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**Report for the December 2015 Board of Directors Meeting**

**December 2015**

## Leadership & Member Engagement

### *2015 Advisory Board Summary*

The past year Region IV-West Advisory Board has been active, busy, and taken important steps for Region IV-West.

In that time we have completed...

- the establishment of a regional endowment (the first for our region and for a region in NASPA),
- we have selected our 2017 conference site (Lincoln, NE),
- and have held our Spring, Summer and Fall Board Meetings.

The following is a listing of the major accomplishments from January through December 2015:

- *Opening Reflection/Prayer/Poem*

For the second year in a row, all Regional Advisory Board meetings in Region IV-West have begun with a reflection/prayer/poem. These reflection moments are coordinated by our Spirituality in Higher Education Knowledge Community board member and are very well-received by our advisory board members.

- *Annual Summer Board Book Reading & Discussion*

This summer we held our second annual Summer Board Book Reading & Discussion. This is now formally in our policies & procedures manual, our budget, and we are already working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Board Book Reading. This year's text was chosen by a sub-committee and that group picked "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch. The Advisory Board watched a short video of Randy on the Oprah show and then spent 90+ minutes in small groups sharing their thoughts

and reflections on this text. This has become an important, annual, activity in our Summer Board meeting. Last year, our first year with this book reading initiative, we read “Celebrating Failure” by Ralph Heath.

- *Region IV-West Endowment*

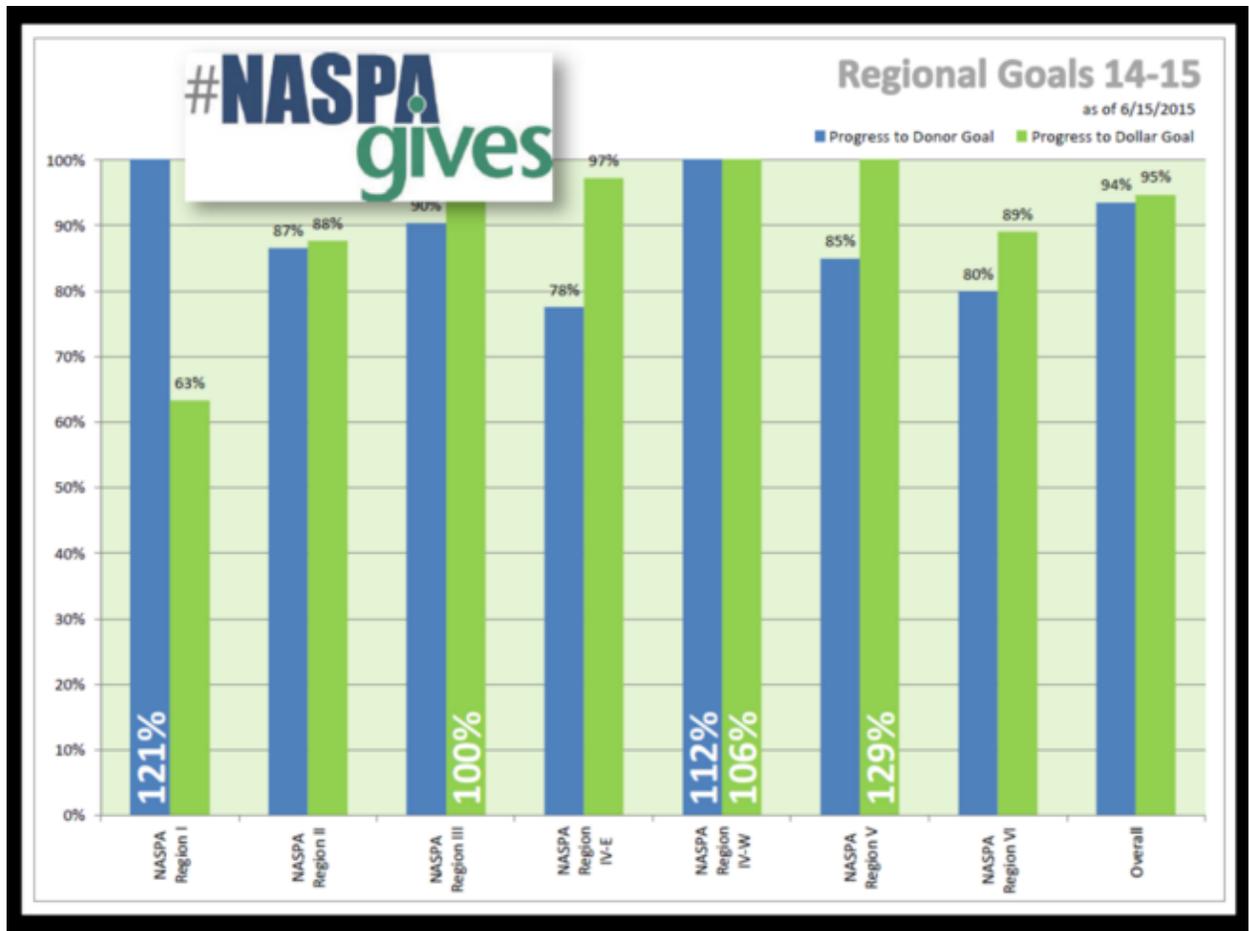
Region IV-West Endowment Established as of July 1, 2015. Thanks goes out to Mr. Dan Mabery, Ms. Amy Shopkorn, and Dr. Kevin Kruger for their assistance in making this endowment happen for our region. This will provide a new, sustainable source of income for our regional activities and was the first of its kind among all regions in NASPA.

- *Region IV-West 2015-16 Budget Approved*

Mr. Dan Mabery led the group in discussion and proposals. The Advisory Board approved the 2015-16 Budget for Region IV-West. We expect to end the 2015-16 FY in the positive side of the ledger as our sponsorship dollars are strong and our Fall Regional Conference expects a net return of \$8-9K.

- *#NASPAgives Update*

Mr. Dan Mabery was pleased to report that for the second year in a row, NASPA Region IV-West was the first region to have BOTH its donor goal AND dollar goal FULLY met. We were happy to announce that we crossed this threshold DURING the Summer Board Meeting in May, 2015. RD Young has had an expectation that every Advisory Board member participate, regardless of level. We are also pleased to report that 3 Region IV-West members are Class of 2016 Pillars of the Profession: Dr. Tisa Mason, Dr. David Ambler, and Dr. Jody Donovan. Region IV-West is already championing the need to sponsor these three candidates for their pillar installation.



- *Legislation approved at the Spring Board Meeting (May 2015)*
  1. Contract Approval. Mr. Dan Mabery brought forward Legislation was passed to add a formal process to our Regional Policies & Procedures manual for the purpose of directing how contracts will be handled in Region IV-West.
  2. Award Legislation. Legislation was presented by Ms. Cassie Gerhardt, Awards Coordinator, and passed. This legislation was in line with other changes at the National level on defining and selection of awards.
  3. Alcohol Use. RD Young brought forward a proposal which Region IV-West approved. This added language to the Region IV-West Policies & Procedures Manual that NO REGIONAL FUNDS will be used to purchase alcohol at any time except during the annual SSAO/Faculty/Corporate Sponsor Reception.
  4. Annual R4W Board Member Reports. Legislation was approved to add an Advisory Board Annual Report from all advisory board members, due each October 1<sup>st</sup>
  5. Travel Grants. A travel grant fund was introduced and approved. Funding for this travel grant fund will come from the annual, regional, silent auction. The Fall Board Meeting will

be used to discuss and debate who in the region has access to these funds as well as a process for awarding.

6. Research Grants. A process was introduced and approved and added to our policies and procedures manual for the purpose of detailing how our region will support grants around research.
  7. Ad Hoc Committees Appointed. The following ad hoc committees were appointed: Accessibility/Universal Design during Conferences ad hoc committee, Position Description Review ad hoc committee, and a Conference Pre-Reading ad hoc committee.
- *Legislation approved at the Fall Board Meeting (2015)*
    1. Support for the Joint Conference Committee. Legislation was approved to help fund 50% of one night for the conference committee to attend the Summer 2016 Board and Conference Team Planning Meeting.
    2. Purchasing Authorizations Outside of Board Meetings. Legislation was approved by to provide the Region IV-West Cabinet with the power to approve up to \$4k in purchases over the fiscal year.
    3. University Design. Region IV-West approved Legislation that it will strive to incorporate University Design Standards into all of its events, conferences, and institutes.
    4. Summer Read. Legislation was approved to formally add the book read initiative to the Region IV-West Policies & Procedures Manual.
    5. Gender Inclusive Facilities. Legislation was approved to require that any Region IV-West event, conference, or institute must provide a gender-inclusive restroom facility.
    6. Gender Pronoun Usage. Legislation was approved to require that any Region IV-West event, conference, or institute will ask participants, upon registration, to list their pronoun usage and this will be displayed on a participant's nametag.
    7. Updates to the Policies & Procedures Manual. Legislation was passed to further update the policies and procedures manual for Region IV-West to include reporting lines for the advisory board, timeline for the annual conference schedule/budget/rate approval, and establish a procedure for NUFP & Graduate Student Scholarship application processes.
    8. Travel Assistance Fund for Board Members. Legislation was approved to develop a fund, beginning with the 2016-17 FY for board members to receive travel assistance. This would be a fund board members would have to apply for, etc.

## Professional Development & Events

***2015 Region IV-West Conference: Renew. Elevate. Embrace.  
(Beaver Creek, CO)***



The 2015 Region IV-West Conference chaired by Dr. Teresa Clouch and Dr. Joe Ecklund, was the 4<sup>th</sup> largest conference in the history of Region IV-West. It was also our 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference! This conference was a wonderful, retreat-like experience for participants and keynotes included:



We also had a wonderful New Professionals Institute with 25 participants! We were pleased to see that our Regional event was not impacted negatively by the national association’s placement of a NPI in Kansas City, the summer previous. The recommendation, going forward, is that the National Association be mindful to connect with the region in which the national NPI or MLI products are held so that there is better coordination and communication moving forward.



**2016 Region IV-West and IV-East Joint Conference: In the Heart of It All  
(St. Louis, MO)**



**Theme: In the Heart of it All**  
**Co-Chairs: Shana Meyer (R4W) and James Hoppe (R4E)**  
**City: St. Louis, MO**

### ***2017 Region IV-West Conference Site and Co-Chairs Selected***

At our Summer Board Meeting, RD-Elect Freeman led the group in discussions and in his proposals. The following was decided upon for the 2017 Region IV-West Conference:

- Site: Lincoln, NE
- Hotel: Embassy Suites Haymarket Park Area
- Conference Co-Chairs: Keegan Nichols & Carrie Petr
- Regional Director for 2017 Conference: Dr. Jerrid Freeman