

MEMORANDUM

TO: NALP Executive Board
FROM: Natalie Bautista and Shujun Tian, NALP International & Advanced Degree Section Chairs
DATE: June 23, 2022
RE: NALP International & Advanced Degree Section Board Report

Please find below a report of the International & Advanced Degree Section's activities since the last Board Report in March.

Section Call and Meeting

We held two Section calls and an in-person meeting that coincided with the Annual Education Conference. The first of our Section calls was the week before the AEC and focused on brainstorming Section RFPs for next year's AEC and for the NALP Bulletin. The second of the Section calls took place after the AEC and was a virtual welcome to the Section, an overview of the work of the Section and a solicitation for vice chairs and other volunteers for the group.

Work Group Update

The Section did not suggest any new work groups for the new academic year. Our Vice Chair for Member Relations, Megan Avellana (Ohio State) has stepped down due to her accepting a role at Ohio State's undergraduate admissions office. In the interim, we are filling the role for this vice chair position while we identify a new vice chair. Separately, Shujun is reaching out to Clara Solomon (NYU) to see if she is interested in being vice chair for the Communications, Social Media & Marketing work group. Finally, as mentioned below, we recommend tabling the LLM/Legal Masters Collaboration work group until an interested vice chair takes over.

Current vice chairs:

- AEC/Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning: Kerry McLean, Columbia Law
- Bar Exam Issues: Amy Kimmel, UC Hastings; Claire Lee, Boston University School of Law
- Legislative Monitoring: Sunita Iyer, Georgetown Law
- LLM/Legal Masters Collaboration: We recommend tabling this work group until an interested vice chair would like to take over.
- Member Relations
- Knowledge Management: Jabrina Robinson, Duke; Sarah Gruzaz, USC; Ana Maria Knapp, Hogan Lovells
- Well-Being Champion: Amanda Thyden, USC Gould School of Law
- Communications, Social Media & Marketing

AEC/Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning

Our Section submitted the following RFP for next year's Annual Conference: "Understanding Immigration Laws Related to Legal Employment-Best Practices in Advising & Hiring Internationally Trained Lawyers a Winning Solution to Gain and Retain Legal Talent," Caroline Ruhle, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School and Claire Lee, Boston University School of Law. Section members were also encouraged to submit article proposals for the NALP Bulletin+.

Membership Update

The following new members have recently joined our Section:

- Alec Nocco, UC Davis Law
- Amanda Thyden, USC Gould School of Law
- Emily Juarez, Arkansas Law
- Faiza Shirazi, USF School of Law
- Ginette Mueller, Baker & McKenzie LLP
- Rebecca Minahan, UMass Law
- Susan Newell, CUA Columbus School of Law
- Tony Waller, Georgia Law
- Kenneth Nourse, McGeorge School of Law

Each new member is sent an e-mail to welcome them to the Section, which includes information about getting involved by submitting Bulletin articles, conferences RFPs or being part of work groups. Members also receive NALP's recently-updated LLM advisor manual.

Next Steps

We will hold our next Section meeting in August. Our plan for 2022-2023 is to invite a speaker to each section meeting to present on relevant topics to the International and Advanced Degree Section. Natalie will lead the meetings and Shujun will line up the speakers. Our quarterly meetings for 2022-2023 are as follows:

- Thursday, August 25th at 12:00 pm (CST)
- Thursday, October 6th at 12:00 pm (CST)
- Thursday, February 9th at 12:00 pm (CST)
- AEC, April 25-28, 2023 (Date TBD)