



**NASPA Region I Advisory Board
Report for the March 2016 Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2016**

NASPA Board Action Items

None at this time

Leadership & Member Engagement

Nominations and Elections Chair Alison Black (Olin College) reports that the Nominations Committee membership was comprised of: Katherine Bahrawy, Coordinator of New Student Programs, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Dina Brown, Director, Student Engagement Center & New Student Orientation, Northern Essex Community College, Anne Hopkins Gross, Dean of Students, Southern Vermont College, Shane Long, Director of Residence Life and Student Involvement, Southern Maine Community College, Lee Peters, Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Hartford, and Melinda Stoops, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs / Dean of Students, Framingham State University.

Based on materials submitted by all interested members, the nominations committee chose the following individuals to be placed on the ballot for election to State Director. In Connecticut: Tracy Lake, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs/Student Leadership Development at University of St. Joseph and Kohya Lu, Director of Residence Education, University of Connecticut. In Massachusetts: Hank Parkinson, Associate Dean for Student Development and Residence Life, Fitchburg State University and Jason Zelesky, Dean of Students at Wachusett Community College. In Vermont: Brandin Howard, Assistant Director, Redstone Campus & Residential Education & Retention Initiatives, University of Vermont.

Black reports that the following individuals were elected to State Director: Tracy Lake in Connecticut, Jason Zelesky in Massachusetts, and Brandin Howard in Vermont.

The election closed on February 6th and results were shared to all candidates as well as the membership on February 8th. State Directors will begin their positions starting with the NASPA national conference in March.

Black will be working with new Nominations and Elections Chair Melinda Stoops this spring to form a nominations committee to identify candidates for Region I Director-Elect since that election will occur in January 2017.

Awards Chair Jen Maitino (Curry College) reports that state & regional award winners were recognized at November's Region I Conference. The Region received a strong set of award nominations as follows:

44 total nominations, 32 State awards nominations, 9 Regional award nominations, 3 National award nominations.

These nominations yielded the National Award winner of the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Chief Student Affairs Officer – Thomas Dougan of the University of Rhode Island.

A list of state and regional award winners is attached.

The region also recognized 10 retirees

First	Last	Institution
Corinne	Kowpak	York County Community College
Ron	Ludman	Emerson College
Denise	Darrigrand	Clark University
Jim	Stoll	Salem State University
Gail	Olyha	Northeastern University
Susanne	Conley	Framingham State University
Thomas	Dougan	University of Rhode Island
Jan	Bonnanno	Bunker Hill Community College
Raymond	Blair	Springfield Technical Community College
Steve	Sullivan	Massachusetts Bay Community College

Foundation Representative Elissa Carroll (Quinnipiac University) reports that From March 12 – April 30th Region I scheduled 53 Tweets about the Foundation from the Region I Twitter Account to educate and inform followers about the Foundation. Of the 53 tweets some of them had asked for people to donate to the National Conference Silent Auction with a link to the donation page –according to google analytics 9 users clicked on that link, 13 on the Foundation Pillar Page and 185 clicks on the Foundation Donation page from the scheduled tweets. Carroll also sent emails to all Regional Advisory Board Members either thanking them for their donation or reminding them to make a donation before the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

The State of Vermont also held a Foundation Paint Event on April 18, 2015. Carroll sent Vermont State Director Queena Hoang Foundation posters, stickers, and postcards to hand out at the event.

In June, **Maine State Director** Richard Anderson-Martinez met with the Maine ACPA president to discuss the overall strength and sustainability of MASAP, a former joint-organization headed by NASPA and ACPA leadership in the state. Following much discussion, both ACPA and NASPA have formally severed all ties with MASAP. Member engagement activities have focused on gauging interests and needs of professionals in Maine and recruiting a new Leadership Team at the state level. Efforts stalled over the Winter Break and are resuming now.

NUFP Coordinator, Ferene Paris Meyer (University of Vermont) reports that the 2015 – 2016 NUFP cohort for Region 1 includes 38 fellows from 18 universities and colleges in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont:

Connecticut includes Eastern Connecticut State University (6), Fairfield University (1), University of Connecticut (1), and University of Hartford (1)

Massachusetts includes Boston College (1), Bridgewater State University (1), Hampshire College (1), Merrimack College (1), Mount Holyoke College (1), Northeastern University (2), Stonehill College (1), Suffolk University (4), UMASS Boston (4), UMASS Dartmouth (1), and Westfield State (1)

Rhode Island includes Providence College (2) and University of Rhode Island (2).

Vermont includes The University of Vermont (7)

Communications Director Colleen Lubin (Southern New Hampshire University) reports that the Communications Working Group created a report for the region about current practices and proposed changes. A survey was conducted with over 160 responses to gather data about usage of the newsletter and future recommendations. The communications Team communicated electronically about current activities, relatively slow right now The Graphics Coordinator created several logos and promotional items including an excellent logo and save the date promo card for the 2016 Conference.

- The Social Media Coordinator reached an account high level of followers on participated in a lot of outreach during the Region I Conference in the absence of the Conference Social Media person.
- Readership for the newsletter on Tumblr has remained consistent over the term, but has had jumps when there's been an increased push for visit/additional content.
- The Director met with incoming Communications Director to pass on information for a smooth transition.

Asian and Pacific Islanders: KC representative Judy Kawamoto (Bryant University) reports this has been a re-building year, as several members of the committee have moved on to other positions and/or other professional development opportunities. Current committee members include:

Felina Kelly – Residence Director, Bentley University

Roatha Kong – Program Coordinator, Student Programs & Engagement, Bentley University

Hyeyung Lim – Graduate Intern, Office of International Programs, Brown University

Angel Seto – Assistant Director, Student Activities & Leadership, Babson College

Brendon Soltis – Area Coordinator, Residence Life, Wheaton College

Latino/a:

Updated Region I Leadership Team:

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 Liasion

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

VACANT

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

Phillip Coontz
Research & Education Chair
2015-2016 Higher Education Fellow, School of Science and Engineering, iTEC Program Coordinator,
Merrimack College

Group Meetings: Region I LKC held on November 3, December 3, and January 7

Spirituality: KC Representative Amy Fisher (Suffolk University) reports on 2015 NASPA Conference
Sponsored sessions related to spirituality:

- Maureen Flint and Stephanie Vess - Without God: Exploring Identity through Narratives of Secular Students
- Neil Jamerson, Benjamin Lion, Peggy Burke, and Becky Spurlock - Navigating Title IX, Inclusivity, and Religious Beliefs
- Dionne Simmons, Segundino Entac, and Steve Desir - Pope Francis, Pop Culture, and Pedagogy: How Spiritually Engaged Pedagogy Affects Student Learning and Development
- Sable Manson - Cultivating Interfaith Engagement in the Classroom through Reflection
- Ariel Ennis, Marcella Runell Hall, and Bonnie Glass-Coffin - Faith Zone Training and Pedagogy: A New Model for Multifaith Dialogue and Religious Literacy
- Tiffani Riggers-Piehl, Matthew Mayhew, Marc Lo, and Ben Selznick - Developing Students' Interfaith Understanding: Results from the Campus Religious and Spiritual Climate Survey
- Jack Nettles and Emily Czarnik-Neimeyer - Redefining a Culture of Taboo: Small Group University Ministry Retreats as a Model to Engage Intersections of Spirituality, Sexuality, and Gender Identity

Fisher also reports on the creation of Selected Religious Holy Days calendar for nation-wide distribution at NASPA regional and NASPA 2016 conferences. Further, her presentation at the 2015 NASPA Region I Conference, Religious Freedom and Restoration Act: Indiana and NASPA 2016 had 12 attendees.

Sustainability: Lisa Tornatore, Boston University, reports she is an active member of the National Sustainability KC Leadership Team, participating in regular conference calls with NASPA National Sustainability KC Chairs and HEASC & AASHE, two leading, national higher education sustainability associations. She is also an active member of the Sustainability in Student Affairs LinkedIn group, of which many regional Sustainability KC representatives subscribe and share ideas for collaboration. The KC Leadership team consists of the Chair and two volunteer members. Lisa Tornatore maintains and posts articles on the NASPA Region 1 Sustainability KC Facebook page.

Women in Student Affairs: Erika Lamarre, (Colby College) The University of Vermont (7)), reports they involved in forming a working group through WISA KC Reps to explore the gender wage gap in student affairs. WISA Region I hosted Candid Conversations at the NASPA Region I Conference on November 17, 2015. 78 professionals and graduate students participated. WISA Region I sponsored a Pre-Conference *Lunch and Learn* session on Imposter Syndrome at the NASPA Region I Conference on November 16th. Erika Lamarre, Beth Moriarity, Jennifer Stanley, Jennifer Maitano, Kyndra Angell, and Amma Marfo were panelists. Approximately 30 individuals attended. The WISA KC Region I representative wrote a blog post featured on the WISA KC blog on December 9, 2015.

Region I has selected, Dr. Susan Marine, Assistant Professor & Program Director for the Higher Education Graduate Program at Merrimack College as the 2016-2018 Faculty Council Representative Dr. Jaleh Dashti-Gibson, Professor of Practice and Director of Professional Preparation for the Higher Education Graduate Program at Merrimack College has been selected for the NASPA Emerging Faculty Leader Academy

Professional Development & Events

Foundation representative Carroll reports on the NASPA Region I Annual Conference - Graduate Lunch and Learn Sponsored by NASPA Foundation

November 15 – 18, 2015 – Lunch and Learn November 16, 2015.

The transition into being a graduate student and a new professional can be a tricky and stressful process. There are so many adjustments that you may not be aware of! Join the NPGS KC and the NASPA Foundation as they sponsor this session to support graduate students and new professionals. This session will explore the importance of NASPA as a professional and many of these top adjustments such as transitioning into a new institutional culture, balancing responsibilities, and the process of preparing for your first position as a new professional. Also, please bring any and all questions you may have as there will be an opportunity to speak with professionals ranging in experience from a new professional to seasoned ones!

- 1 Lunch and Learn Session
- Presented by Meghan Kenney and Elissa Carroll
- 35 graduate students attended and an additional 30 were on the waitlist
- Headshots were offered free of charge for attendees
- Would like to open the session to more participants

Communications Chair Lubin discussed with incoming Communications Director the idea of having a newsletter committee, ideally as a partnership with the graduate student and new professionals KC, to help increase the content creation and promotion.

Lubin always recommended RAB members be required to submit one piece of content per year.

Beth Moriarty (Bridgewater State University) **Regional Director-Elect** reports

That she worked with the Volunteer Coordinator to post all advisory board positions in Volunteer Central. Letters of Interest and Resumes were due December 1st, Region 1 Director and the Regional KC Coordinators conducted phone interviews with all interested parties. Moriarty completed 2016-2018 Regional Board Appointments in late January and shared roster with the National Office

African American KC:

Representative Wanda Tyler (University of New Haven,) reports the following presentation:

Twitter Chat: "The Future of Multicultural Affairs"

June 3, 2015

- Number of Participants: 5
- Description of Program
- Participants were invited to consider the following:
 - Recent literature as well as campus incidents at institutions such as the University of Oklahoma, Duke University and Connecticut College has prompted discussions about the value of cultural centers and multicultural affairs offices. Should the work of diversity education be diffused across campus? Or should our departments seek to remain safe havens for underrepresented students?
- Number sessions: N/A
- Names and Titles of Keynote Speaker(s): N/A
- Successes of the event/changes that one would make next year
 - In the future, we'd advertise more widely, including inviting individuals from other regions to participate

Latino/a KC:

Representative Cabello reports:

Latino/a Social - Hosted a social at the regional conference. Includes music, prizes, dancing

KC Breakfast- hosted a LKC table at the Region I Conference in November, 2015

Sponsored Program- Cabello, C.A, & Diaz, W. (November, 2015). *Latino/as in Higher Education: Latino/a Knowledge Community Snapshots Initiative*. Educational session presented at the NASPA Region I Conference. Manchester, NH.

Women in Student Affairs: The WISA KC Region I representative wrote a blog post featured on the WISA KC blog on December 9, 2015.

Sustainability: 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)
- The presentation was intended to be a learning opportunity for sustainability professionals to form great relationships with student affairs professionals. It was well attended and well received, with many sustainability and student affairs professionals in attendance.

Faculty Council

Representative McCoy (Nichols College) reported on the NASPA Region I Annual Conference
November 16, 2015 – November 18, 2016 ♦ *Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH*

18 Registered/17 attended

Faculty Luncheon/Summit

Using Mobile Devices to Engage Students: Having trouble keeping your students engaged? Try utilizing students' mobile devices to keep them more involved. When mobile technologies are properly aligned with the course objectives and content, they have a high potential for supporting student learning in creative and innovative ways. In fact, mobile devices can foster active learning in the classroom by requiring that students become active participants in class, as opposed to passive participants who simply sit and listen quietly. In this hands-on workshop, participants will use their own mobile devices to explore some websites and apps that can be used in college classrooms to make students more engaged in their learning and, hopefully, more motivated to learn.

- Presenter: Jennifer Fleury, Assistant Professor at Nichols College in Dudley, MA
- Highest faculty turnout in 7 years