

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Keya Dasgupta, NALP Board Liaison & Tony Waller, NALP President

**From:** Joe Christian & Heather Spielmaker, Section Co-Chairs

**Date:** June 27, 2023

**Re:** Experienced Professionals Section, 1st Quarter Report

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### **New year, new goals, new leaders!**

Last year, the Experienced Professionals section identified a primary goal of growing our membership numbers. After much hard work, we grew the section by nearly 10%, from 384 to 418 members. In setting our goals for this year, we determined that we wanted to maintain those higher membership numbers (and good news here... we've actually continued our growth and are currently at 424 members), but that we also wanted to focus our members on creating valuable content for each other and the NALP community at-large. Therefore, we spent the first quarter assembling a terrific leadership team and quantifying our content-creation goals.

We are happy to share that finding vice chair volunteers was much easier this year... last year it was a struggle to get even one per work group, but this year most work groups have co-vice chairs. Please join us in welcoming our new leadership team:

***RFP/Webinar/Article Vice Chairs: Adam Gratch & Khevna Patel***

***Well-being Vice Chairs: Dorianna Phillips & Katie Liss***

***Retirement Planning Vice Chairs: Betsy Armour & Tom Schoenherr***

***Professional Development Vice Chair: Chante Spann***

***Newer/Experienced Professionals Collaboration Vice Chair: Frannie DeSimone***

***DEI Liaison: Courtney Carter***

This team has already been hard at work fleshing out goals and fulfilling vice chair duties. In particular, our RFP co-chairs set a goal of sponsoring 12 RFPs for the 2024 annual education conference, which would be double the number our section sponsored last year. In fact, Khevna and Adam ushered through 15 proposals, exceeding our goal. They also evaluated and ranked the proposals by the requested deadline to assist the conference planning committee in carrying out their work. Khevna and Adam also hope to encourage members to submit two NALPBulletin articles this year, and one has already been added to the line-up: an article on planning for retirement written by the vice chairs of our section's new work group on planning for retirement.

Additionally, the Newer/Experienced Professionals Collaboration vice chair is working to determine what kind of event our sections should partner on this year. Our other vice chairs are still considering what type of program or resource they want to present this year, and we will update you soon.

In short, we are working hard to uphold the Experienced Professionals section reputation for excellence. We are honored to be leading such a talented group, and we look forward to reporting more successes in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joe Christian & Heather Spielmaker* – Section Co-Chairs