, and are just coordinating the necessary software and promoting the program as a great, free educational opportunity.

Finally, they are working on their next drive-in conference. They are planning early to hold the conference in early August with a focus on assessment and the marketing of leadership programs. They have reached out to preferred presenters, and sent a poll to members to choose the best date. The drive-in conference is scheduled to be held at Fitchburg State University.

### **Women in Student Affairs (WISA) KC**

WISA sponsored *Meeting at the Intersection: Dialogue Reflection and Action with Women in Student Affairs* on May 22, 2013, at Mount Holyoke College. There were 15 participants.

Description of Program:

Identity development exercises

Presentation - *Privilege and Allyship in Student Affairs*

Panel/Discussion – Supervisory relationships among women

Discussion – Workplace identities, challenges and advice

How many sessions? 4 Sessions

Who were the keynote speakers? Heather Lou and Bethany Peddie

Successes of the event/changes that one would make next year: Very well received, a lot of connections among women in the region were made. Include more speakers and “informational sessions” to balance the “discussion” sessions.

### **Veterans KC**

**David Vacchi (UMASS - Amherst)** sent an e-mail to KC membership soliciting programs for the Regional Conference and encouraging them to send them to him for KC support.

## **Advocacy**

### **Campus Safety KC**

Policy updates are sent out to the regional KC leadership team on a regular basis. Police are now recommending a new approach for individuals about potential mass attacks:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/07/us/in-a-shift-police-advice-taking-an-active-role-to-counter-mass-attacks.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/07/us/in-a-shift-police-advice-taking-an-active-role-to-counter-mass-attacks.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

### **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues KC**

NASPA Region I participated in this year's Boston Pride Parade. All members of the Region were invited to participate. The KC continues to utilize Twitter and Facebook to provide members with information about GLBT-related issues in and out of student affairs.

### **Massachusetts**

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

### **MultiRacial KC**

**Sarah Gallenberg (Boston College)** shares that Washington state legislation (SB5118/HB1525) contains a "contact veto" clause allowing birth mothers to deny adoptees access to their original birth certificates. Similar legislation has also passed in other states.

### **Regional Conference**

The Regional Conference's opening speaker will be Robert Johnson, President of Becker College. The closing presentation will be a panel of women leaders in higher education, including faculty and senior student affairs officers. The panel will focus on challenges facing higher education and student affairs professionals, and how to best meet the needs of our campus populations.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Asian Pacific Islanders KC**

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund – Higher Education Summit  
June 25, 2013, Washington DC

Description: On June 25, 2013, the Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) will host its annual Higher Education Summit around the theme, *Moving Forward: Engaging the Changing Face of America*, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. Organized into a series of presentations, panels and breakout sessions, the 2013 APIASF Higher Education Summit will highlight fundamental elements of education, research and policies that are critical to higher education access and success that will ultimately contribute to strengthening Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students, families, and communities.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the AAPI community is one of the fastest growing populations and is projected to reach nearly 40 million by 2050. While data reveals that AAPI students will experience a 35 percent increase in college enrollment in the next decade, college access and completion remains a challenge for many marginalized AAPI communities. In fact, 50-60 percent of some AAPIs have never enrolled in college, with nearly half attending community colleges. With the college completion agenda focused on increasing persistence and graduation rates of existing college students, it is critical to recognize that access to higher education must also be addressed in the broader college completion agenda.

The 2013 APIASF Higher Education Summit will provide participants the opportunity to engage in discussions revolving around mobilizing resources, advancing institutional capacity and accelerating student success. The forum will conclude with a special reception hosted by APIASF and will be attended by key leaders in the education, policy, non-profit, private and public sectors. This event is free and open to the public. **Kristine Din (University of Connecticut) and Joliana Yee**, a member of the regional KC leadership team, will attend.

### **Fraternity and Sorority KC**

“Lively Experiment:” Research Drive-In

September 27, 2013

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Providence Campus, University of Rhode Island

Providence, RI

Schedule of Events: We are pleased to have solidified keynote speaker Patrick Biddix, Associate Professor of Higher Education, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, who will present on current fraternity/sorority life research and existing research gaps.

### **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues KC**

**Alex Cabal (Dean College)** will be participating in a NASPA webinar focused on supporting transgender students.

### **Small Colleges and Universities Division**

**Tashia Bradley (Colby College)** reports that the Summer Learning Exchange Opportunity for small colleges and universities in Region I is scheduled for July 16, 2013, at Rivier College.

### **Vermont**

**Anne Hopkins Gross (Southern Vermont College)** reports that NASPA VT will be sponsoring, on June 19, a free half-day workshop at Castleton State College entitled: *Veterans in Higher Education: Fostering Support and Success*. The speakers include: Karen Gross, President, Southern Vermont College, David Vacchi, US Army, (Ret.), Doctoral Candidate, UMASS-Amherst and Thom Anderson, Professor, Lyndon State College.