

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director
Brad Sprayberry, Board Liaison

FROM: Jennifer Gallinson, Section Chair

DATE: June 22, 2017

RE: Lawyer PD Section Update

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as section chair once again this year. This NALP year is starting out strong and the group is committed to some great programming and outreach.

I. Work Group Leaders

- Education Work Group: Annual Education Conference/PDI/Bulletin Article Planning: Vice Chair: Jessica Buchsbaum & Jennifer Rakstad
- Lawyer/Law Student Professional Development Collaboration: Vice Chair: Cynthia Duval
- Best Practices in Lawyer PD/PD for the PD Professional: Vice Chairs: Kay Nash & Michele Bendekovic
- Membership/Development: Vice Chair: Jeanette Forgey

II. Work Group Reports

Education Work Group

During our meeting in San Francisco, the group had an excellent meeting and brainstormed many ideas for RFPs. Throughout April and May the group continued to work together diligently to develop topics for submission. Jennifer and Jessica report that there were 19 RFPs submitted on behalf of the section for 2018 NALP Annual Conference, with the top recommendations prioritized as requested by Jay Richards. The Lawyer PD Section has submitted topics and writers for 7 articles to Janet Smith for the NALP Bulletin in the upcoming year. These articles include topics on internal and external coaching, training, transition to practice, building purpose within a law firm, and innovation. We look forward to reading the final work products.

Law Firm/Law Student PD Collaboration

We have been speaking with Elisabeth Beal on the law school side. The Law Student PD section is pulling together a detailed list of best practices in law school PD. They have interviewed over 30 law school PD professionals so far, and aim to reach 50. Next, they will look to the Lawyer PD section for feedback on how law schools can best prepare students for law firm practice. Elisabeth spoke on our June conference call and several of our members offered to collaborate with her on this project. The group was able to brainstorm several hot topics on law student PD and ideas to provide insight to the law schools including: the quality of student writing and communication skills.

Membership Work Group

Jeannette will begin reaching out via phone call and email to new members to welcome them and offer them any assistance they need in accessing the group's resources.

Best Practices Work Group

Michele Bendekovic and Kay Nash are back for another year working on identifying appropriate "best practices" resources to continue to add to the Library/Resources page on NALP Connect. We are also identifying two or three member professional development webinars to host this year. Luckily, NALP has already planned a 4-part Innovating Talent Management program which will be a fantastic opportunity.

III. Other Section News

We had two calls, one specifically for RFP brainstorming and our usual Quarterly call on June 13th. Our call was quite productive, and elicited many writers and topics for the NALP Bulletin. We also had a guest speaker lead a conversation on law school PD. However, the number of callers continues to be small: only about 10 members joined in. I plan to look at this more closely and try to identify ways to continue to gain excitement for our group and encourage more active involvement in our section. I appreciate the opportunity to chair the group once again and I look forward to continuing to lead the section during this NALP year.