

**To:** Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director  
Melanie Priddy, Board Liaison

**From:** Tamesha Keel, Section Chair

**Date:** June 21, 2019

**Re:** Lawyer PD Section Report

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the 2019-2020 Section Chair. The Section is off to a good start!

At the annual conference in San Diego, the group introduced themselves and discussed general NALP governance to new members.

The Section also brainstormed ideas for *Bulletin* articles, RFPs, and/or webinars. These items were forwarded to the relevant workgroups to follow up. Similarly, additional ideas for were generated during the Section's first call in May.

*I. Work Group Leaders:*

- Best Practices in Lawyer PD – Stephanie Felder with Yuliya LaRoe assisting
- Education – Terrene Burke & Ashley DeBrino
- Lawyer/Law Student PD Collaboration – Tonya Gaskins & Andrea Hilton
- Membership – Brittaney Schmidt & Melissa Schwind
- Professional Identity Formation – Nikki Ingram & Quaime Lee
- Strategic Planning – Traci Jenkins & Jeanne Picht

To assist the workgroups with their responsibilities, I also disseminated last year's Board reports for their review as well as the names of their predecessors to contact.

*II. Work Group Updates:*

- **Best Practices in Lawyer PD**
  - The group is working with speakers on at least three webinar topics for the upcoming year.
    - They are also seeking additional ideas and speakers.
  - The workgroup is also posting useful resources to the library concerning best practices for members.
    - The library's contents are being reviewed to see what additional topics/areas to add.
- **Education**

- It appears as if there was one, possibly two, RFP groups that contacted the chairs for 2019 PDI.
  - o The Chairs could not obtain a list of all Section submissions because this is not collected usually but it is highly likely that more were submitted despite the deadline occurring right after AC19 and no extensions.
- The workgroup received eight RFP submissions for AC20 with rankings submitted to NALP
- Two authors are submitting ideas for *Bulletin* articles on the Section's behalf.
  - o One of the authors has four possible topics for a total of five articles.
- Deadline reminders were sent for conference RFPs and *Bulletin* articles.
- **Lawyer/Law Student PD Collaboration**
  - Both workgroups met and are working through several ideas for webinars.
    - o The groups are meeting again to finalize details.
- **Membership**
  - This workgroup met to discuss goals and will connect with predecessor to answer remaining questions.
  - In addition, the workgroup will also connect with the PDC membership chair to discuss collaborations.
  - The workgroup will then decide the best ideas and tasks to move forward with:
    - o Update NALP welcome email and provide instruction on how to add yourself to sections.
    - o Personalized outreach from Membership/Development workgroup with direction on signing up for different groups, depending on role of new members.
    - o Develop communication for updating section membership when renewing NALP membership.
    - o Outreach around PDI conference and other Lawyer PD focused conferences to expand network.
    - o Pull list of current NALP Lawyer PD section members.
    - o Identify new NALP members in 2019.

- Identify current NALP Lawyer PD section members who are also PDC members (may be helpful as we explore ways to further collaborate with PDC and to connect at summer conference).
- **Professional Identity Formation**
  - The workgroup is scheduling a joint call with its Law Student Section counterpart to discuss this year's goal(s) and action steps.
- **Strategic Planning**
  - The workgroup will disseminate a simple, four question survey to the Section to obtain responses for the Section's strategic plan recommendations.
  - Once the responses are received, select members will be interviewed for further details.
    - Volunteers are needed to help with follow up interviews.
  - The proposed timeline for the survey is:
    - Week of June 17 – Post the questions asking for a response by July 1
    - Week of July 8 – Send a reminder/make calls if responses are low
    - Compile responses and work on draft
    - September 13 – deadline for Section's strategic plan recommendations

### *III. Additional Items*

- No issues were discussed for the Board's attention.
- The Section's remaining quarterly calls will be:
  - Friday, October 11, 2019
  - Friday, January 24, 2020
  - Friday, March 27, 2020

\*All calls will be held at 3pm ET/2pm CT/Noon PT.