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Region I

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Report for the Winter 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

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NASPA Board Action Items

None at this time

Leadership & Member Engagement

The Region I Advisory Board held its Fall Meeting on September 29, 2017 at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI.

- The Board Voted to fund 7 scholarships at the inaugural Ubuntu Institute which will be held as a pre-conference at the Regional Conference in November in Springfield MA.

Regional Director Updates:

- Board Changes: Member-at-large Walter Diaz stepped down from the position. RD Moriarty posted the vacancy and interviewed several candidates. **Peter Troiano** from Central Connecticut State University was selected to fulfil the remainder of the term.
- KC Appointments: KC Co-coordinators Cabello and Stanley filled several KC Vacancies. Moriarty confirmed appointments for **Dave Kerschner**, StopHazing as the Student Athlete KC Rep, **Melissa J Camba-Kelsay**, University of Rhode Island as the API KC Rep, **Daphney J. Alston**, Southern Connecticut State University as the SLP KC Rep, **Blake Fox**, Boston University School of Theology as the Enrollment Management KC Rep and **Delia Cheung Hom** (Northeastern University) as the Region I WISA KC Rep Currently there is one KC Rep vacancy in Region I – Adult Learners and Students with Children.
- 2018 Conference Chair: Moriarty worked with Regional Director-Elect DeBurro and 2017 Conference Chair Golden to design and implement a selection process for the 2018 Conference Chair. Qualifications were set, the position was advertised widely, and applications were accepted and reviewed. Moriarty, DeBurro and Golden interviewed candidate and **Alex Cabal**, Wentworth Institute of Technology was selected as the 2018 Regional Conference Chair.
- Moriarty attended the RI Multi-KC Drive in Conference: Chasing the Dream – America’s Promise Recaptured at Bryant University on October 27, 2017.

Awards:

Matt Heiser, (Wentworth Institute of Technology), Awards Coordinator coordinated with the State Directors in facilitating the State Awards Selection processes. Recipients will be honored during the State Meetings at the Region I Conference.

- Heiser and the Region I Awards Selection Committee met on 10/19/2017 to select Regional Award recipients to be honored at the Region I Conference Awards Banquet. The Selection Committee included:
 - Angie Clarke, Memorial University of Newfoundland
 - Charles Holmes-Hope, University of Connecticut
 - Caroline Horne, Mount Holyoke University
 - Cory Davis, Keene State University
 - Kelly Levin, Southern Maine Community College
 - Leticia Oroczo, University of Rhode Island

Communications Team:

- **Kelly Brochu** (Regis College) Communications Director reported that the newsletter has 306 posts with 110 followers. Twitter is linked to the Newsletter so that every time something is posted, it is also tweeted.
- **Danielle Johnson** (Bridgewater State University) Newsletter Coordinator is working on generating content from the RAB and KCs, will be sending out email newsletters to supplement shortly. Johnson requested all RAB and KC members to sign up for a month in which they will compose or encourage another professional in the field to compose content for the newsletter.
- **Kat Dougherty** (Franklin Pierce College) Graphic Designer developed brand identity for Careers in Student Affairs month and designed a spotlight series for Facebook, template for twitter quotes and a poster for a webinar on career options in student affairs. The team also branded the NASPA Region I Authors document that highlights the scholarly achievements of NASPA Region I.
 - Fliers Designed
 - FLSA: To Raise, or Not to Raise that was the Questions! Webinar
 - Jim Rhatigan Fellowship scholarships for the NASPA Region I Conference
 - Regional Advisory Board and Conference Committee Graduate Interns recruitment
 - Work completed in preparation for NASPA Region I Conference
 - Logo design for give-away with corporate sponsor
 - Wellness suite coloring pages
 - Developed a logo:
 - NASPA Region I New Professional Mentoring Institute
 - Create a Home Drive-In Conference for the AGAPSS (Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services) KC
 - Ongoing Projects:
 - Continued Wellness KC "Shared Stories" spotlight series on Tumblr, there are now a total of 8 spotlights highlighting over 30 professionals within the field

- Designed two new editions of the Student Affairs Fundraising and External Relations KC spotlights, highlighting Regis College and Joe Light from the University of Maine

Faculty Council:

- **Susan Marine** (Merrimack College), Faculty Council representative has been active in developing several different events this quarter, including: scheduling, planning, and identifying facilitators for the bi-monthly Program Director calls for all faculty members of NASPA.
- Marine is developing a topic and securing facilitators for the Region 1 Faculty Summit and Luncheon.
- Marine is also planning, developing materials for, and executing a webinar for students during Careers in Student Affairs Month on ‘choosing a graduate program in student affairs.’ This webinar will be broadcast nationally on Thursday, October 19th at 1 PM EST.
- In each of these activities Marine has worked closely with other faculty within Region 1 and across regions (Amy French at Indiana State on the program director webinar series; Vijay Kanagala at UVM and Annemarie Vaccaro at URI on the Region 1 faculty summit, and Jason Laker at San Jose State and Candace Moore at Maryland on the CSAM webinar).

Foundation:

- As a result of meeting the Regional Giving goals – Region I was able to award 3 James Rhatigan Scholarship.
- Foundation Ambassadors, **Elissa Carroll** (Quinnipiac University) and **Greg Jones** (Boston College) co-chaired the selection committee which included:
 - Alex Cabal, Wentworth Institute of Technology
 - Charles Holmes-Hope, University of Connecticut
 - John King, Roger Williams University
- There were eight applicants and scholarships were awarded to the following individuals:
 - Caroline Fannoush Dababneh, University of Maine
 - DeAnna Bryfogle, Northeastern University
 - Kyla Martin, Northeastern University

Nominations:

- **Melinda Stoops** (Boston College) Nominations and Elections Coordinator advertised for volunteers to serve on this year’s *Nominations and Elections Committee*, which will recruit and identify candidates for the ballots for the State Director positions in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont. There was a strong response to this call and a Committee has been created with representation from both public and private institutions, four-year and community colleges, and with a range of professional levels. The committee includes:
 - Ryan Baldassario, University of Connecticut
 - Jennifer Platts, University of Connecticut
 - Simone Medley, Holy Cross
 - Isacc Newsome, Boston University

- Jamie Costello, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- Cameron Smith, Boston University
- Laura Bayless, Fitchburg State University
- Kelly Levine, Southern Maine Community College
- Marissa Lischinsky, Plymouth State University
- Heidi Hartzell, Roger Williams University
- Donna Swartwout, Champlain College
- A call for nominations for the three State Director positions went out via email and social media, with a nominations deadline of October 27.

Research Grants:

- **Ted Zito** (Assumption College) Member at Large Institute Coordinator and **Pat Rissmeyer** Emmanuel College) **Research Coordinator** have partnered on a Regional initiative to assess student affairs professional development experiences, specifically the impact of the NASPA Region I institutes on participant skill development, knowledge acquisition, career advancement and involvement in leadership in professional associations.
- The Region I institutes include the Mid-Level Institute, the New Professionals Mentoring Institute and the Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) Institute.
- Three grants have been established to fund research, applicants can request up to \$700 for research funding.

INSTITUTES

Mid-Level Institute (MLI):

- **Mandi Kuster** (Southern Connecticut State University) Mid-Level Institute Coordinator (MLI) reported that a call went out to current class for interest in being a part of MLI Committee. Kuster held a conference call with returning MLI members (Randy Sanders, Meagan Sage and Steven Martin) and selected new committee members. Two new MLI committee Members were selected:
 - Ben Trapanick, Director of First Year Programs at Framingham State University
 - Sara Swillo-Muckian, Associate Director in Student Activities and Leadership Development at Becker College.
- The MLI Committee met at Framingham State University to discuss and plan MLI 2018. The group discussed locations, presenters, assigned tasks and reviewed evaluations from the previous MLI institute. All locations for MLI 2018 have been booked. The group is currently working on solidifying presenters.
 - Session 1: March 16th – Framingham State University, Framingham, MA
 - Session 2: April 13th - Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport, CT
 - Session 3: May 11th – Landmark College, Putney, VT
 - Session 4: June 8th – RI Roger Williams College, Bristol, RI

Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT):

- **Colleen Lubin** (Southern New Hampshire University) SALT Coordinator reported that she had recruited 7 Mentors to lead the small groups during SALT. She engaged volunteers to review SALT applications. She also generated participation from Region I members for Careers in Student Affairs Month initiatives

DIVISIONS

Research:

- As part of their work to advance NASPA Region I Strategic Plan Goal #2, action item 7 (Use the Regional Conference and social media as means of highlighting research), **Rozana Carducci**, (Salem State University), Professional Standards Division Representative, **Susan Marine** (Merrimack College), Faculty Council Representative and **Pat Rissmeyer** (Emmanuel College), Research Coordinator compiled a list of publications authored by NASPA Region I members. This publication list was distributed via multiple Region I social media channels (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr).

Small Colleges and Universities (SCUD)

- Maureen Wark (Montserrat College of Art), Small Colleges and Universities (SCU) Division Representative reported that there have been updates made to the data base which, hopefully, will result in better information to help with communication for all. It has been difficult to directly reach the very small colleges in Region I due to database issues.
- Wark held a Zoom meeting for small colleges in Region I on June 28th to discuss opportunities in the regions, programming deadlines for both regional and national conferences and to open a conversation about issues facing small colleges. The feedback was minimal, but there was an idea to pursue a ‘think tank’-like opportunity around one or more of the following issues: student engagement, res hall retention, introducing new staff to life at a small college, impact of FLSA (retention, compression issues, etc.), collaboration between SA and AA, working with competing interests on campus (activities v. athletics), strategic planning in SA and specific departments, staff retention; incentives beyond salary. Wark also shared information about the SCU divisional web page. The group talked for a brief time about a great article about starting one’s career at a small college and then Wark shared the article with all. (“Five things early-career professionals can do as they transition to an SCU”- <https://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/posts/five-things-early-career-professionals-can-do-as-they-transition-to-an-scu>).
- Wark submitted a program proposal to the Region I conference...a round table on issues facing colleges under 1000 students...which was rejected. Wark continues to participate in **SCU** conference calls. She just recently served as a program reviewer for SCU division-sponsored for the national NASPA Conference.

KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES

- **Jen Stanley** (Roger Williams University) and **Connie Cabello** (Stonehill College) KC Co- Coordinators, recently on-boarded **Melissa Cambray-Kelsay** (University of Rhode Island) as the

Region I API KC Rep, **Blake Fox** (Boston University) as the Region I Enrollment Management KC Rep, **David Kerschner** (University of Maine) as the Region I Student Athlete KC Rep, **Daphney Alston** (Southern Connecticut University) as the Region I Student Leadership Programs KC Rep, and **Delia Cheung Hom** (Northeastern University) as the Region I WISA KC Rep.

- The Co-Coordinators are currently working to recruit a Representative for the Adult Learners & Students with Children KC.
- The KC Co-Coordinators participate in monthly calls for both the national KC Chairs, as well as a separate call for KC Coordinators.
- On October 2nd & 3rd, the KC Co-Coordinators hosted KC conference calls to update the team regarding the recent regional advisory board meeting, plans for the upcoming regional conference and the National KC Task Force updates.

- **AOD KC:** KC Rep **Dave Stender** (Framingham State University) coordinated Region I AOD KC leadership calls occurred on the 4th Wednesday morning/monthly.
- **API KC:** KC Rep Melissa **Camba-Kelsay** (University of Rhode Island) reconvened/reformed leadership team after Kawamoto's departure. Team has met via Google Hangouts in July, September and October.
- **LKC:** KC Rep **Donnie Tavares** (Wheaton College) reports: 85 people on membership. Membership engagement chair position was filled. Leadership team calls on July 6th, September 7th and October 2nd. Changed leadership team calls to Mondays instead of Thursdays. Email blasts to region I and/or LKC region I group in July, August, September and October
- **MMKC:** KC Rep **Ryan Grant** (College of the Holy Cross) developed a team to plan and implement a drive-in event in collaboration with WISA and Gender & Sexuality KCs. Event was tentatively scheduled for October 6th and it has become necessary to reschedule.
- **SAFER KC:** KC Rep **Jenn Forry** (Newbury College) reports Regional SAFER Committee Phone Call on Friday, September 15th
- **SCIHE KC:** KC Rep **Sonja Ardoin** (Boston University) reports the following:
 - Ardoin shares articles and other resources about social class via social media and tags @NASPAscihe and @NASPA_R1; many times, the Region and KC retweet these items. Ardoin has participated in regional and national KC conference calls and other communications.
 - Ardoin is serving as a facilitator, along with Jabari Bodrick & Tori Svoboda, for a SCIHE NASPA Live Briefing on Socioeconomic Status & Social Class in Higher Education on Thursday, October 5 at 2pm ET. More info here: <https://olc.naspa.org/catalog/socioeconomic-status-and-social-class-in-higher-education>
 - **Professionals from the Poor & Working Class Group** Ardoin created content for a new tab on the NASPA SCIHE KC website for the new Professionals from the Poor and Working Class group. This content is now live. Ardoin is serving as the liaison for two of the work teams within the new Professionals from the Poor and Working Class group, including the research and work environment teams. Sonja hosted conference calls with these teams throughout the summer to brainstorm ideas and kick off projects. Ardoin coordinated the development of a SCIHE & Professionals from the Poor & Working Class

Group survey (along with Steve Jenks, Brenda Anderson, Anne Stark, & Dave Nguyen) that is currently collecting data from KC and NASPA members around social class identity and student affairs. This data will inform the work of the KC, group, and (ideally) regions. The survey will close in mid-October for the beginning of analysis.

- **Sustainability KC:** KC Rep **Bryan McGrath** (North Bennet Street School) submitted an October blog entry for the national Sustainability KC entitled “Food Insecurity on College Campuses”. This blog is to be published on NASPA website, SKC social media, and Region I Tumblr.

Professional Development & Events

Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) Conference:

- **Colleen Lubin** (Southern New Hampshire University) Undergraduate Liaison & SALT Coordinator updated the SALT schedule based on evaluations from last year to extend the graduate fair, remove the grad info session, and add small group mentor blocks.
- Lubin worked with the web manager to create a SALT event page that will include grad school attendee information, schedule and speaker information
- She recruited 7 Mentors to lead the small groups. She updated outreach material to be clearer about SALT being for those who have decided to pursue the career, versus Careers in Student Affairs Month being more exploratory.
- She received 114 applications from 49 institutions, currently being reviewed.

Careers in Student Affairs Month (CSAM)

- **Colleen Lubin** (Southern New Hampshire University) Undergraduate Liaison & SALT Coordinator received 58 submissions for the Careers in Student Affairs Month Spotlights and for the 31 Reasons to Work in Student Affairs campaign.
- **Colleen Lubin** (Southern New Hampshire University) Undergraduate Liaison & SALT Coordinator sponsored a webinar on Student Affairs careers featuring presenters from Wellness, Recreation, Multicultural Affairs and Career Development. Twenty-eight students registered.
- **Susan Marine** (Merrimack College) Faculty Council Representative coordinated live CSAM webinar: “Choosing a graduate program” on Thursday, October 19th, 1 PM). Marine facilitated a question and answer event with facilitators Dr. Jason Laker (SJSU) and Dr. Candace Moore (U of Maryland).

New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI):

- **Caitie Abramson** (Merrimack College), NPMI Coordinator hosted the NPMI Mentor Forum on Tuesday September 26 at 1 p.m. via Zoom. This was an opportunity for potential mentors to learn about expectations for being a mentor, benefits of serving in this capacity, and logistics of the institute.

Mid-Level Institute (MLI):

- **Mandi Kuster** (Southern Connecticut State University) Mid-Level Institute Coordinator (MLI) reported on the 2017 MLI Institute. The last session was held and 20 members graduated from the XV class.
- Session4: June 2, 2017 was held at University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME
- The Session 4 program included:
 - Campus Welcome – Nancy Davis Griffin, Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, University of Southern Maine,
 - Assessment/Strategic Planning and Managing Change Panel: Shannon Brown, Director of Residence Life, Southern New Hampshire University, Daniel Doerr, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs for Planning & Assessment, UCONN, Erika Lamarre, former Associate Dean at Colby College, KC Representative for Region 1 Women in Student Affairs
 - Career Path/Resume – Presented by Ellen Heffernan, President, The Spelman Johnson

Faculty Summit:

- **Susan Marine** (Merrimack College) Faculty Council Representative is coordinating the Region 1 Conference Faculty Summit on Monday, November 13th, 2018. (Co-facilitated with Vijay Kanagala and Annemarie Vaccaro) at the Springfield Monarch Hotel.
- Topic: Student Affairs' legacy and future as advocates for-- and leaders of -- social justice pedagogies and praxis in higher education.

International Delegation:

- **Jason Masterson** (University College Dublin) International Director reported that the opportunity was provided to all International Delegates to apply to present at the NASPA R1 Conference.
- An International Panel comprising of 3 International members and 1 US member has been assembled for the NASPA R1 Conference 2017.
- The board has sponsored the registration of 1 member of the panel

STATES

Maine:

- **Lauri Sidelko** (University of Maine) Maine State Director reported that the state board hosted a state-wide planning meeting, lunch and roundtable discussions at the University of Maine

KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITITES

- **API KC:** KC Rep **Melissa Camba-Kelsay** (University of Rhode Island) was invited to join Multi-KC Drive In team (joining Latin/x/a/o Knowledge Community, African American KC, Indigenous Peoples KC, Student Career Development KC and the Multiracial KC Drive- In scheduled for October 27 at Bryant University.

- **MMKC:** KC Rep **Ryan Grant** (College of the Holy Cross) facilitated a 2-hour workshop on the topic of sexual violence on college campuses at a men’s empowerment retreat at Newbury College on September 8, 2017. The event was sponsored by the NASPA foundation.
- **SAFER KC:** KC Rep **Jenn Forry** (Newbury College) reports September SAFER KC Spotlight edition featured the Regis College Golf Tournament. The October SAFER KC Spotlight will feature UMAINE. The SAFER KC would like to sponsor a fundraising workshop in early winter.
- **Sustainability KC:** KC Rep **Bryan McGrath** (North Bennet Street School) reports he was granted permission to offer a service learning pre-conference opportunity at RI conference entitled “Environmental Justice Service Learning Project: Gardening the Community”. After initial outreach through Region I conference registration, 60 people have expressed interest.
- **Sustainability KC:** KC Rep **Bryan McGrath** (North Bennet Street School) served as guest facilitator for a conference call with Northeast Campus Sustainability Consortium (NECSC). The topic was best practices to have successful partnerships between Student Affairs & Sustainability offices.

NASPA Region I Multi-KC Drive-In Conference: *Chasing the Dream: America’s Promise Recaptured*

Friday, October 27, 2017 ◊ Bryant University, Smithfield, Rhode Island

- Many students of color are enrolling and attending college. Even though there are increases in college enrollment, the gaps in graduation are still present. How are we promoting self-advocacy and supporting them with programs and initiatives? During this drive-in conference, **Chasing the Dream: America’s Promise Recaptured**, attendees had the opportunity to understand this population of students and what they face.
 - To provide educators with the knowledge, understanding, and clarity necessary to understand the continuing challenges that these populations face.
 - To encourage the utilization of self-advocacy for students of color.
 - To identify strategies for career and academic development and achievement.

Optional Other Reports - Advocacy & Scholarship (*not required*)

Rozana Carducci, (Salem State University), Professional Standards Division Representative, collaborated with NASPA extern Wendy Lushbaugh and Region II Professional Standards Division Representative Houston Dougharty to draft an introduction to the seminal documents posted on the “About Student Affairs” page of the NASPA website. The draft was submitted to the NASPA national office in August 2017. Carducci, Lushbaugh and Dougharty are writing an original essay that draws upon the foundational documents featured on the “About Student Affairs” NASPA webpage to illustrate the evolution of the student affairs guiding philosophies and values. It is expected this essay will be integrated into the NASPA 100th anniversary celebration traveling exhibit. This project is ongoing with an anticipated completion date of December 2017.

Sonja Ardoin (Boston University) SCIHE KC rep reports that she was appointed to the NASPA Center for First-generation Student Success. Ardoin has a book in press with Lexington Books on social class and college access, a co-authored book (with Becky Martinez) in preparation with Stylus Publishing, and five book chapters in press and preparation focused on social class topics.