



**NASPA™**

Region I

**Richard DeCapua  
Region I Director  
Regional Advisory Board Report  
February 2015**

### NASPA Board Action Items

None at this time

### NASPA Mission

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

### Leadership

#### *Nominations and Elections Report*

- Nominations and Elections Chair Alison Black (Olin College) reports that the nominations committee submitted two candidates for the position of Region I Director-Elect: Laura De Veau, Vice President for Student Affairs at Mt. Ida College (MA) and Beth Moriarty, Director of Residence Life and Housing and Adjunct Faculty Member at Bridgewater State University (MA). Both candidates were approved by the national board at its December meeting.
- Black reports that the nominations committee submitted one candidate for the ballot for each State Director position that was up for election: Cory Davis from Keene State College in NH, Richard Anderson-Martinez from University of New England in ME, and Sharon Hay from Providence College in RI.
- The election closed on February 5<sup>th</sup> and results were shared on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Beth Moriarty was elected as Region I Director-Elect and all three State Director candidates were elected to their positions.
- The State Director position is currently vacant because former State Director Cory Davis moved to NH. Black is working with Rich DeCapua to appoint someone to that role to fulfill the second year of the term. A member from Quinnipiac University has expressed interest in the position.

Jennifer Maitano (Wentworth Institute) **Awards Chair** reported that State & regional award winners were recognized at November's Region I conference. This year the region received 34 nominations for state awards, 12 nominations for regional awards and submitted 4 nominees for national award consideration. Names of all winners as well as national award nominees are attached.

The region also recognized 14 retirees.

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Gary	Penfield	Rhode Island College
Tim	Keefe	Plymouth State University
Manuel	Carreiro	Quinnipiac University
Kathleen	Manning	University of Vermont
Alwina	Bennett	Brandeis University
Robert	Schiavoni	Southern New Hampshire University
Jill	Tarule	University of Vermont
Barbara	Baker	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Charlotte	Degan	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Jack	Kuszaj	Wheaton College
Joe	Austin	University of Southern Maine
Jane	Fried	Central Connecticut State University
Cherie	Withrow	Community College of Rhode Island
Paul	Chebator	Boston College

Sharon Hay (Providence College) **State Director for Rhode Island** reported that two events were held in the state.

**Holiday Social**

*December 11, 2014, Culinary Museum, Johnson and Wales University, Providence, RI*

- 47 attendees
- The event was hosted at the Culinary Museum at Johnson and Wales University. Attendees enjoyed a self-guided tour of the museum during the course of the event.
- The Holiday Social brought together Rhode Island student affairs staff, graduate students, and special guests.
- During the event, canned goods were collected for the Rhode Island Food Bank and a restaurant gift certificate was raffled. Funds were donated to the Silent Auction fund for the region.
- Maria Bernardo-Sousa, Senior Vice President for Administration offered welcoming remarks from Johnson and Wales University
- The event was very successful. In the future and in an effort to increase graduate student participation, the URI finals schedule will be consulted before selecting a date.

## Coffee Social

January 31, 2015, Brewed Awakenings, Warwick, RI

- 10 attendees
- The Rhode Island state board hosted an informal Coffee Social to bring interested NASPA members together as an informal networking opportunity.
- The event will be marketed earlier in the future. We plan to host similar events in the future.
  
- Nancy Crimmin (Becker College) shared the *Foundation Update*
  - *Fundraising for the Pillars has been very successful. Dr. Laura Wankel and Ellen Heffernan will be honored at the National Conference.*
  - *#NASPAGives update – Region I has met 85% of our donor goal and 43% of our dollar goal. We will make efforts at the National Conference with Region I attendees to increase our percentages.*
  - *The Foundation Board will host its annual silent auction during the conference. Region I will contribute gift certificate for a registration to the regional conference in Manchester, NH and one other item, to be determined.*
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Beth Moriarty (Bridgewater State University) **Massachusetts State Director** reported on Massachusetts State election results.

## State Advisory Board Elections

Current Secretary, Allison Pukala coordinated the annual election process for the following positions on the state board: Secretary, Liaison to Senior Student Affairs Officers, Liaison to Community Colleges, Public Policy Coordinator & Liaison to New Professionals and Graduate Students.

The election was open from February 4<sup>th</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup>.

- *Secretary, **David Baldwin**, Framingham State University*
- *Liaison to Community Colleges, **Kevin Butler**, Quinsigamond Community College*
- *Liaison to New Professionals & Graduate Students, **Hank C. Parkinson III, Ed.D.**, Fitchburg State College*
- *Public Policy Coordinator, **Laura Bertonazzi**, Regis College*
- *Liaison to Senior Student Affairs Officers, To Be Announced\**

*\* There was not a candidate on the ballot for the Liaison to Senior Student Affairs Officers. There were several write-in candidates. The board will reach out to those individuals and an appointment will be made shortly.*

Colleen Powers (Central Connecticut State University) reported on **Communications**

- Communications Team Report
  - Director participated in a national call with communications position holders to discuss differences around the regions and air any concerns

or challenges with Danny Anzueto. Region I reps made up the majority of participants! Concerns were shared about the email system generator and getting communication out to constituent groups effectively

- Careers in Student Affairs Month promotion efforts were well received.
- Preliminary discussions have taken place about the Tumblr and NASPA website Blog feature and ways to collaborate/cross-promote.
- Meeting was held with Conference Chair and Graphics Coordinator about promotional needs for conference and a facelift of sorts for the social media platforms. It was decided logo ideas for the regional conference were the first priority to be able to go to Nationals with Save the Date materials.

○ Social Media

- The Twitter account now has 1,301 followers which is 159 more than last report and 380 since last National Conference.
- There have been 422 more tweets since last report, bringing the total to 1434. (sharp increase due to regional conference)
- There are 879 Facebook group members; a 110 member increase from last report.
- Social Media has been very active from promoting the conference, to live tweeting sessions, follow up and since then as demonstrated by the followership.

○ Graphics

- Designed and printed the NASPA Region I Awards Banquet program.
  - Work was so impressive, Jenn DeLuca Leavitt has been asked to create all design work for this year's regional conference.
  - Preliminary meeting has already been held.
- Designed MA-NASPA February event image
- Produced design for NASPA Volunteer stickers

○ Tumblr

- The Tumblr has held steady with regular and consistent information for the region. Tumblr Coordinator and Communications Director would like to re-engage with monthly reminder emails to drive more views/users. Views/Users vary greatly when taking into consideration large break periods; and February is not yet a full month.

**Views**

October 2014-710

November 2014-142

December 2014-230

January 2015-241

February 2015 (7-17)-74

## Users

October 2014-373

November 2014-104

December 2014-185

January 2015-190

February 2015 (7-17)-70

1,405 Sessions (Sessions are a period of time a user is actively engaged with the site)

2,258 Views (number of pages viewed)

790 users-48.9% new, 51.1% returning, 69 more users than last report.

- Board/Volunteer Management
  - Many members in the region have been featured in the Tumblr as writers and in profiles.
  - Conference call scheduling has been a challenge due to holiday breaks, weather and conference travel. However, communication has been maintained via email.
- Member Engagement
  - Region I has been very active in social media, sharing of information via Tumblr, and emails. Region I has also been involved in national conversations about communication overall.

Ferene Paris Meyer (University of Vermont) **NUFP Coordinator** reported on NUFP **Member Engagement**

The 2014 – 2015 NUFP cohort for Region 1 includes **34 fellows** from 15 universities and colleges in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont:

- **CT- 11**  
*Includes Connecticut College (1), Eastern Connecticut State University (4), Fairfield University (2), University of Connecticut (3), and University of Hartford (1).*
- **MA- 13**  
*Includes Becker (1), College of the Holy Cross (3), Northeastern (1), Smith (1), Suffolk (1), UMASS Boston (5), and UMASS Lowell (1).*
- **RI- 3**  
*Includes Providence College (2) & University of Rhode Island (1).*
- **VT- 7**  
*University of Vermont*

**KC Co-Chairs:** Allison Gill, (Merrimack College), and Jennifer Stanley, (Roger Williams University), reported that they worked with the Region I Conference Committee to streamline KC program

submissions and reviewed programs and to ensure adequate KC representation. They also hosted a KC information table at the conference with informational materials and KC Rep Display. There was also a KC breakfast planned on Tuesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> which was met by much positive response from the attendees.

- **The Multiracial KC** was recently filled by Anthony Mam of Brown University.
- Continuing to connect with National Chairs and regional membership to fill 1 current vacant KC position – IP KC.

**African American KC:** Wanda Tyler, University of New Haven, reported the Region I AAKC Leadership Team have been working together to execute the work of the KC at the regional level. As a result of our presence at the Region I Conference, we have added three members to our Regional Leadership Team, for a total of 8 members.

**Asian and Pacific Islanders KC:** The representative, Judy Kawamoto, Bryant University, reported that she continues to recruit members for the committee, which now includes:

- Tiffany Chan, Orientation & Community Standards Specialist, Brandeis University
- Hyeyung Lim, Graduate Hall Director, University of Rhode Island
- Anthony Mam, Coordinator of First Year & Sophomore Programs, Brown University
- Angel Seto, Graduate Assistant, Student Activities & Leadership, Babson College
- Brendon Soltis, Area Coordinator, Residence Life, Wheaton College
- Anna Takahama, Assistant Director, Office of Campus Engagement, Bryant University

Two conference calls have been held since the last report in October 2014, to develop plans for a Spring 2015 program.

**Assessment, Evaluation and Research:** KC Chair: Dr. Catherine Holbrook, AVP, Student Affairs, Bridgewater State University, (assumed the role in October, 2014 after resignation of Dr. Judy McGuire Robinson). Other Leadership Team members include:

Dr. Judy McGuire Robinson, Institute of Technology  
David Stender, Framingham State University  
Peter Fowler, Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Kim Silcox, Eastern Connecticut State University  
Mike Ormsby, University of Hartford  
Nilam Kotadia, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Katie O’Dair, Boston College

**Latino/a KC:**

Region I LKC Leadership Team 2014- 2016 Contact Information

**Constanza Cabello**  
**LKC Region I Representative**  
Associate Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs  
University of Massachusetts Lowell

**Walter Diaz, Ed. D.,**  
**Past LKC Region I Representative**  
Dean of Students  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Willimantic, CT 06226

**Melisa Jaquez**  
**Programming Co-Chair**  
Assistant Director, Career Planning Center  
College of the Holy Cross

**Omar Rodriguez**  
**Membership & Outreach Chair**  
Residence Director  
Stonehill College

**Cindy Sanders**  
**Mentoring Relations 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

**Mike Piña**  
**Advocacy Chair/ Socials Chair**  
Residence Director  
Stonehill College

- **LKC** reports that they currently have 142 people on the Region I LKC Membership List (generated from NASPA). They are also developing a core team of volunteers to assist on the following committees:
  - Programming- Professional development and socials
  - Mentoring relations- serving as mentees for undergraduates/ new professionals
  - Communications- submitting articles, updates, info to LKC Regional and National outlets
  - Region I “Snapshots” team- state volunteers to gather data for “Snapshots”- modeled after Region III

**Men and Masculinities KC:** Representative Michael Ormsby, University of Hartford, reports he participated in national conference call on Nov 26, 2015. Official Count for leadership team stands at

nine; four are regularly active. He also completed a Google hangout with four leadership team members on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss regional NASPA conference, and potential projects to work on prior to the summer

**Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC:** Representative Amy Fisher, Suffolk University, reports hosting a program, Emerging Trends in Spiritual Education Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> • 11.00 AM – 01.00 PM. The description: The holistic nature of students' lives requires attention to the heart, mind, body, and soul. Often times, the component of the soul does not receive as much attention as other components. Join those interested in faith development of college students discuss trends and ways to connect student affairs to the entire student. Presented by Chris Darcy, NASPA Region I Member-at Large/Religious Institutions Coordinator; Assistant Director; Residential Ministry, Boston College Amy Fisher, NASPA Region I Spirituality and Religion Knowledge Community Chair, University Chaplain/Director Interfaith Center, Suffolk University; Attendees: 9

**Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs KC:** SAPAA KC for Region I is under the leadership of KC Representative Daryl Healea, Boston University, whose term will end in March of 2016.

- The Leadership Team supporting Dr. Healea in his work is comprised of the following volunteers within Region I: Daniel LaBonte (Wesleyan University), Erika Paradis (Clark University), Deb McCullogh (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).

**WISA:** Erika Lamarre, Brandeis University, reports the WISA Region I leadership team includes Elizabeth Tuerley of Brandeis University and briana Sevigny of Northeastern University.

## Scholarship

**African American KC:** The Leadership Team recently discussed several ideas and topics for a series of monthly or bi-monthly “Twitter” chats (similar to [#SAChat](#)) discussing issues pertinent to the AAKC and student affairs as a whole. Suggested topics include the following:

- Supporting our male students of color (partnership with Men and Masculinities KC and/or other ethnically-based KCs)
  - [Eastern CT State Univ.](#) and [UMass-Lowell](#) – MALES program as a model
- Future of Diversity/Multicultural Affairs, Cultural Centers
- Operationalizing [NASPA/ACPA Professional Competencies](#) so that they can be used to create workshop series, staff evaluations, job descriptions, etc.
- Additional topics of interest
  - Strategies for assessing effectiveness and necessity of cultural centers
  - Strategies for supporting and guiding students who want to serve as social justice change agents on campus



**Assessment, Evaluation and Research:** The Region I AER KC is in the midst of research project with student affairs professionals in the region to learn more about the success and challenges of creating a culture of assessment within Student Affairs divisions.

**Latino/a KC:** Representative reports the Region I is committed to producing a bi-annual Snapshot (modeled after Region III). The goal is for the first publication to be released for March 2016.

## Professional Development

Several professional development events occurred in the region

### **2014 NASPA Region I Conference**

*November 16, 2014 – November 19, 2014 ♦ Hyatt Regency, Newport, Rhode Island*

- 600 Attendees/Participants
- Description of Program/Conference Purpose Statement - The mission of the NASPA Region I Conference is to provide opportunities for networking and creating professional connections, sharing ideas and innovative practices, and exploring new topics and issues in student affairs. The Region I Conference Committee strives to create an inclusive environment for all attendees, such that everyone has equal access to participate in programs and all perspectives are valued and appreciated. The Region I Conference aspires to be an outstanding professional development opportunity for all student affairs professionals in regards to strengthening skills, acquiring knowledge related to student development and student affairs, and developing meaningful connections with peers and colleagues. Participants will leave the Region I Conference with renewed energy and passion for their work and for improving the lives of their students.
- Five Lunch and Learn / Pre-Conferences
- 73 Ed Sessions
- 12 Poster Sessions
- Two Institutes - SALT and CSAO (please see report from Quinlan and Elmore for details)
- Speakers
  - Jeff Bauman
  - Dr. Jason Pina
  - Dr. AnneMarie Vaccaro
  - Dr. Art Chickering
- Successes of the event/changes that one would make next year.
  - Integrated NASPA Foundation and NASPA Gives into this year's Conference
  - Utilized more Social Media tactics
  - Developed a Know Your NASPA Campaign
  - Re-arranged schedule to allow for more educational sessions and an additional educational session block
  - Committee has yet to meet to talk about changes for next year

## **Student Activism on Campus: What is the Role of Student Affairs?**

*February 5, 2015 – Massachusetts College of Art and Design*

- Approximately 81 individuals attended this event.
- Description of the Program: The presenters engaged in a panel discussion about student activism on college campuses, discussed best practices, and shared information on the role of student affairs administrators. A social followed on campus.
- Panelists
  - Rich DeCapua, Ed.D. - Boston College
  - Sydne Marrow - Bridgewater State University
  - Jamele Adams - Brandeis University
  - Chiquita Baylor - Northeastern University

## **Annual All of the Above Conference**

*February 7, 2015 – University of Massachusetts Lowell*

- This annual event was a collaboration between MA NASPA, MCPA and BACHA
- Approximately 150 individuals attended this event
- The event was for undergrads, grads and new professionals interested in careers in student affairs.
- The conference featured a keynote, breakout sessions, a networking fair with professional organizations and local grad prep programs as well as mock-interviewing and resume review.
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Ted Zito (Assumption College) NPMI Chair reported on the NPMI Program for 2014-2015.

- *The New Professional Mentoring Institute has completed two of the four program sessions for the 2014-2015 class. The session outlines are listed below.*

### **NPMI Session I**

December 12, 2014 / Lasell College

- 40 Attendees, 3 Committee Members
- Opening Group Introductions
- NPMI Mentor/Mentee Get to Know you Activity
- The Future of University Finance Presentation – Michael B. Alexander, President, Lasell College
- Group Reflection/Discuss on the Future of University Finance Presentation
- Mentor/Mentee one on one meeting time
- NPMI Social
- Successful opening session, committee learned that opening with a large get to know you activity helped set the tone for open discussion throughout the day. The committee may want to consider bringing this back again for the following year.

## **NPMI Session II**

January 23, 2015 / Assumption College

- 40 Attendees, 4 Committee Members
- Session on Current Trends with Mental Health on Campus – Dr. Neil Castronovo, Dean of Student Development and Counseling, Assumption College
- Session on Health/Wellness and Work Life Balance – Elizabeth Drexler-Hines, Director of Student Health Services, Assumption College
- Diversity Issues in Higher Education – Liza Talusan, Director of Intercultural Affairs, Stonehill College
- Navigating Campus Politics – Dr. Beth Moriarty, Director of Residence Life and Housing, Bridgewater State University
- Mentor/Mentee one on one meeting time
- NPMI Social
- Successful session, the committee may decide to have less educational sessions for the day due to the large amount of information shared in a one day session.

## **University of Vermont (UVM) NUFPP 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception**

*Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>*

- 35 attendees
- Paris Meyer coordinated a reception with Dean of Students Office at UVM to celebrate NUFPP's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on their campus. This was an opportunity to bring together current NUFPP students and mentors, as well as past NUFPP students and mentors to reflect on NUFPP history, how NUFPP initiatives started at UVM and celebrate the many success the NUFPP program has had. This event also kicked off recruitment for the 2015 – 2016 UVM NUFPP cohort in preparation for NUFPP applications being released the last week of February. David Nestor, Dean of Students at UVM, was the speaker for the event. He shared his reflections about NUFPP, as well as candid stories about fellows and mentors who have been at UVM for the past 15 years. This was a great opportunity to bring the UVM community together and celebrate what the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NUFPP meant to them.

**African American KC:** Reported the following programs:

**Learning to Lead: Strategies for Student Affairs Professionals of Color**

*Friday, November 7, 2014 ∅ Bryant University, Smithfield, RI*

- 100
- Description of Program / Learning Outcomes:
  - Create a space to brainstorm ideas for addressing challenges and constructing opportunities as professionals of color in Student Affairs
  - Cultivate a regional network of support with other Student Affairs professionals of color
  - Define micro aggressions; describe their impact on staff and students; and discuss ways to navigate their presence in the workplace and on campus

- Develop strategies and skills to lead in Higher Education settings in which they are underrepresented
- 5 sessions plus lunch and post-conference social
  - Welcome from Bryant University
  - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mary Jo Gonzales
  - Breakout Sessions – Sessions looking at intersection of race and professional level
    - Graduate and New Professionals
    - Mid-Level and Senior Professionals
  - Lunch
  - Panel Discussion with SSAOs and “Number Twos”
  - Breakout Sessions – Caucuses looking at intersection of race and gender/gender identity
    - Women’s Caucus
    - Men’s Caucus
    - Gender-Inclusive Caucus
  - Social
- Successes of the event/changes that one would make next year
  - Average ratings for sessions = 4.29 (out of 5)
  - Successes included
    - keynote
    - breakout sessions
    - networking opportunities
    - provision of a safe space to talk about our respective journeys
  - Changes included
    - more structure needed for panel discussion
    - more time for reflection
    - time to talk about undocumented students
    - provision of a participant contact list for use after the drive-in

**Assessment, Evaluation and Research:** The KC Leadership Team is in discussion about ways to enhance and further promote the assessment coaching initiative that has been in place since 2013. Specific planning will occur in the next few months so more details will follow in future reports. The KC Leadership Team is also in discussion about developing an assessment drive-in conference focused on assessment in functional areas. The success of the drive-in held in spring 2013 leads us to believe such an event would be well-received. Tentatively we are looking at timing, likely in late September.

**Latino/a KC:** The Chair reported hosting the following drive-in opportunity:

**NASPA REGION I Drive In: LEARNING TO LEAD: STRATEGIES FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONALS OF COLOR**

Co-Sponsored By NASPA Region I Latino/a KC, African American KC, and Asian Pacific Islander KC

**Friday, November 7, Bryant University - Smithfield, RI**

Learning Outcomes:

- Create a space to brainstorm ideas for addressing challenges and constructing opportunities as professionals of color in Student Affairs
  - Cultivate a regional network of support with other Student Affairs professionals of color
  - Define microaggressions; describe their impact on staff and students; and discuss ways to navigate their presence in the workplace and on campus
  - Develop strategies and skills to lead in Higher Education settings in which they are underrepresented
- 100+ Attendees/Participants
  - Conference Highlights:

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

8:30a.m.-9:00a.m. Check-in & Light Breakfast

9:00a.m.-9:30a.m. Welcome from KCs & Bryant University

John Saddlemire, Ed.D -*VP for Student Affairs/Dean of Students, Bryant University*

9:30a.m.-10:15a.m. Keynote Speaker

Mary Jo Gonzales, Ph.D. -*Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, University of Rhode Island*

10:15a.m.-10:30a.m. Break

10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Breakout Sessions

Graduate/New Professional

Mid-Level/Senior

12:00p.m.-1:15p.m. Lunch

1:15p.m.-2:30p.m. Panel

Indira Petoskey, Ph.D

*Assistant Dean of Continuing Education, Eastern Connecticut State University*

Jason Pina, Ed.D

*Vice President for Student Affairs, Bridgewater State University*

Judy Kawamoto, Ph.D

*Associate Dean for Student Life, Bryant University*

William Johnson

*Associate Dean of Students, Fairfield University*

2:30p.m.-2:45p.m. Break

2:45p.m.-4:00p.m. Breakout Sessions

Men Caucus

Women Caucus

Gender Inclusive Caucus

4:00p.m. Closing Announcements

4:30p.m. Drive-In Social

**Region I Conference: LKC Activity**

**Nov 16-19, 2014 Newport, RI**

- Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2:30-3:30pm- KC 101: Building Connections and Exploring Your Professional Development through Knowledge Communities
- Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 3:45-4:45pm- LKC SPONSORED SESSION: ¡Adelante! Fostering Leadership Capacity in Latino/a Students

- Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 10-Midnight- LKC SOCIAL!
- Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 8-9am- KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**New Professionals and Graduate Students KC:** Representative Kyndra Angell, Boston College, reports the “Building Networks” Program was launched at the Region I Conference in Newport, RI in November 2014. This program was created to help connect graduate students and new professionals attending the conference. Participants were contact prior to the conference with their pairing and contact information. They were encouraged to meet at the conference and continue networking beyond Newport. There was no application for this program, but registrants did have the opportunity to opt out of participating. A post-program assessment was sent to participants.

**Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs KC:** The SAPAA Leadership Team leveraged their networks to generate a respectable representation of 4 SAPAA-themed educational sessions for the 2014 NASPA Region I Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Newport, RI (November 16-19). The SAPAA-Leadership Team is currently planning a drive-in workshop that will feature best practice presentations germane to our KC. We envision a fall 2015 event.

**Technology KC:** Julia Golden, Mt. Ida College, reports the KC will be asking for ‘Technology Minute’ participants where people from the region explain or talk about their favorite technology they are using to help improve their higher education work.

**WISA:** WISA Region I rep Erika Lamarre co-presented a session at the NASPA Region I Conference entitled –**Conduct is the New Black: When Women break the Rules.**

- WISA Region I rep Erika Lamarre coordinated **Candid Conversations** at the NASPA Region I conference. There were 59 participants.
- WISA Region I is collaborating with the GLBTQ, and Men and Masculinities KC s and the New Hampshire State Board to plan a Drive-In Conference on Feminism, Masculinity and Gender Expression in student affairs on March 13, 2015 at Southern New Hampshire University.

## Advocacy

**Asian and Pacific Islanders KC:** The committee is currently discussing plans for a roundtable discussion/workshop in spring 2015, featuring Asian American senior administrators from around the region. The goal is to have these individuals share their stories, discuss microaggressions/barriers to advancement, create a safe space for conversation, and begin to develop a network for Asian Americans within the region. The committee is targeting May 2015 for this event, at a location still to be determined.