

NALP International and Advanced Degree Advising and Recruiting Section

Quarterly Report to the Board of Directors
Thursday, October 25, 2012

Submitted by: Kandice Thorn

Summary

The Section held its second conference call of the year on October 19, 2012. The call was much better attended than the first call, which may indicate that people are starting to get comfortable with NALP Connect as a communication platform. We have begun collaborating with the Public Service Section on a fact sheet for LL.M. students on New York State's new 50 hour pro bono requirement for admission to the New York Bar.

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 (Stephanie Sanders, Georgia Emery Gray, Adriana Vito)
- 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 LL.M.s, Ivana Kadic, November 2012 (submitted jointly with Canadian Section)

We are working to get a few more bulletin article ideas, with a goal that we will publish a total of four from our section throughout the year. Chia Kang is also still working on a blog post on Deciphering International CVs.

Work Groups

- Annual Education Conference/Bulletin Article Planning (Danielle Braun)
 - See notes above re: RFP proposals and Bulletin article submissions
- International Career Twitter Feed (@nalplmintl) (Stephanie Sanders)
 - Stephanie continues to tweet regularly, posting interesting articles 2-3 times per week.
- Law Firm Outreach (Mary Schaus)

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- 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 need more volunteers for this group in order for it to succeed, but so far we haven't had anyone step up.
- NALPConnect (Tibby Cail)
 - Tibby has been on maternity leave; in the mean time, Kandice Thorn will consider ways of developing the page. One suggestion was to post articles that are posted on our Twitter account that are particularly useful for our community.
- 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 are still seeking a volunteer to serve as Vice Chair for this group. 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. We discussed ideas for the fact sheet on the conference call, and Clara Solomon has agreed to serve as the point person from our Section in this effort.

NALP Connect

Communication via NALP Connect has improved in our Section, as evidenced by the increase in participation on the quarterly Section Call. Use of the message boards is still low, and we discussed possible reasons for this. Long-standing members of the Section noted that the Section was not particularly active in terms of discussions on the previous list serve either, so the issue may simply be the culture of the Section. This means it may take increased effort to get people more engaged in NALP Connect, as the lack of communication is more than simply the result of a move to a new platform.

Section members indicated that they would appreciate seeing the Resources section built up a little more, and this might serve as a catalyst to get members more involved with NALP Connect. In response,

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we will make an effort to post useful articles in the Resources section, including articles that are tweeted by our Twitter Work Group.

Additionally, members suggested that NALP Connect would be more user-friendly if the entire content of messages were visible in the notifications, rather than just a small portion of the message, requiring the additional step of logging in to see the entire message/announcement/post.