

TO: NALP Directors
FROM: Kristine D. Bridges
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RE: Law Student Professional Development Section Quarterly Report

I. *Collaboration with Lawyer Professional Development Section –*

- a. Vice-Chair Susan Fine coordinated with LPD Section liaison, Maria Minor to produce a webinar. On December 3, 2013, Maria Minor (Professional Development & Pro Bono Manager at Neal Gerber Eisenberg) and, Marcia Levy (Associate Dean of Career Services and Professor of Professional Development at Cardozo Law), presented a webinar entitled “Project Management 101: What Every Law Student Should Know” The webinar serves as a tool that law school professional development offices can use to education students on essential project management principals. The participation in this webinar was outstanding, with 90 law school members in attendance.
- b. This Spring, this collaboration will also endeavor to produce another webinar addressing.
- c. We hope to also collaborate with the LPD Section on a *Bulletin* article on business development. On the Section call, members expressed interest and support for these endeavors.

II. *Environmental Scanning during Section Call – January 15, 2014.*

- a. Given the continued and growing interest in this topic, this Section has created a workgroup to conduct a *Survey of Law School Professional Development Programs* capturing the following information on the nature of the program components at schools having PD programs.
 - i. Members were open to other schools contacting them and sharing information about their respective programs.
 - ii. Members said they would find this information helpful.
- b. Maria Minor reported that participation in the Project Management webinar was outstanding, with 90 law school members in attendance.
- c. Members were encouraged to consider drafting and RFP for this year’s PDI.

III. *Survey of Law School Professional Development Programs* Workgroup

- a. Christine Guard (Director of Career Services, Mercer University School of Law) and Heather Karnes (Assistant Dean for Career Services and Alumni Affairs, University of Toledo College of Law) will take on the initial work for this workgroup and report back to the Section Chair on resources needed for this project.
- b. Rob Cacace (Assistant Director of Professional Development, Georgetown University Law Center), has begun an informal gathering of program information and will offer that information to this project.
- c. As another resource, this section has been collecting information on PD program details for the past two years.
- d. There was discussion of an AEC or PDI RFP for the purpose of presenting the results of the Survey.

IV. *Law Student PD focus at PDI*

- a. There were a handful of dedicated PD programs – *Creating Better “Career Marriages”*, *“Professional Development Can’t Start at the Office”*, and *Making the Pitch for a PD Curriculum at Your Law School*.
- b. The Law Student Member Roundtable on Friday morning. With almost 20 law student members in attendance, there was a healthy discussion of issues facing law schools regarding law student professional development.
 - i. Challenges to CSO/PDO in implementing mandatory requirements
 - ii. How do we best message professional development themes to students
 - iii. Schools reported working with other departments on their campuses and bringing in law firms and consultants to assist with programming
 - iv. Alternative platforms other than Symplicity for managing student data and OCIs