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## NASPA Mission

To be the principal source for leadership, scholarship, professional development, and advocacy for students.

## Leadership

### Appreciation

I am proud to report that as we prepare for transition to Rich DeCapua's leadership, NASPA Region I is a vibrant and productive community.

And as my two-year terms winds down, I must take a few moments to share a little Region I love and gratitude.

Levester Johnson, Laura Wankel, and Kevin Kruger are deeply appreciated for their wit, wisdom, support, and encouragement. What a privilege for me to serve on the NASPA Board of Directors during Kevin Kruger's first two years as NASPA President. The changes to our bigger, stronger, and more dynamic post-consolidation-vote association are nothing short of remarkable; no surprise with the talent we have at the NASPA office and with the NASPA Board's vision for the future. I look forward to NASPA reaching higher and higher levels of excellence with Kevin at the helm.

Thanks to the fabulous Stephanie Gordon, the amazing Amy Shopkorn, and the high-achieving Brian Sponsler, for their knowledge, skills, commitment, and determination. What a terrific trio. Kevin has a keen eye for talent.

Nathan Victoria and Danny Anzueto are serving the Regions so very well, and I will miss having regular email contact with them. They take great care of these precious communities we call "Regions."

The dedication of so many volunteers – Regional Advisory Boards, State Boards, Regional KC Leadership Teams, Regional Conference Committees, and on and on – drives the success of the Regions. We as an

association owe these fine leaders a debt of gratitude, and I've been blessed with a deep pool of volunteer talent here in Region I.

What good fortune to have the likes of Deb Moriarty, Jeanine Ward-Roof, Renee Romano, Peggy Burke, Tim Alvarez, Paul Bennion, Deneece Huftalin, and Henry Gee as fellow Regional Directors during the past two years. Their friendship and support have meant the world; what a colorful cast of characters...all outstanding professionals and outstanding human beings. I'll not soon forget the times (and extended conversations) we've shared in Board meetings, on the phone, and via email.

Of course, it's a privilege to know the best talent in the business...these fine individuals who sit on the NASPA Board of Directors. I celebrate these impressive leaders of NASPA for their love of profession and of association. With colleagues of this caliber on the Board, it is, indeed, a privilege to serve NASPA.

Brief reports from the NASPA Region I Advisory Board follow. We've done well these last two years.

**2013 Regional Conference** Greg Jones (Boston College) reported that the 2013 Regional Conference featured 56 educational sessions and was attended by 450 people. Tracy Lake (University of St. Joseph), Volunteers Chair, recruited 127 volunteers, 21 conference connectors (first-time attendee engagement program), and 21 SALT resume reviewers. Elissa Carroll (Fairfield University), 2014 Regional Conference Chair, received 35 applications for conference committee positions; 5 applicants were offered positions.

**African American KC (AAKC)** Wanda Tyler (University of New Haven) reported that the Region I AAKC leadership team (which includes colleagues from University of New Haven, Fairfield University, Quinnipiac University, St. Anselm College and Southern Connecticut State University) has been working together since August 2013 to execute the work of the KC at the regional level.

**Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services (AGAPPS) KC** Dan Volchok (Northeastern University) reported that he recruited a team to help plan a one-day conference and act as the leadership team for the KC at the regional level. There are eight team members representing six institutions.

**Asian Pacific Islanders KC (APIKC)** Kristine Din (University of Connecticut) reported that her leadership team includes Joliana Yee (University of Connecticut), Anthony Mam (Roger Williams University), Linh Nguyen (Lesley University), and Aaron Parayno (Boston College).

The APIKC hosted their first drive-in conference on Friday, October 11, 2013, at Northeastern University. The theme was "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 for our 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. About 40 students and professionals attended.

**Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC (AERKC)** Judy McGuire Robinson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) reported that the Region I AERKC leadership team continues to have seven active members. Each member of the leadership team continues to coordinate a specific initiative.

**Community Colleges Division** Kristina Testa-Buzzee (Norwalk Community College) reported that she has been engaged in working with state representatives to advance the visibility and awareness of the

thriving professional development opportunities that exist in the Region for community college student affairs professionals through emails and social media. Testa-Buzzee served as a community college representative to the SALT conference at the Regional Conference. Also, a community college student attended the SALT conference and was one of the few community college students to have attended both current and past SALT conferences.

Testa-Buzzee also recruited Kari Lake, a graduate student at Merrimack Community College, to write an article for the Regional Newsletter about her experience as a non-traditional student and how it has impacted her desire to work at a community college.

**Faculty Council Division** Annemarie Vaccaro (University of Rhode Island) served as Chair of the Hardee Dissertation of the Year Committee. A finalist and runner up were selected and notified in November. Vaccaro also served as Regional Representative to the newly-formed Faculty Council. On the Faculty Council, she is taking the lead in creating a new faculty mentoring program. The mentoring program will be launched at the NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) KC** Alex Cabal (Dean College) reported that one of the KC members was selected New Professional of the Year by NASPA Massachusetts.

**Health in Higher Education KC (HHEKC)** Melinda Stoops (Framingham State University) reported that the HHEKC sponsored a morning run during the Regional Conference, which provided an opportunity to highlight the wellness focus of this KC, and allowed participants to engage in an activity of interest to the KC (i.e., exercise).

Stoops attended the “Building Connections & Exploring Your Professional Development through Knowledge Communities” session during the Regional Conference to share information about the HHEKC.

A LinkedIn group was created for Region I HHEKC. Membership growth and discussion have been slow on this group, but Stoops continues to try and build a community on this site. During this reporting period, this group was used to advertise the upcoming Region I Conference by posting a registration reminder. More recently, a post related to New Year’s resolutions was made, which focused on resolutions related to health and wellness.

**International Education KC (IEKC)** Aliko Karagiannis (Stonehill College) reported that she is collaborating with Jana Luker, International Director, to better connect foreign delegates to the IEKC and Region I. She is also working with her leadership team to find a new site for a Region I international conference. Italy has been contacted and a UK site is being explored. Any viable leads will be shared with the new Regional KC Representative.

**Knowledge Communities** Beth Moriarty (Bridgewater State University) and Jen Stanley (Roger Williams University) reported that they sponsored an information booth at the Regional Conference to share KC information and increase membership. They also completed on-going training for newly selected KC representatives. They provided all regional KC leaders with updated manuals, brochures, and membership lists prior to the Regional Conference. They dedicated KC meeting time to review expectations and build opportunities for collaboration.

**Latino/a KC** Walter Diaz (Eastern Connecticut State University) reported that the KC's leadership team remains active. The leadership team has the following board positions filled: Regional KC Representative, Professional Development (two co-chairs), Social Programming, Mentoring, Membership and Awards, and Communications. The team has maintained communication with its members via emails and social media strategies. The team has been active in recruiting members and there are over 160 interested members.

**Men and Masculinities KC (MMKC)** Shane Long (Southern Maine Community College) reported that the communications coordinator position on his KC leadership team is currently open. The leadership team includes Richard Anderson of the University of New England, and Mike Ormsby of the University of Hartford.

**MultiRacial KC** Sarah Gallenberg (Boston College) reported that she is working as a co-chair for the "Intersections of Identity Roundtable" at the NASPA Annual Conference. The identity-based KCs are collaborating on this venture and are determining what conversations would be valuable.

Gallenberg sent materials about the Regional Conference to the KC's members in Region I. She also communicated sessions that were relevant to the KC. She has continued to call and reach out to individuals in the area who have expressed interest in the KC.

**New Hampshire** Sheila Lambert (Southern New Hampshire University) reported that there were two nominations for state awards this year. The NASPA NH state board (absent Lambert) met to review applications and chose both for NH awards.

- Program of the Year - Diversity is You Louisa Martin, Southern New Hampshire University
- Mid-Level Professional - Sheila Lambert, Southern New Hampshire University (Regional award winner)

**New Professionals and Graduate Students (NPGS) KC** Ted Zito (Assumption College) reported that the NPGS KC and the Region I Advisory Board will continue a tradition of sponsoring scholarships to help one new professional and one graduate student attend the upcoming NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore.

**Nominations & Awards** Alison Black (Olin College of Engineering) reported that there were a total of 74 nominations for regional and state awards. At the Regional Conference, 16 state/province awards and 7 regional awards were presented. Three state award recipients were selected as regional winners in the following categories: Outstanding New Professional, Program of the Year, and Outstanding Mid-Level Professional.

State award recipients were chosen by selection committees appointed by the State Directors, and the regional award recipients were selected by a committee comprising Alison Black (Chair), Olin College of Engineering; Karen Donoghue, Fairfield University; Heidi Hartzell, Roger Williams University; Shane Long, Southern Maine Community College; Leonard Blake Singleton, University of Vermont; and Elizabeth Teurlay, Brandeis University.

The Region submitted nominations for several NASPA national awards. Dr. Karin Edwards, Dean of Student Services at Three Rivers Community College in Connecticut, was selected as a national recipient of the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Service as a Dean. Bentley University in Massachusetts received the Grand Gold NASPA Excellence Award in Student Health, Wellness, and Counseling.

There were four retirees recognized at the awards banquet at the Regional Conference: J. Thomas Eakin from Bryant University, Walter Bernstein from Western Connecticut State University, Sibyl Brownlee from Worcester State University, and Andrew Robinson from Keene State University.

Black reported that the following individuals won our recent State Director elections:

- Massachusetts - Beth Moriarty, Bridgewater State University
- Connecticut - Cory Davis, Quinnipiac University
- Vermont - Queena Hoang, University of Vermont

**Rhode Island** Sharon Hay (Providence College) reported that NASPA RI hosted a holiday social at Bryant University on Thursday, December 12, with about 80 colleagues in attendance. The event featured greetings from Bryant University President Ronald Machtley and Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students John Saddlemire, a tour of the newly renovated student center, a Yankee swap, and a canned food drive.

**Silent Auction** Ali Hicks (Babson College) reported that this year's Silent Auction, which took place at the Regional Conference, raised \$9,550. Extra features included the "Buy It Now" College Bookstore, the "Lunch with Legends" raffle, and the selling of star and salt shaker cutouts to honor friends and colleagues.

**Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC** has a new Regional Representative, the Rev. Amy Fisher (Suffolk University).

**Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs (SAPAA) KC** Daryl Healea (Boston University) continues to communicate with the KC's national leadership team about priorities for the KC in Region I. These goals currently include greater inclusion of diversity in leadership, more collaborative programs with our KC colleagues, enhanced professional development opportunities for all SAPAA and NASPA members, increased integration of our graduate students in the KC, and focused activities to promote student development and leadership across our campuses. Healea is attempting to expand his leadership team.

**Student Athlete KC (SAKC)** Kris Niendorf (Wellesley College) reported that she is a member of the SAKC/GLBT KC subcommittee and it meets monthly. They are creating a pre-game inclusion statement on sexual orientation and gender identity that would be announced before athletic competitions, and they are also creating a webinar to discuss GLBT issues in the athletic community. Information from this webinar will be made available in hopes that each Region will be able to host a panel at their conference or have a drive-in educational session on this topic. Finally, they are assisting the NCAA in introducing their inclusiveness campaign. Niendorf recruited three new members to the SAKC after her Regional Conference presentation. The leadership team met in February 2014.

**Student Leadership Programs (SLP) KC** Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University) reported that the SLP KC hosted a webinar called #EngagemenTECH on January 9, 2014, in collaboration with the Technology KC. The KC currently has five active members on its leadership team. The KC has been using data from a recent survey to guide its programmatic efforts. The KC increased visibility at the Regional Conference through distributing pins from the National KC Chair, donating a leadership-themed silent auction basket, and hosting an informal discussion called "Bagels, Lox and Leadership" during a breakfast at the conference. The KC supported efforts of the GLBT KC during its social and community

fundraiser at the Regional Conference. The KC nominated “Allyship and Leadership” for the Region’s Program of the Year Award. The “Journey Leadership Program” from Suffolk University was selected as Program of the Year for NASPA Massachusetts and also for Region I.

**Vermont** Anne Hopkins Gross (Southern Vermont College) reported that she approached state board members to run for State Director for 2014-2016. Queena Hoag, a state board member, was elected.

**Women in Student Affairs (WISA) KC** Christyn Bergquist (University of Massachusetts/Lowell) reported that the leadership team consists of five active participants, including Susan Marine from Merrimack College, Elizabeth Teurlay from Brandeis University, Kristen Pierce from Stonehill College, and Connie Cabello from UMass Lowell. They continue to engage WISA members through social media. The “Candid Conversations Program” was held in November at the Regional Conference; there were 60 participants and an overwhelmingly positive response to the experience. Members have requested a WISA social be planned this spring.

## Scholarship

**African American KC** Tyler reported that the Region I leadership team is working with colleagues in the Region to write articles for the Regional Newsletter and the AAKC newsletter.

The KC is promoting upcoming webinars that may be of interest to the KC’s membership, including “The State of the African American Professional.” They are also brainstorming ideas and topics for a series of bi-monthly “dial-ins” or conference calls to discuss issues pertinent to the AAKC and student affairs as a whole.

**Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) KC** Matt Salter (Keene State College) reported that members have been having discussions via email and social media about sexual misconduct and Title IX in relation to a *Wall Street Journal* article of a few months ago.

**Asian Pacific Islanders KC** Din and KC members have been working on a research project that is slowly picking up speed. Joliana Yee (University of Hartford) received IRB approval in late August and since then they have hosted a few focus groups in Storrs and Hartford. They have now traveled to Boston and New York City to meet with alumni of the UCONN Asian American Cultural Center’s Asiantation Mentoring Program (AMP). This program supports first-year and transfer students with their transition to university life, as well as provides a connection with continuing students who share racial/ethnic/cultural identities. They will most likely conduct a few more focus groups in Storrs.

Also, this semester they will begin creating a scholarly manuscript. They will also be analyzing a variety of written cultural identity papers that past AMP mentors have written in order to further look at the impact of the program on their identity development.

**Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC** Robinson is chairing the small research grant program this year. A review committee of five Region I members has been formed and is in the process of reviewing proposals. Award announcements will be sent out by the end of February. Grants are for faculty-practitioner research projects, with the potential for receiving up to \$1000 in funding.

**Disability KC** The Regional KC Representatives send out articles and important information out to the members on Thursdays.

**Faculty Council Division** Vaccaro coordinated a "Lunch and Learn" at the Regional Conference. Fourteen faculty members attended this session. At the lunch, faculty shared information about their current research projects and discussed potential collaborative projects in the future.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender KC** Cabal reported that the KC's facebook page continues to grow. There are 208 members.

**Health in Higher Education KC** Stoops authored an article for publication in the February Regional Newsletter that focused on New Year's resolutions and how we can encourage our students to stick to health-related resolutions.

**International Education KC** Karagiannis reported that the KC contributes to the national IEKC newsletter and social media efforts by disseminating relevant news articles and policy updates.

**Maine** Jason Saucier (University of Southern Maine) reported that he created a shout out program for the Maine state board that is posted on the state website and allows for colleagues around the state to recognize the outstanding work of members around the state. They also created time during Maine state meetings to focus on professionals in the state who could be contacted about MASAP and NASPA.

**Parent and Family Relations KC** Allison Gill (Merrimack College) was able to compile a resource of family orientation programs and family weekend schedules. It is in pdf format and has been placed on the national KC webpage for all to utilize in their planning for the 2014 calendar year.

**Student Athlete KC** Niendorf reported that the KC is reviewing the NCAA LGBT website from a student affairs perspective. This information will then be linked to the Region's KC website.

**Student Leadership Programs KC** Powers reported that the KC published its bi-annual newsletter in November. The newsletter included articles on: "Letting Student Leaders Lead Their Own Development," "Outdoor Recreation and Leadership Development," "Student Leader Appreciation," and "Leading the Way: Launching a New Initiative on Campus."

**Sustainability KC** Stephen Nason (Unity College) wrote an article entitled "Nest Thermostat...Is This Thermostat Smarter than You? Probably!," which appeared in the July issue of the Regional Newsletter. Nason wrote an article entitled "To Divest or Not to Divest in Fossil Fuels?," which appeared in the October issue of the Regional Newsletter. Nason and Peter Osborne maintain and post articles on the Regional KC's website.

## Professional Development

**2013 Regional Conference** Jones reported that featured speakers at the 2013 Regional Conference included Dr. Joseph Zolner (Harvard University), President Robert Johnson (Becker College), Dr. Cynthia Forrest (University of New England), Dr. Corrine Kowpak (York County Community College), Dr. Elizabeth Allan (University of Maine - Orono), and President Theo Kalikow (University of Southern Maine). Evaluations of the conference illustrate that the conference was a success!

The 2014 Region I Conference will be held in Newport, Rhode Island, November 16-19, 2014.

**Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services (AGAPSS) KC** Volchok reported that the KC held their second one-day conference.

Title of Conference: Trends & Issues in Graduate Student Mental Health

Date/Location: November 1, 2013, Boston College

Number of Attendees/Participants: 90

Description of Program: A one-day conference consisting of an opening keynote followed by smaller group discussions and roundtable discussions. Topics included international students, graduate student engagement, student support services and online programs, diversity issues, GLBTQ students, and academic integrity and plagiarism.

Name/s of Keynote Speaker/s: Kathy LaPierre, MD, Chief of Mental Health Services, Harvard University  
Successes and Changes Needed should Program/Conference be Offered Again: Feedback was that they appreciate the opportunity to meet, network, and get ideas from others working with the same student population.

**African American KC (AAKC)** Tyler reported that two members of her leadership team collaborated with members of the Latino/a KC and Asian Pacific Islanders KC to plan a drive-in conference on January 31, 2014, at the College of the Holy Cross, called "Leveraging Your Racial/Ethnic Identity for Career Advancement." The KC planned to either record the day's events or provide electronic and hard copies of handouts to the rest of the national AAKC membership.

Other regional and national professional development opportunities such as the Region I Mid-Level Institute and a free webinar on being a higher education LGBT resource professional have been advertised throughout the Region through the KC's facebook page and via email.

**Asian Pacific Islanders KC (API KC)** Din reported on a multi-KC drive-in, "Leveraging your Racial/Ethnic Identity for Career Advancement," held on January 31, 2014, at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. This event was co-sponsored by Region I's Asian Pacific Islanders KC, African American KC, and Latino/a KC. This drive-in focused on connecting professionals to share experiences and knowledge, and to support them in learning how to excel and succeed in the field. Keynote speaker was Dr. J. Keith Motley, Chancellor, University of Massachusetts – Boston.

**Assessment, Evaluation and Research KC** Robinson reported that the KC held an assessment, evaluation, and research roundtable discussion at the Regional Conference. The KC regularly submits briefs about promising practices in assessment in the Regional Newsletter.

A member of the leadership team is coordinating an assessment coaching program that was launched at the Regional Conference. There are about 15 coaching pairs currently active. An article summarizing the coaching program will appear in the next Regional Newsletter.

Two members of the leadership team will work on developing an information piece on how senior leaders in student affairs can champion assessment in their divisions and capitalize on the training the newer professionals are receiving on this topic in their graduate programs.



**Community Colleges Division** Testa-Buzzee conducted follow-up communication with participants from the October webinar about Careers in Student Affairs Month. All participants received information regarding the presenter's contact information, the Community College Division, and NASPA. She has also disseminated information on the NASPA/AAUW NCCWSL Conference and AAUW Campus Action Grant Applications. Testa-Buzzee is coordinating a pre-conference session at the NASPA Annual Conference titled "Advocating as a Tool for Transforming the Student Experience for Adult Learners and Student with Children," along with the Adult Learners and Students with Children KC.

**Connecticut** Shelby Ballard (University of Hartford) reported that the state sponsored a conference.

Title of Conference: Working within the Spectrum

Date/s, Location: Friday, October 18, 2013, University of Connecticut - Greater Hartford Campus

Number of Attendees/Participants: 40

Description of Overall Program/Conference: This event focused on learning about best practices as related to students on the spectrum. Jane Thierfeld Brown facilitated. Other topics discussed were resources, statistics, and pertinent information that higher education practitioners should be aware of in their work.

Number of Sessions Offered: One two-hour session

Name/s of Keynote Speaker/s: Jane Thierfeld Brown, a well-known speaker and consultant about students on the autism spectrum

Successes and Changes Needed should Program/Conference be Offered Again: This topic is very important, and it would be beneficial to have offered this session as a whole day or half-day workshop.

**Disability KC** The KC promoted a webinar, sponsored by the national KC, based on the ADA book being released by multiple authors at the NASPA Annual Conference. The webinar was scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2014. Individuals presenting during this webinar are Paul Grossman, Mary Lee Vance, Neal Lipsitz, and Kaela Parks.

**Faculty Council Division** Vaccaro coordinated the Faculty Summit at the Regional Conference.

Title of Conference: Region I Faculty Summit

Date/s, Location: Monday, November 18, 2013, at the Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME

Number of Attendees/Participants: 14

Description of Overall Program/Conference: The summit focused on teaching and learning. Region I members who teach full or part time in a student affairs/higher education program were invited to join this session. Participants engaged in an interactive session by generating lists of issues and challenges they encountered while teaching. The group then dialogued about the emergent topics, sharing their struggles, and learning from one another.

**International Education KC (IEKC)** Karagiannis reported that she was assigned to the IEKC sub-committee responsible for gathering resources for student affairs professionals who have expressed concerns about: 1) being under-prepared to welcome increasing numbers of international students; and 2) facilitating cross-cultural interactions.

**Knowledge Communities** Stanley and Moriarty presented a "KC 101" session at the Regional Conference. They reported that 40 individual educational program sessions were sponsored by the KCs at the Regional Conference, along with seven out of eight posters in the poster session. The coordinators submitted a blog post for the Region I blog.

**New Hampshire** Lambert reported that NASPA NH hosted its first professional development afternoon on October 10, 2013, at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH. There were 50 people in attendance; five were non-NASPA members.

Dr. Dan Graney presented his research on alcohol and violence on college campuses. Following the presentation, break-out sessions focused on alcohol/violence and what campuses are doing to address this issue. This was Lambert's first professional development and networking event for NASPA NH as State Director; attendance was seen as successful.

**New Professionals and Graduate Students (NPGS) KC** Zito reported that he is serving a second term on behalf of the NPGS KC on the New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI) planning committee. The sessions for this year's institute thus far include social media, life work balance, managing up, lifelong learning, and personal finance.

Zito and the NPGS KC coordinated a successful Lunch and Learn session at the Regional Conference that targeted graduate students. Phil Bernard and Jenn Kosses ran a very successful and well-attended session on effective ways for graduate students to conference well and network while at the Regional Conference. This session had over thirty attendees.

Zito and the NPGS KC coordinated a Lunch and Learn session for new professionals at the Regional Conference. Rich DeCapua moderated a panel of professionals including Beth Moriarty, Kristen Pierce, Keene Cahoon, and Daniel Brown that explored the importance of mentorship. This session had five attendees.

**New Professionals Mentoring Institute (NPMI)** Hank Parkinson (Fitchburg State University) reported 20 mentees and 20 mentors have been selected to participate in the 2014 institute. The first session was held on December 13, 2013, at Wesleyan University. The second session took place on January 24, 2014, at MIT.

**Student Leadership Programs KC** Powers reported that the SLP and Technology KCs co-sponsored a webinar.

Title of Conference: #EngagemenTECH: Meeting Our Students Where They're At

Date/s, Location: January 9, 2014, via webinar

Number of Attendees/Participants: 36 individual registrations for 45 total attendees

Description of Program: Originally planned as a drive-in, the format changed in order to increase the number of registrants. The program focused on utilizing technology to engage students, best practices, alternatives, challenges, pitfalls and advantages.

Name/s of Keynote Speaker/s: Joe Ginese

Successes and Changes Needed should Program/Conference be Offered Again: Timing was not convenient for people. The original thinking was that early January, prior to students' return, would be good. The webinar was a better option.

## Advocacy

**Community Colleges Division** Testa-Buzzee actively disseminated the Title IX Dear Colleague letter about pregnant and parenting students to a listserv she has in the Region. This colleague letter raises awareness of legal accommodations that must be provided to pregnant and parenting students. She has also actively started to tweet about community college issues and related public policy matters.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender KC** Cabal suggested that the incoming Regional KC Representative have the group participate in the Boston Pride parade again. There have been conversations between the KC and members of the Region about a drive-in about allyship and networking, with a focus on personal growth for individuals who identify as straight in GLBT organizations and groups, and how this creates inclusive environments for both groups.

**Health in Higher Education KC** Stoops reported that the KC sponsored the following poster sessions at the Region I Conference:

- PERMA - The Positive Psychology Path to Well-being & Current Practices for You and Students
- Putting the Pieces Together: Developing a Large Residential Programming Model
- Preparing for Crisis: Limiting Harm within Our Communities

**Maine** Saucier reported that the state hosted “Moving In, Up, Around and Out of Student Affairs,” a one-day drive-in focused on careers in student affairs, on Friday, February 21, 2014, at Thomas College.

**Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs KC** In concert with the Regional Conference Committee, Healea has communicated to all Region I SAPAA KC members about a protocol for SAPAA KC sponsorship of conference proposals.