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Report for the 2012 Winter Board of Directors Meeting
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NASPA Board Action Items

None at this time

NASPA Mission

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

Leadership

Research Division Report:

*One of the goals of the research division from last March was to improve communication between the Faculty Fellows and the Research Division. Although the chair of the Faculty Fellows appointed Dr. Larry Roper to serve as the liaison between the two groups, our Division was not informed of any of the work of the Faculty Fellows, nor did they respond to our request to cosponsor programs at the National Conference in March.

*The Director of the Research Division served on a webinar panel on how to apply for research grants in Region VI.

*The Director of the Research Division is in conversation with National Office Staff about creating an electronic "Toolkit" to be used by NASPA membership to understand better the regional grant writing process and to support research efforts.

*All of the regions, except Region II, have a regional research grant proposal process, awarding from \$1000 - \$2000 grants for regional members interested in seeking support for their research.

Scholarship

The following is a summary of regional efforts in promoting research:

Region I: Regional Representative, Jean-Joyce Brady

In June 2012, the Region I Advisory Board approved funding for a small research grant program to support and encourage collaborative research partnerships between student affairs faculty and practitioners in the region. Criteria for grant applications include direct relevance to student affairs practice as well as to the NASPA 2011 Research and Scholarship Agenda. Information about the grant application process has been emailed to all Region I members and posted on the region's website. The deadline for small research grant applications is December 15, 2012. This grant program is the result of collaborations among the Region I Research Division Chair, Faculty Liaison and KC Chair for Assessment, Research and Evaluation. Inaugural grant funding will be announced in February 2013.

Two November 2012 Region I Conference programs have been accepted and will occur as a result of the collaboration among the Region I Research Division Chair, Faculty Liaison and KC Chair for Assessment, Research and Evaluation. One program is a faculty panel constituted of Region I faculty presenting brief synopses of their research with implications for student affairs practice. The second conference program is designed to educate members about best practices for writing research grant proposals. The Region I Small Research Grant program will be described and reviewed during this second conference session. Flyers regarding the small grant program will be distributed both at this session and at general information tables at the conference.

Region II: Regional Representative, Dan Ryan

No report submitted at this time.

Region III: Regional Representative, Alicia Caudill

Region III reports a \$2,000 research grant process and grants were funded in April. In addition, Region III representative recommended that the following be included in the Research Toolkit: steps for creating a research project, quality resources for conducting research, tips on being a research practitioner, funding options both regionally and nationally, and contacts in NASPA who would be willing to answer questions regarding the research process.

Region IV- E: Regional Representative, Laura Ketchum-Ciftci

No report submitted at this time.

Region IV- W: Regional Representative, Jerrid Freeman

Region IV –W continued to include articles on publishing research in their newsletter. In addition they will have a presentation on publishing at the regional IV-West conference. The Regional Representative partnered with the Research KC Chair and also the faculty liaison for this presentation.

Region IV-W will also continue to provide mentors for their regional members who are interested in the publishing process. The region is starting back up the new professional and graduate case study competition this year. They already have teams ready for the conference next week.

The Regional Representative talked with JSARP about doing a presentation at NASPA national on publishing/research and mentoring, but after receiving an initial response from them no one ever communicated back on proceeding any further.

The Regional Representative is also trying to do a video project at the NASPA conference to interview participants about what NASPA has meant to them and done for them will be conducted.

Region V: Regional Representative, Jessica White

In June 2011, Region V Advisory Board members allocated \$2000 to support the development of a research grant. In response to this, I developed grant proposal, timeline, and review processes that was reviewed and supported by the Board during the summer/fall of 2011. In conjunction with the NASPA main office an online application form was developed. Through the “Scholar Practitioner Research Grant” NASPA Region V is seeking to support research that is: (a) systematic in its approach to discover relationships between variables or to explain a particular phenomenon, (b) grounded in theory, and (c) generalizable or has broad implications for practice so that it contributes to the body of student affairs scholarship.

This new grant was publicized at the NASPA Region V conference in San Diego in November 2011 with particular focus on the New Professional and Graduate Student Knowledge Community and student affairs faculty events, although information was distributed broadly as well. The first grants were reviewed and awarded in June 2012. Two regional research projects (listed below) were funded for a total of \$1500.00. Recipients of the grant will be featured and announced along with other regional award winners at the 2012 Western Regional Conference in Kona, Hawaii. This was made possible through partnerships with the regional conference planning committee.

Research Project Title: Developing an Employee Evaluation Scale Tool Aligned with ACPA and NASPA Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs Practitioners

Grant amount: \$500

Principle Investigator:

Vicki Wise

Coordinator for Assessment and Research

Portland State University

Research Team Member:

Lisa Hatfield

Director, Learning Center
Portland State University

Research Project Title: Investigating the Impact of Summer Internships on Underrepresented Minorities and First-generation Students' Access to Post-secondary Education

Grant amount: \$1000

Principle Investigator:

Nancy Singer

Assistant Vice President, Student Planning & Support

Salt Lake Community College

Research Team Member:

Rosario Suarez

College Access Advisor

Salt Lake Community College

In preparation for the next grant cycle, marketing materials are being prepared with the Region V Social Media Coordinator, Matt Lewis. Publicity for the grant will take place after January 1, 2013 and will be featured in conjunction with the Region V blog/website.

In response to discussion at the June 2012 Board Meeting, the Regional Representative developed a process for and solicited nominations for outstanding graduate student research with the intent of featuring their work on the regional blog. In partnership with the Region V Faculty Liaison, Mary Skorheim, and the NASPA Faculty Fellow in our region, Larry Roper, nominations were solicited for high quality and compelling graduate student research (see text of email below). While the response was a bit disappointing, six nominations were received, all from the same institution (Oregon State University). I have contacted all of the nominees and requested permission to feature their work. All have agreed to allow us to feature their work (and photo). We will begin featuring these dissertations and theses after January 1, 2013 in conjunction with the marketing materials for the Scholar Practitioner Research Grant.

In partnership with Sherry Mallory, Programs Co-Chair for the 2012 Western Regional Conference, and other representatives from NASPA's Research Division, we helped develop and promote a conference competency track in "Assessment, Evaluation, and Research" (AER). This competency area focuses on the ability to use, design, conduct, and critique qualitative and quantitative AER analyses; to manage organizations using AER processes and the results obtained from them; and to shape the political and ethical climate surrounding AER processes and uses on campus.

The conference proposal committee received a total of 28 proposals for 45-minute research sessions and 17 proposals for 75-minute research sessions. At the 2012 Western Regional Conference we will be offering two research sessions each during the 45-minute time slots (for a total of 4). One features the work of a faculty member, one features the work of a doctoral student, and two feature studies conducted by staff in the UH system on the needs and experiences of Native Hawaiian college students.

We will be offering a total of five research sessions during the 75-minute time slots. Three feature the work of faculty, and two highlight practitioner research.

Region VI: Regional Representative, Cedric Hackett

The Region VI Research Division hosted a Webinar on “Understanding the Region VI Research Application process on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 1-2pm PDT, which highlighted the National Research Agenda, the nuts and bolts of submitting a grant, and our decision making process. Also included was launching our new online submission process.

27 NASPA members participated in the webinar, in addition to the facilitators: Dr. Kandy Mink-Salas, Dr. Lori Ideta, Dr. Sharyn Slavin Miller (National Chair), and Dr. Cedric Hackett (Region VI Research Division Representative)

To view the Webinar, click on <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/341442378>.

The Region VI Research and Grant competition began advertisement on *Thursday, June 14, 2012*. The grant opportunity was also advertised in the Region VI summer newsletter *July 19, 2012 and reminder email went to Region VI members on August 30, 2012*. *5 proposals were submitted*.

The Review team received an email to access the proposals with an attached rubric to evaluate the proposals to check for adherence to the criteria. The Research Committee has developed a 2-phase format for evaluating proposals. Phase 1 was the objective review of proposals utilizing rating scales. Phase 2 was an open dialogue and deliberations were made on possible recipients. Deliberations commenced the week of October 1, 2012.

Two proposals were selected to receive research support in the amount of \$1000 each. Dr. Helen Chen and her research team (student researchers) were selected for their proposal on *“The Partners in Academic Excellence Undergraduate Advising Program at Stanford University: Piloting Electronic Portfolios to Enhance Advising...”*

Dr. Samuel Museus and his research team (student researchers) were selected for their proposal on *“The Culturally Engaging Environments Scale: Environmental Influences on Southeast Asian American and Pacific Islander Success in Higher Education.”*

The Region VI Research Division submitted a proposal for a roundtable discussion regarding the “research process” for the 2012 Western Regional Conference in Hawaii (Nov. 2012). The meeting request was accepted and has been scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2012 at 5pm in Naupaka I at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa.

Professional Development

No Report at this time

Advocacy

No Report at this time

NASPA Strategic Plan

Goal 4

Strengthen NASPA by making it a more responsive, vital and sustainable organization.

Objectives

- 4.4 Strengthen NASPA's contributions to student affairs graduate preparation programs.
- The Research Division regional grant work supported some scholarly activity by both students and graduate preparation program faculty. This linkage demonstrates a continued commitment by NASPA to involve grad prep programs on ongoing activities, as well as to strengthen the research base of the student affairs profession.