

MEMORANDUM

TO: NALP Executive Board
FROM: Natalie Bautista and Caroline Ruhle, NALP International & Advanced Degree
Section Chairs
DATE: June 27, 2023
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 April.

Section Call and Meeting

We held a Section call and an in-person meeting that coincided with the Annual Education Conference (AEC). The in-person meeting took place at the AEC. The Section discussed what we would like to cover in upcoming meetings and resources to share with members.

The Section call took place after the AEC and was a recap of the in-person meeting and further discussion of the upcoming year. During the call, members expressed an interest in devoting a portion of an upcoming meeting to sharing counseling best practices. Due to the positive response to this suggestion, an upcoming meeting will be devoted to sharing counseling best practices.

Additionally, Co-chair Caroline Ruhle lead the discussion for Section feedback on what members want to occur during meetings and identifying initiatives that would be helpful for the upcoming year. Some ideas were a speaker series for meetings to invite representatives from i.e. UN, World Bank, IMF, Firm Prospects and Major Lindsey to present on relevant topics to the Section. Additionally, Caroline will be sending out a survey to poll members on useful resources to share with the Section.

Finally our VC of Knowledge Management will be creating a Google spreadsheet to capture hot topic questions and responses for members to add to and view. This will be a useful resources for the Section as members can update the document in real time. The Section call was productive in outlining programming and initiatives for the upcoming year.

Work Group Update

The Section did not suggest any new work groups for the new academic year. Since the AEC, all Vice Chair positions have been filled but for the Communications, Social Media & Marketing work group. We continue to recruit to fill this open position during Section meetings and via NALPconnect.

Current vice chairs:

- AEC/Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning: Jabrina Robinson, Duke Law
- Bar Exam Issues: Amy Kimmel, UC Hastings; Claire Lee, Boston University School of Law
- Legislative Monitoring: Ruth Ann Castillo, Georgetown Law
- Member Relations, Tammy Dawson, University of California, Berkeley School of Law
- Knowledge Management: Sarah Gruzaz, USC Law
- Well-Being Champion: Amanda Thyden, USC Gould School of Law
- Communications, Social Media & Marketing

This business cycle we will be holding Vice Chair meetings as an opportunity to discuss initiatives, provide status updates on pending projects, and address any unforeseen concerns or questions.

AEC/Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning

Our Section submitted the following RFPs for next year's Annual Conference:

- STOP! Collaborate & Listen: Collaborating to create International Legal Careers programs. OR The More the Merrier! Collaborating to create International Legal Careers programming.
- International Student Recruitment: Navigating the Maze of Immigration Options for Employers and Students
- The Nuances of Counseling and Hiring International Legal Talent
- Global Thinking and Clerkship Success

Membership Update

The following new members have recently joined our Section:

- Christine Szydowski, University of Cincinnati College of Law
- Meredith Wiggins, University of Arizona James E Rodgers College of Law
- Emily Kite, University of Wisconsin School of Law
- Rebecca Edmiston, Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University
- Carmen Michael, University of Chicago Law School
- Veronica Elizalde, St. Mary's University School of Law
- Valerie Gurrola, California Western 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 LLM advisor manual.

Next Steps

We will utilize the responses to the Section survey to organize our speaker series and develop the requested resources to share with members. As mentioned above, we will also have one section meeting where we devote part of the time to discuss best practices in counseling LLM students. Our quarterly meetings for 2023-2024 are as follows:

- October 5, 2023, at 12:00 pm (CST)
- January 11, 2024, at 12:00 pm (CST)
- March 14, 2024, at 12:00 pm (CST)
- AEC, April 16-19, 2024 (Date TBD)