

NALP International and Advanced Degree Advising and Recruiting Section

Quarterly Report to the Board of Directors
Monday, January 28, 2013

Submitted by: Kandice Thorn

Summary

The Section held its third conference call of the year on January 28, 2013. There were nine participants on the call, which is good for this section. It remains difficult to get members to volunteer for various Section projects/activities. We also had two active members leave for unrelated posts and two others go out on maternity leave, meaning that I (as Section Chair) have taken over most of the projects of the Section myself.

RFP Submissions

All four of our proposals were accepted for the Annual Education Conference:

- Visa Update 2013 (Clara Solomon, Lesley Slater Stumphauzer, Scot Silzer)
- Best Practices in Advising on Careers in International Law (Georgia Emery Gray, Adriana Vito)
 - Note: Stephanie Sanders was originally slated to present as well, however she has left her position to go back to practicing law and will no longer be able to participate. Adriana Vito has also left her position, but has agreed to go forward with the panel and is looking for a replacement for Stephanie.
- Resume Drafting and Review for International Students (Kandice Thorn, Chia Kang)
- Landing a Job with the United Nations (Sara Rakita, Akua Akyea)

Bulletin Article Submissions

The following articles were approved for publication or have already been published:

- “Can JD Students Benefit from Interacting with International LLM Students?” Adriana Vito, September 2012
- Study of University of Toronto LLMs, Ivana Kadic, November 2012 (submitted jointly with Canadian Section)
- Career Paths of International LLMs (or response to “I’d Like to be in America”), April 2013
 - This was slated to be written by Stephanie Sanders, however, now that she has left her position, we are looking for a replacement author.

Work Groups

- Annual Education Conference/Bulletin Article Planning (Danielle Braun—on maternity leave)
 - See notes above re: RFP proposals and Bulletin article submissions
- International Career Twitter Feed (@nalplmintl) (~~Stephanie Sanders~~)

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- With Stephanie gone, Jessica Dworkin and I have taken over the Twitter feed. We continue to tweet at least 2-3 times per week.
- Law Firm Outreach (Mary Schaus)
 - This work group will try to organize some webinars or another forum for representatives from law firm offices in various regions around the globe to discuss hiring trends for LL.M.s and J.D.s to educate career advising professionals.
 - We still have not been able to find any volunteers to help with this.
- NALPConnect (Tibby Cail—on maternity leave)
 - With Tibby on maternity leave, Kandice Thorn has been searching for materials to build up the resource section. Members were requested to forward anything of interest.
- Careers in Public International Law
 - While this group did not ever find an official Vice Chair, the mandate of the group has been fulfilled. The Section has organized and submitted a panel, in collaboration with the Public Service Section: Landing a Job with the United Nations (Sara Rakita, Akua Akyea). This panel was accepted for the conference.
- Publications Review Workgroup
 - We never were able to find a Vice Chair for this group and are still seeking volunteers to assist with this. If we do not find a volunteer to serve as Vice Chair, Kandice Thorn may undertake to review the documents and seek the assistance of specific members of the Section.

Collaboration with Public Service Section on Fact Sheet for LL.M.s

The Public Service Section approached us with the idea of collaborating on a fact sheet for LL.M.s discussing New York State's new 50 hour pro bono requirement for bar admission. Clara Solomon is the point person from our Section in this effort and is working on an FAQ.

Presentation to RRC

I have been in contact with Marilyn Drees to figure out how to go about presenting in the Section on Sections portion of the RRC meeting.

NALP Connect

Communication via NALP Connect is not terrible. People seem to be receiving and reading messages. However, the Section remains relatively inactive with regard to the message boards. I asked if they were using other message boards and they said they were not. I encouraged members to make more use of the boards.

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One member commented that NALP Connect is difficult to read on a mobile device.

Conference Call Issue

Apparently, someone from NALP asked our conference call provider to remove the sounds that indicate when someone joins/leaves the conference. The result of this is that when members join (or a leader initiates) a call, after dialing the passcode, there is only silence (unless someone is talking). This is very confusing and led some people to hang up, thinking they had not connected. I also hung up twice and then called the provider (which is how I got the information about the sounds being removed). Because of this, our call started late and we may have lost some people who thought they couldn't connect or gave up after I was unable to join for five minutes.