

MEMORANDUM

DATE October 17, 2013

TO Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director
Kay Nash, Board Liaison

FROM Molly Peckman

It is my privilege on behalf of the Lawyer Professional Development Section to submit our second Board report of the year. Our working groups have indeed been working and I pay tribute to my great colleagues listed below for their many contributions.

I. Our Section's leaders are:

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II. Working Group Reports:

A. PD for the PD Professionals – Sue Manch and Andy Hales

This is a continuation of the successful webinar series we launched last year. Sue and Andy are currently working on the next webinar which will be held November or December 2013 and will focus on developing business development curricula and providing related coaching support. The panel is being finalized and will include several chief marketing officers and consultants. Sue described the program on our recent Section call and there is much interest in the program, which will be recorded.

B. Peer Mentoring –Paul Giangola and Richild Steward

This new work group was created to determine if our Section members wanted peer mentoring. Paul and Richild sent a survey link to the section with less than 20 responses received. Eleven members asked to be paired with mentors and Paul and Richild were able to match everyone who requested a mentor with a more experienced member. Paul and Richild will follow up with matches to see how the program is going. The program is ongoing and all new members on the recent call were encouraged to join.

C. Law School PD Section – Maria Minor

Maria is working on a webinar on project management and what law schools should be doing to train their students in this area. She is working on this with Marcia Levy, Associate Dean for Career Services/Professor Professional Development at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University. On our recent call, Maria requested topics for future webinars.

D. Experienced Professionals Section – Jessica Buchsbaum liaison

Jessica has been working with Kathleen Brady, liaison from the Experienced Professionals Section, on bringing resources to experienced professionals who are new to professional development (including those experienced members with additional job responsibilities). Jessica and Kathleen are also writing an article for the February *NALP Bulletin* and working on a webinar with Stephanie Ryan scheduled for January 16, 2014 called, "Top 10 Things PD Professionals Need to Know."

E. PD Course for Mid-Career Professionals – Michele Bendekovic

Michele Bendekovic, Kay Nash and I are presenting "Management Foundations for PD Professionals 201" at the NALP Annual conference. This interactive program is intended for mid-career professionals but we hope to make it relevant as a refresher for more experienced professionals as well as newer professionals.

F. Education Working Group – Julia Borginis and Kara Dodson

As previously reported, the section will be well represented at the Professional Development Institute and the Annual Conference.

G. Bulletin Articles – Sheri Zachary

Michelle Bendekovic wrote another excellent article for this month's *NALP Bulletin* and I submitted a column on PD for the PD Professional for next month's issue. Sheri is coordinating our section's contributions which include several other articles. On our recent call, I urged the members to consider submitting articles or ideas.

H. Membership – Amanda Rope

Amanda has agreed to help with communications to our Section's members -- all 244 of them -- as well as to help us increase membership and participation with outreach to firms and individuals. Earlier this year, with Kay Nash and Michele Bendekovic's assistance, we identified hundreds of PD professionals. Amanda cross referenced our list with our section membership list. We then sent individual outreach emails to those who were not section members, urging them to join and become active. We have also reached out to colleagues in the Professional Development Consortium to encourage their participation.

III. Upcoming Conferences

I reminded section members on our recent call that registration is open for the PDI Conference on December 12-13, 2013 in Washington DC, the new Legal Recruiting Summit on January 22, 2014 in New York and the Newer Professionals Conference on February 20-24, 2013. We also solicited ideas for conference programs, webinars and articles.

IV. Goals for the year:

In addition to continuing my goal from last year of providing professional development opportunities to our members and reminding them to develop themselves, my other primary goals this year was getting more members to join the section, to be more active in the section and to lead the section. While our membership has increased, we have the same folks joining our calls and I hope to do some additional outreach to identify future Section leaders and get more involved.

We continue to have a great core group of members, including our incredible board liaison Kay Nash and former chair Michele Bendekovic. I remain grateful for their continued support and leadership as well as the constant support from NALP staffer Mary Beal.

And I continue to remind our members and others in this busy time for everyone, to find some time to take care of ourselves and our own professional development.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you again for this opportunity.

Molly Peckman