



**Region I**  
**Report for the December 2015 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 16, 2015**

**Requested Action Items**

None at this time

**Leadership & Member Engagement**

**Awards Coordinator** Jen Maitino (Curry College) continues to coordinate the awards process for Region I. The Region received a strong set of award nominations that break down as follows: 44 total nominations. 32 State Awards, 9 Regional Award Nominations, 3 National Award Nominations. Winners will be announced at the upcoming Region I Conference in November.

**Nominations and Elections Chair** Alison Black (Olin College) reports that she is assembling a Nominations Committee to recruit candidates for the position of State Director in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont.

Elections for the State Director positions named above will occur in January and February of 2016, with the two-year term to begin in March of 2016. The Nominations Committee aims to identify at least two candidates for the ballot from each state. Candidates will be expected to submit their materials by early December of 2015. Black reports that the International Director position is currently vacant.

**Adult Learners and Students with Children:** KC representative Michael Cunningham, (Community College of Rhode Island), reports the summer and fall 2015 have been excellent in terms of engagement with the national KC leadership team. Cunningham has been able to make most of the monthly phone meetings and did volunteer to assist with program evaluation for the conference.

Cunningham was able to put together a small spreadsheet of schools in the region who have programs or services related to this Knowledge Community with contact information for professional who are willing to answer questions for people at institutions seeking to expand, improve, or create programs and/or services for adult learners and/or students with children.

**The Latino/a:** Region I LKC Leadership Team 2014- 2016 Contact Information

**Constanza Cabello**

**LKC Region I Representative**

Director of Intercultural Affairs, Stonehill College

**Walter Diaz, Ed. D.,**

**Past LKC Region I Representative**

Dean of Students, Eastern Connecticut State University

**Melisa Jaquez**

**New England Latino Student Leadership Conference Liaison**

Assistant Director of Career Planning Center, College of the Holy Cross

**Cindy Sanders**

**Membership & Outreach Chair**

Assistant Director for Assessment and Technology, Office of Residential Life, University of Hartford

**Amelinda Vazquez**

**Communications Co-Chair**

Residence Hall Director, Eastern Connecticut State University

**Edili Lopez**

**Programming Co-Chair**

Residence Hall Director, Eastern Connecticut State University

**Federica Bucca**

**Programming Co-Chair**

Graduate Hall Director, Providence College

**Jeanette Rivera**

**Community College Liaison**

Assistant Director of the Welcome and Advising Center, Capital Community College

**Group Meetings:**

- July 10- Region I LKC Retreat
- July 29- Region I LKC Conference Call
- September 3- Region I LKC Conference Call
- October 1- Region I LKC Conference Call

**Spirituality:** KC Representative Amy Fisher (Suffolk University) reports participating in National KC Conference Calls each month. There has been a creation of Selected Religious Holy Days calendar for nation-wide distribution at NASPA conferences.

**Student Affairs Partnering With Academic Affairs:** The SAPAA KC for Region I is under the leadership of KC Representative, Dr. Daryl Healea (Boston University), whose term will conclude in March 2016. The Leadership Team supporting Dr. Healea in his work is comprised of the following volunteers within Region I: Nicholas Kaempf (MIT), Erika Paradis (Clark University) Deb McCullough (Boston University), Rebecca Pickering (Central Connecticut State University), Michael Prinkey (Champlain College), Ophelie Roew-Allen (Fairfield University), Elizabeth Teurlay (Brandeis University), and DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan (Clark University).

**Sustainability:** Lisa Tornatore (Boston University) reported that she is an active member of the Sustainability in Student Affairs LinkedIn group, of which all regional Sustainability KC representatives subscribe and share ideas for collaboration. The KC Leadership team consists of the Chair and two volunteer members

**Women in Student Affairs:** Erika Lamarre, Colby College, reported that WISA is involved in forming a working group of the KC Reps to explore the gender wage gap in student affairs.

**The New Professional Mentor Institute Planning Committee (NMPI)** has been meeting to plan the upcoming 2015-2016 program. The Committee met on June 29th at Assumption College to evaluate the 2014-2015 program and plan NPMI for 2015-2016. The committee is comprised of Ted Zito, Keyne Cahoon, Peter Wiernicki, Thomas Harwell and Caitie Abrahamson. The program goals are to implement and assess a mentorship program that will supplement mentees and mentors professional development experience, provide the opportunity for mentors (mid-level to seasoned professionals) to support the growth of our mentees (new professionals), provide the opportunity for mentees to share their experiences as a new professional while allowing mentors to provide and gain perspective on the changing landscape of higher education, and evaluate the current program and adjust accordingly.

The committee discussed the following guidelines to continue with this year's program: utilize the NASPA Professional Competency Areas in planning, continue to encourage mentor/mentee interactions throughout the four sessions, look for ways to link NPMI with the Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) 2015 class, and create additional opportunities for mentees and mentors to connect outside of scheduled meetings. Mentor and mentee applications are due on November 27<sup>th</sup> with notification of acceptance/denial the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Session dates are scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 26<sup>rd</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> and will include the following topics: Social Media and Networking, Transition and Advancement, Creating a Vision, and Navigating Campus Politics. Scheduled presenters include Barbra Fienman, Ellen Heffernan, David Zamojski and Monique Drucker. The committee has had three subsequent conference calls.

**New Hampshire State** Director Cory Davis (Keene State) reported that there were three total submissions for our State of New Hampshire Awards. The NASPA NH Leadership Team met via conference call on Thursday, September 3, 2015 to select winners for the Catch A Rising Star Undergraduate Award and Doris Michiko Excellence Award.

Currently, Davis is recruiting another professional member to join the NASPA NH Leadership Team as one past LT member was inactive and did not communicate with the Leadership Team or State Director regarding requests, opinions, and goals of the NASPA NH LT. Currently, two professional members within NH are interested.

Rhode Island State Director Sharon Hay (Providence College) reported on two Rhode Island events:

**Jackson Katz Drive in Workshop with featured speaker presented by Roger Williams University**

*August 28, 2015, Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI*

- 48 registrants through NASPA (additional participants through RWU)
- Drive In Workshop featuring the following components:
  - Keynote Address by Dr. Jackson Katz
  - Roundtable Discussions
  - Closing Panel featuring:
    - Peter Kilmartin, Attorney General of Rhode Island
    - Lucy Rios, RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence
    - Ann Burke, Lindsey Ann Burke Memorial Foundation
    - Beth Devonshire Esq. Higher Education Professional/Consultant
  - NASPA RI Networking Luncheon
- The event was well received. Timing was a challenge as it was opening week for many campuses. If possible, would recommend alternate timing in future.

**Coffee Break and Chat**

*Saturday, September 26, 2015, Brewed Awakenings, Warwick, RI*

- Small group of Rhode Island Student Affairs colleagues gathered at a centrally located coffee shop to enjoy conversation and networking
- This event is held once per semester. While small (approximately 8 people), it is worthwhile for bringing colleagues together.

## Professional Development & Events

**Spirituality:** KC Representative Amy Fisher (Suffolk University) reports 2015 NASPA Region I Conference presentation and 2016 NASPA National Conference presentation entitled Religious Freedom and Restoration Act.

**Student Affairs Partnering With Academic Affairs:** The SAPAA-Leadership Team promoted the development and submission of education session proposals germane to SAPAA for our upcoming

regional conference in Manchester, NH, November 2015. They look forward to exploring these educational sessions at the conference.

**Sustainability KC Chair** Lisa Tornatore (Boston University) reports conference presentations:

**Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Conference**

*October 25-29, 2015 ∅ Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN*

- 2,300 attendees at conference / 58 attendees at presentation
- Presentation: Best Practices for Collaborating with Student Affairs
- Presentation learning objectives: Locating knowledge on sustainability & student affairs through NASPA and the KC, demonstrating ways to get buy in, formulating effective sustainability-related conversations with student affairs professionals, designing programs that increase student satisfaction and leadership
- Speakers: Lisa Tornatore, NASPA Region 1 Sustainability KC Representative & Tim Broderick, NASPA National Sustainability KC Co-Chair (2013-2015)