

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Timm Whitney, NALP Board Liaison, Experienced Professionals Section

FROM: Yvonne Denenny and Nicole Oddo Smith

DATE: June 25, 2020

RE: NALP Experienced Professionals Section Board Report

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Please find below a report of the Experienced Professionals Section's activities during the first quarter of the 2020-2021 NALP Year.

### Summary

This quarter we have held two vice-chair calls and a Section call. On May 5<sup>th</sup> we held a Section call focused primarily on introducing ourselves, soliciting vice-chairs and work group members, and encouraging RFP submissions. Vice-chair calls were held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> (EP Chair/RFP Work Group Vice Chairs only), and June 18<sup>th</sup> (EP Chairs and all Vice Chairs). We discussed the challenging and relevant work of the Section this year.

### Work Groups

- **Annual Education Conference Planning / Bulletin Article / Webinar Planning Work Group.** Our vice-chairs *Jean Hadley (Perkins Coie)*, *Sara Murrell (Chapman University's Fowler School of Law)*, and *Heather Spielmaker (University of Kansas School of Law)*, are leading the NALP Bulletin, Webinar and Conference RFP Process this year for the section.
- Through their leadership:
  - We conducted outreach to members, both through direct contacts and NALPconnect, to encourage Bulletin ideas for consideration. We'll continue to engage with members about ideas.
  - We've begun work on Webinar planning. One webinar is being facilitated by the Experienced Professionals/New Professionals work group and is mentioned below. Another is a collaboration with other sections and is scheduled for September: Re-Imagining DEI, PD & Recruiting When Shift Happens.
  - We have been in contact with section members via NALPconnect and direct outreach to discuss proposal ideas, including joint submissions with other sections. A few members from last year have already indicated they are resubmitting RFPs. We're continuing to facilitate brainstorming among section members.
- **Experienced Professionals/New Professionals Collaboration Work Group.** *Katey Espinosa (K&L Gates)*, *Natalie Quinn (Fox Rothschild)* and *Sheryl Roberts (Smith, Anderson)*, the vice-chairs, plan to connect with *Olivia Schmit*, the chair, and the vice-chairs for the same work group in the Newer Professionals Section. Under discussion are mentoring circles and hosting a panel for the

Newer Professionals. A webinar collaboration on communicating post-interview is also planned for fall.

- **Knowledge Management Work Group.** *Susanna Brennan (Miller Canfield) and Christine Whitehead (Hogan Lovells)* are the vice-chairs. Andy Hales, the Chair of the KM Advisory Group, has provided some initial training to this EP work group.
- **Managing Your Own Professional Development Work group.** *Amy Mallow (Holland & Knight), Kendra Brodin (Taft), and Kathryn J. Ball (Ballard Spahr)* are the vice-chairs and planning a call to discuss how to best facilitate professional development ideas and topics.
- **Member Relations Work Group.** Vice chairs *Robin Thorner (St. Mary's University School of Law) and Sheryl Roberts (Smith, Anderson)* are planning a call to discuss how to best identify members who would benefit from their outreach.