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TO: NALP Board of Directors

FROM: Michele Bendekovic
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RE: Quarterly Update

I. Quarterly Call

Our fourth section call was held on March 14, 2019. The agenda is below:

Working Group Update
RFP and Bulletin Working Group
EP/NP Working Group
Managing Your Own PD Working Group

Imposter Syndrome Program

II. Working Group Update

RFP/Bulletin Working Group – Joe Christian and Jacki Herzog

No update from this working group.

EP/NP Working Group – Michelle LeBiavant and Marit Slaughter

There will be an upcoming webinar with the date to be determined. We are continuing with the “Ask the Experts” Q&A column. The recent question is timely with multiple RFP processes going on for upcoming NALP conferences. The question is “I am interested in presenting at a conference but have never done so before. How do I go about identifying a topic that is interesting to me and to other professionals, and how do I know if my idea is strong? Should I consider a co-presenter?”

Managing Your Own PD – Lezlie Griffin and Jeanne Picht

The majority of the time for our call was spent on our own PD. Jessie Spessart (Principal Consultant at GrowthPlay) and Johnna Story (Senior Professional Development Manager at Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP) joined us to talk about imposter syndrome. Jessie and Johnna defined imposter syndrome, talked about the symptoms, how imposter syndrome plays out in the workplace and strategies we can use to help ourselves and to help others. Their expert advice is to not let imposter syndrome take over but rather let us contribute all that we have and all of our gifts to everyone. A great question to always ask yourself is what will the impact be and what will go missing from the situation if I do not act.
