



Kathy Woughter, Regional Director
Annual Report, March 2015-2016

Leadership & Member Engagement

REGIONAL DIRECTOR/ADVISORY BOARD

- Held monthly conference calls with the advisory board.
- Maintained an advisory board roster with almost all positions filled at all times.
- Advisory Board meetings held in March at the annual conference, June at the site of the 2015 Region II conference (Washington, DC) and December at the site of the 2016 Region II conference (NYC).
- Developed a draft Strategic Initiatives plan in response to the NASPA Strategic Plan (attached). We expect that to be approved by vote in February and rolled out in March.
- Led a board vote (in conjunction with our treasurer) that resulted in a unanimous decision to invest a large portion of our savings with NASPA.
- Created a new Strategic Initiatives board position, charged with utilizing the draw-down from the NASPA investment to address our regional initiatives.

PAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR

- Formed a nominations committee to identify two candidates for the RD Elect position. The nominations committee included 4 members from the Advisory Board -- Santiago Solis, Shannon Gary, Marijo Russell O'Grady and Deb Moriarty. A call for nominations was sent to the members of the Advisory Board for assistance in distribution and through the NASPA Region II listserve. Nine individuals were nominated and contact was made with all but one of the nominees, who was invited to connect but did not respond. The two nominated recommended for approval by the NASPA Board of Directors in December 2015 are: Michael Christakis, VPSA University at Albany-SUNY and Amy Hecht, VPSA The College of New Jersey. Dr. Hecht was elected as the Region II Director-Elect and will join the board for our March 2016 meeting in Indianapolis
- Connected with a Dean of Students in Lebanon, kicking off a discussion about how we can more intentionally engage our overseas colleagues in board-level volunteer positions.

MARKETING

Advisory Board/Division/KC Activities

- Purchased a variety of promotional materials for Region II to market the region as well as promote member engagement. Items purchased include: note pads, pens, and pins.

- Developed a postcard mailing for the spring featured events (Regional conference + MMI) that was mailed out to all members in early January
- Developed events card for the National Conference to promote Region II events taking place in Indy
- Purchased shirts for the conference planning team and advisory board to promote member engagement at regional events

FACULTY

- Coordinating faculty engagement for Region II conference in June with PCPA (PA) and CSPA (NY) faculty representatives
- Assisting with coordinating case study competition for Region II
- Assisting with promotion of Emerging Leader Faculty Academy within the region
- Received \$200 special event funding from Region II to plan a faculty social for 2016 conference

GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

- Continued development on the structure of the Graduate Assistant Board and how to assess programs and purpose of the Board
- Establishing short term “mentors” for the students on the Board to help them understand their position and how to be effective in their position
- Sent out newsletters to Grad Assistant Board promoting Region II events.
- Outreach to GAPs to create more support and collaboration with programs and resources

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP/RELATIONS

As of February 4, 2016, we stand at \$28,500 in pledged contributions, which is up from \$23,000 from last year.

AWARD RECOGNITION

This year was the most successful award nomination process in recent history. We received 58 nominations for 12 award categories. Awards recipients were identified for 2015 and are listed below. The recipients will be announced at the NASPA Region II Business Meeting at the NASPA Annual convention. The recipients will be formally announced and will receive their award at the awards luncheon at the NASPA Region II Annual Conference in June 2016.

Outstanding Performance as a Dean

Sofia Pertuz, AVP/Dean of Students, Hofstra University

Rising Star

Kristen Klein, Senior Resident Assistant, Hofstra University

Outstanding Service to NASPA

Warren Kelley, AVP for Student Affairs, University of Maryland College Park

Outstanding Graduate Student

Angie Kim, Faculty Programs Assistant, NYU

Mid-Level Professional

Megan Livingston, Assistant Dean of Campus Life, New York Institute of Technology

Outstanding Contribution to Higher Ed

Ruth Anne Koenick, Director of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

New Professional Award

Isabella Villacampa, Program Administrator, NYU

Community College Professional Award

Renee Freeman-Butler, Special Assistant to the VP for Student Affairs/Associate Provost for Strategic Initiatives, La Guardia Community College

Outstanding Contribution to Student Leadership Programs

Linda Teitelman McCloskey, Director of the Archer Center for Student Leadership, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Diversity Award

Monroe France, AVP for Student Diversity & Director, Center for Multicultural Education & Programs, NYU

President's Award

Gail O. Mellow, President, LaGuardia Community College

Academic Excellence Award

Holly Joy Seirup, Professor, School of Education, Hofstra University

NASPA UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS PROGRAM

- Created NUFPP "cheat sheet" to aid in recruitment.
- Created a welcome email and video for all new NUFPP fellows.
- Presented at the Careers in Student Affairs Conference at NYIT on the NUFPP Program.
- Spoke at the NUFPP Meet & Greet at the CUNY Central Offices on Nov. 16th.
- Working with the NUFPP Region II Student Advisory Board on selecting graduation gifts for NUFPP's who will be graduating in 2016. Every graduate in Region II will receive a gift.
- Developed an undergraduate conference track for the June 2016 Region Conference in partnership with the Region II Conference Committee.
- Working on NUFPP Mentor's Subcommittee Assessment Plan as member of the NUFPP Advisory Board.
- Working with NUFPP Advisory Board on NUFPP Board Community Colleges Initiatives.
- Will present at the June 2016 Region II Conference on NUFPP as part of the undergraduate track.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- Serve as regional link to NASPA Professional Standards Division specifically related to the promotion and application of the Professional Competencies
- Serve as a resource to the region around the topic of application and utilization of the Professional Competencies
- Work collaboratively with Faculty Representative
- Submitted proposal on the Professional Competencies on behalf of the NASPA Professional Standards Division for the NASPA Region II Conference in June 2016

SMALL COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- Participated in Small College and University Division leadership monthly calls
- Outreach and initiative to increase NASPA membership from SCUs

All regional representatives obtained the below information from the NASPA Office and I am coordinating outreach to increase non-member SCUs to join NASPA

Total number of small colleges and universities by region:

**NOTE: restricted to degree-granting institutions only.*

Number of SCUs

SCU NASPA Institutional members by region

Region 2: 613

118

KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES

90 people attended the Latina/o KC Pre-Conference in New Orleans, chaired by our KC Co-Chair Santiago Solis. This is the highest number on record for this pre-con.

African American

- The AAKC Region II Leadership Team continues to hold monthly conference calls to strategize on ways to engage the AA community.
- The Region II AAKC Facebook page has been engaging with members by providing relevant information on issues impacting African American students, professionals and the Region. To date we have engaged with 124 members. Posts include:
 - Promotion of the Call for Proposals for the NASPA Region II Conference
 - Celebrating Black History Month
 - Promoting professional development opportunities (Penn Summit – Responding to Racism on College and University Campuses)
 - Sharing job opportunities

Assessment, Evaluation, and Research

- Rep. Ryan Keytack served on National AER Committee and participated in monthly planning meetings; will attend Assessment & Persistence Conference and volunteer at KC Fair.
- Rep. Ryan Keytack served as Co-Chair of Region II Conference Committee on Assessment; developed comprehensive pre/post assessment plan; attended winter planning meeting in NYC.
- Rep. Ryan Keytack recruited membership for a Region II AER Committee sub-group.

- Rep. Ryan Keytack wrote various blog articles for AER NASPA website including a reflection on “Assessing Student Staff Training in Residential Life.”

Indigenous Peoples

- IPKC- Social media coordinator- oversight of the twitter account
- IPKS- representative on the Indy Action Committee
 - Indy Action Committee- tasked with social media presence

International Education

- Rep Christine has participated in monthly International Education Knowledge Community Conference Calls
- Rep Christine conducted a few informational interviews with graduate students interested in higher education and international education

Men and Masculinities

- Advisory Board role/Division/KC Activities
 - Rep Brian now serves on the Indy Action Committee as well as the Commission on Equity and Inclusion for NASPA, representing both the Men & Masculinities KC and the GLBT KC.
 - For the Indy Action Committee, our efforts are to impact the upcoming conference in Indianapolis to promote a more inclusive and welcoming environment for folks of all identities. We are coordinating a march on the Capitol, doing a letter campaign, are hosting a panel discussion, and blogging ahead of the conference to encourage our KCs to collaborate and engage together in unity.
 - For the Commission on Equity and Inclusion, Rep Brian is on the subgroup focused on writing a Bias Incident Protocol for NASPA, which should have an initial draft by the conference, with a more complete draft in advance of the NASPA Board Meeting in July.
 - Rep Brian was also asked by the co-chairs of the Men & Masculinities KC to draft an article for the conference edition of their newsletter to address the intersectionality between gender and sexuality, given my queer identities.
- Member Engagement
 - As the President of MACUHO (Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers), Rep Brian has engaged with hundreds of members in Region II in a variety of ways. Specific to Men & Masculinities, he’s hosted an ongoing ‘Fireside Chat’ series where they address topics related to Student Affairs, and recently facilitated a discussion on the gender spectrum and the impact of queer leadership on our field.
- Awards and Recognition
 - Unrelated to NASPA directly, Rep Brian has been acknowledged by RAINN (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network) as the Volunteer Staffer Spotlight on their website. He was given this recognition due to his long-standing efforts to support survivors of violence on the RAINN hotline. <https://rainn.org/news-room/staffer-spotlight-brian>

Parent and Family Relations

- Submitted Region 2 proposal for conference
- Accepted proposal for NASPA National

Socioeconomic and Class Issues in Higher Education

- Sent a pre-conference email to KC listserv members detailing all things S&CIHE for the conference.

Student Affairs Fundraising and External Relations

- Since December 31, 2015, Student Affairs Fundraising & External Relations research project preparation including productive strategies on connecting with members in 2016.

Wellness and Health Promotion

- Currently planning a program (webinar most likely) around counseling and wellness with a focus on African-American & international students (partnership with the African-American KC)
- Working with Ana Gauthier to host a KC power hour during the Region II Conference

African American

- Rutgers Student Affairs Conference, December 2015, Rutgers University, NJ, attendance: 30 people attended the workshop. Kurtis Watkins represented the AAKC by presenting on *Rising to the Challenge of the Doctorate Degree in Higher Education*
 - This leadership workshop was led by four African American higher education professionals who are currently enrolled in a doctoral program at a premier New Jersey Institution. Their student profiles include first generation college students, EOF alumni, and a teenage parent. Facilitators will share how they have utilized resiliency, overcome adversity, pushed through boundaries, and have risen to the challenge of pursuing doctorate degrees in higher education.

Asian Pacific Islanders

- NASPA Region II Conference, June 5-7, 2016, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY
 - Annie Le, Angie Kim, Briana Mathew, and Isabella Villacampa submitted a program proposal for NASPA Region II titled "Why Solidarity Matters: Anti-Black Racism in APIDA Communities" and if accepted, would be interested in this being affiliated with APIKC. The abstract is as follows: "With the racial tension in the U.S., Asian/Pacific Islander/Desi Americans (APIDA) may find a hard time fitting into the national conversation of social justice and inclusion. Even though they face discrimination, it is inextricably linked to anti-blackness. This presentation will examine the ways anti-black racism shows up in APIDA communities and their role in confronting this injustice."

Campus Safety and Violence Prevention

- Rep Greg participated in the CSVP KC conference calls to discuss awards and future activities of the KC.
- Rep Greg is engaging KC with planned blog contributions on emergency planning and shelter-in-place training for campuses

Indigenous Peoples

- Rep Tara Leigh Sands publication: Waterman, S. & Sands, T. L. (in press). A pathway to college success: Reverse transfer as a means to move forward among the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois). *Journal of American Indian Education*.
- Rep Tara Leigh Sands publication Wilmott, K., Waterman, S., Sands, T.L., and Raucci, M. (in final review). Native American college students
- Rep Tara Leigh serving on the NASPA 2 conference planning team for NYC Undergraduate programming chair

International Education

- *Region II International Education Meet and Greet*
 - Rep Christine and fellow AU colleague and NASPA member, Cathy Schneckner, hosted a meet and greet for international education professionals in the DC Metro area. About 16 people attended and talked about their experience in the field and what called them to work in international education. It proved to be a successful networking event.
- *Break-Away National Conference Call*
 - Break Away is a national organization focusing on service-learning immersion experiences or Alternative Breaks. There are monthly conferences calls on a variety of topics. Rep Christine presented on international alternative break best practices
- *Ann Ferren Teaching Conference, January 2016*
 - Rep Christine attended the American University annual Ann Ferren Teaching Conference and presented on international service learning trends and issues at a workshop. Approximately 15 people attended the workshop

Parent and Family Relations

- Planning 2 spring events
 - Region 2 conference lunch/roundtable discussion on Parent & Family Relations
 - Planning spring webinar

Socioeconomic and Class Issues in Higher Education

- Planning an April/May Google Hangout session within region to discuss outside of higher ed resources for homeless and foster care students, working with Homeless and Foster Care subcommittee leaders (within S&CIHE) John Emerson, and Maddy Day
- Looking to “cross the aisle” to work with AAKC on a session regarding the cross section of class and race. Working with Clare Cady out of the national S&CIHE KC to discuss the particulars

Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education

- *The State of Religion on Campus*, Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, number of Attendees/Participants – 64
 - Presentations and discussions regarding the state of religion on campuses. The environment, the legal developments, the challenges faced by both universities and campus ministries, and the outlook for future trends.
 - Number sessions – 4

- Names and Titles of Keynote Speaker:
 - Jake and Rhonda Jacobsen, authors and professors at Messiah College
 - Jeanine Diller – professor and center director at the University of Toledo
 - Rev. J. Cody Neilsen – President of the National Campus Ministry Association
 - Denise McHugh – Chapel Coordinator, University of Maryland

Student Affairs Fundraising and External Relations

- Webinar, January 29, 2016: NASPA SAFER KC & Parent Relations KC Sponsored
 - Keynote Speaker: Laura Page, Coordinator for Parent Relations University of Missouri
 - Description:
 - Understand the essential need for Student Affairs fundraising, various approaches and donor motivations;
 - Articulate the basics of fundraising, including identification & assessment of prospects, cultivation, solicitation, stewardship, annual funds vs. major gifts and key partnerships (internal and external);
 - Distinguish how to engage key members of the Student Affairs prospect pool: parents, Student Affairs alumni, current students, community members, corporations, and more;
 - Recognize challenges associated with Student Affairs fundraising;
 - Form an action plan to establish funding priorities and an annual fundraising plan, including how to engage parent and/or alumni advisory boards; and
 - Motivate colleagues within their own division to embrace the concept of private giving and to remain donor-centered.

Wellness and Health Promotion

- Submitted a proposal for the 2016 NASPA Region II Conference: “Using innovation and department integration to address the mental health needs of international students”
- Planning summer webinar on the utilization of counseling services among students of color and international students in the US and best practices to meet the mental health needs of both communities

FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR

NASPA Gives status as of January 22, 2016.

- Donor Goal = 87
 - 63% towards goal with 55 donors
- Dollar Goal = \$17,805
 - 66% toward goal at \$11,700
- Advisory Board Participation (as of 12.4.15)
 - 15 of 39 advisory board members

Job description was completed for a new position to support the Foundation efforts – Region II Foundation Events Coordinator and recruitment has begun.

Leah Barrett will be resigning her position as Foundation Ambassador as she has accepted a position outside the Region. Recruitment for her replacement has begun with hope to transition during the annual conference in Indianapolis.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIVISION

Advisory Board/Division/KC Activities

- Served on AdHoc committee to create strategic plan for Region II, ensuring the voice of community college was part of the conversation
- Submitted a “Community College Roundtable” proposal for Region II conference in June 2016
- Participated in an Invite only roundtable with Kevin Kruger at the LICSPA conference regarding issues facing higher education moving forward

MEMBERSHIP

- Region II membership is current 2,619.
- Graduate Student Advisory Board, NUFP advisory board and Public Policy Advisory Board have all been created

Professional Development & Events

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

NASPA Region II has sponsored the following conferences/events from March to June

April 2015: New York City-area networking night

April 2015: Reasonable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Training hosted by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission and the WV Council for Community & Technical College Education

May 2015: Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Student Affairs Conference, hosted by Millersville University

June 2015: Western New York Assessment Consortium, SUNY Brockport

June 2015: Latinas in Higher Education, hosted at New York Institute of Technology

Since then, state coordinator activities have included:

NYC REPRESENTATIVE

- NYU Student Affairs Conference is happening on 2/12/2016 with Region II co-sponsorship – report to follow

NEW YORK

- Created and sent (using NASPA email tool) welcome letter notifying members of my role as NYS Rep and simultaneously announcing upcoming events such as the Careers in Student Affairs

Conference. The welcome letter resulted in a response from members (particularly new members) seeking new ways to be involved.

- Partnered with SUNY system VPSAs to co-locate conference in June with the NASPA Region II conference; connected with Region II SSAO liaison to plan events and identify interest for future partnerships with SUNY.

PA REPRESENTATIVE

- 2016 NASPA Assessment & Persistence Conference Reviewer
- 2016 NASPA Closing the Achievement Gap: Student Success in Higher Education Conference

WV REPRESENTATIVE

WVASPA and WV TRIO JOINT CONFERENCE – NASPA REGION II SPONSORED EVENT

November 4-5, 2015

The Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg, WV

- Number of Attendees/Participants: Approximately 90
- Description of Program – Joint professional development conference of the WV Association of Student Personnel Administrators (WVASPA) and the WV TRIO Association. Full conference agenda may be found at the following link:
http://www.wvaspa.org/uploads/1/6/0/6/16063526/wvaspa_fall_2015_program_final_revised.pdf
- Number sessions: 26
- Names and Titles of Keynote Speakers:
 - David C. Hardesty, West Virginia University President Emeritus and Professor of Law. Keynote topic: Building highly effective organizations and teams.
 - Jennifer Bloom, Florida Atlantic University Associate Professor of and Coordinator of the Higher Education Leadership Master's Degree Program. Keynote topic: Appreciative Advising.
- Successes of the event/changes that one would make next year: In coming weeks, conference participants will be asked to complete an evaluation. Additionally, both the WVASPA and TRIO boards of directors will meet to discuss what, if any, modifications need to be made. All participants that I spoke with were very pleased with the collaborative conference and greatly appreciated the \$500 NASPA Region II sponsorship.

MD co-sponsorship (with Membership Chair)

Co-sponsored the ASCA East Division 2016 Coffee Klatch Meeting Topic: Online Speech & Social Media in the University – Walking the Line of Technology, Law, and Liability by Anne T. McKenna, Esq.

January 20, 2016 ◇ Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

- 55 Attendees/Participants
 - Description of Program: a review of complexities of student speech and privacy laws with respect to student online speech and social-media activity.

- Keynote speaker: Professor Anne T. McKenna, Adjunct Professor of law at Penn State/Dickinson Law Schools and Partner with Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin & White
- This provided an opportunity for members to learn about an important and relevant topic and to network with colleagues. Almost all program participants rated as “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” that the program provided useful information and that program expectations were met.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIVISION

- *Member Engagement*
 - Outreached to colleagues in Region II encouraging them to submit a proposal for the Region II Conference at John Jay
 - Requested a Community College track from conference planning committee if a number of community college programs are selected
 - Hosted a NASPA Table for membership recruitment at the Annual LICSPA Conference on February 5th at Long Island University promoting Community College Division and Region II membership
 - Hosted a Roundtable on the importance of getting involved with Professional Organizations

CAREERS IN STUDENT AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

October 25, 2015

Canisius College, Towson University, New York Institute of Technology

- Attendance was approximately 430 among the three sites
- Keynote speaker was Dr. Jason Pina from Bridgewater State. He appeared live at NYIT and his presentation was streamed to the other two sites. Each site offered breakout sessions and “Hot Topic” panels.
- Net revenue will be approximately \$8300
- Each site had their own evaluation and chair Ann Marie Klotz is reviewing those and seeing what suggestions/changes could be implemented for next year.
- Ann Marie is looking at the variety for locations for 2016 in an effort to reach all areas of the region.
- Overall, the conference was a great success, resulting in higher revenue than projected and with (so far) excellent evaluations.
- Theme “From Passion to Profession” framed the program that was designed for undergraduate students interested in exploring Student Affairs as a career, graduate students who are either still exploring or are ready to launch their career, and entry to mid-level staff.

2016 NASPA Region II Mid-Managers Conference (upcoming)

When: June 18-22, 2016

Where: University of Maryland, College Park

Cost: \$595 (NASPA member price) includes all lodging, meals and institute fee.

Deadline for applying: April 18, 2016

Minimum requirement: At least 5 years of professional experience at the assistant director level or higher
Faculty: Mike Christakis, Lynette Cook-Francis, Kirk Manning, Terry Martinez

REGION II CONFERENCE

Regional Conference: June 7 – June 9, 2015 - The George Washington University, Washington, DC

- 50 pre-conference participants, 332 registered for conference
- 48 sessions
- Keynote speakers were Scott Jaschik, Editor, Inside Higher Ed, Kyle Southern, National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good, and Aurora Kamimura, National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good.

Successes of the event:

- 30/60/90-minute programs to accommodate all program styles
- Preconference had record number of attendees
- Corporate sponsorship and partnership with George Washington University assisted us in our revenue goals.
- We hired a photographer for the event for the first time; everything was well-documented and we offered headshots for any interested attendees.
- All information was online and no paper- this was well received
- We had on-campus housing at a low cost and this really increased our numbers, we had 51 people use this option
- We had about 90 first-time attendees and several methods of engaging and welcoming them.

SSAOs at the Regional Conference:

- About 30 VPSAs attended the conference.
- Coordinated two “Think Tank” sessions and one VPSA Breakfast Social
- App. 15 VPSAs attended each event. There were very few VPSAs who attended both think tank sessions, leading to two very good—and very different—conversations.
- Breakfast attendance was lower than hoped. Some individual voiced concern that this program works better when all conference attendees are at one site (i.e. a conference hotel). The VPSA early evening reception was not held this year; some folks asked for its return. It may be a better social gathering vehicle than is breakfast at the regional conference; we’ll reconsider this for next year.

In planning: Region Conference June 5-7, 2016

John Jay College, New York, New York

- Conference Committee (26 volunteers) had one summer call in July and monthly calls since September
- Planning for 450 attendees

- Secured two keynote speakers – Still finalizing titles and presentation times
 - Dr. Shaun R. Harper, Executive Director, Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education - <http://scholar.gse.upenn.edu/harper>
 - Monday featured speaker – Dr. Kathy Obear, Alliance for Change - <https://drkathyobear.com/>
- Educational Programs callout schedule to launch by December 4. Planning for 50-55 Educational sessions
- Registration will launch by mid-February
- Conference committee has focused on ways to engage the Knowledge Communities, faculty, and NUFP/Undergraduate students for this conference

SMALL COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Served as a panelist for #CSAM15 – “A Day in the Life of a Student Affairs Professional at a Small College or University in conjunction with #CSAM15, a free live online offering entitled “A Day in the Life of a Student Affairs Professional at a Small College or University” was presented on November 3, 2016. The panelists included: Sean McGreevey, Assistant Dean for Career Development, Chatham University, Meg Nowak, Vice President for Student Affairs, Hartwick College, Damon Sloan, Vice President for Student & Alumni Affairs, University of St. Francis and Lou Stark, Vice President for Student Affairs, Case Western Reserve University.

In addition to several programs at the National Conference focusing on Small Colleges, I will be co-hosting with Hampton Hopkins the following event:

NASPA Small Colleges and Universities Division VPSA Reception
 Tuesday, March 15, 7:00-8:00pm
 JW Marriott Indianapolis, Room 203

Advocacy

PUBLIC POLICY

- Participated in monthly PPD conference calls
- Created a Region II Public Policy Advisory Board to better inform membership of current work in public policy and provide timely Region II feedback to NASPA office and national PPD board on pending legislation and policy trends. Board membership includes: Elliott Strickland, Jr, Chief Student Affairs Officer, Penn College of Technology; Karen Van Norman, Associate VP and Dean of Students, Seton Hall University; Amy Hecht, VP of Student Affairs, College of New Jersey; Peter Konwerski, Vice Provost/Dean of Student Affairs, George Washington University; Kevin Worthen, VP For Student Development/Title IX Coordinator, Nazareth College; John Zacker, Assistant VP for Student Affairs, University of Maryland; Tiffany Ciprian, Associate Director of Counseling and Wellness, Title IX Coordinator, New York Institute of Technology; Jeffrey Barnett, Interim Associate Dean of Students, Stony Brook University; Christopher Kuretich, Assistant VP for Student Affairs, SUNY Cortland
- Held monthly conference calls on August 11, September 16, October 21.

- Co-authored Public Policy blog post with two advisory board members (Amy Hecht and Tiffany Ciprian) that will post on November 11th.
- Sent a policy update email to the region introducing the ECS/NASPA collaboration on state level policy, upcoming policy related webinars and report on military-connected students
- Going forward Region II will begin to put out a quarterly newsletter beginning in March with a public policy article in each edition.
- Assuming a key role in the Region II strategic initiatives plan to insure a public policy thread in all regional professional development offerings

SUPPORTING UNDERGRADS, GRADS AND NEW PROFESSIONALS

During the June board meeting, RII board members participated in a discussion about creating scholarships for undergraduates, graduates, and new professionals to attend local conferences, the regional conference, and the national conference. The board agreed that this is a direction in which we want to move in order to increase participation, professional development, and scholarship opportunities for these individuals throughout Region II. An ad-hoc group chaired by Terry Martinez proposed a formal plan/process for awards in December and will finalize a plan by March.