

MEMORANDUM

NALP Newer Professionals Section

To: Georgia Emery Gray, NALP Board Liaison
Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director

From: Katie Creedon
Associate Director of Recruiting
Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C.

Date: January 22, 2015

Re: NALP Newer Professionals Section Board Report

SUMMARY

Although our work with RFPs is complete for the time being, each of our other work groups has been active and engaged since our last Board Report.

WORK GROUPS

Annual Education Conference Presenters Work Group

Vice Chairs: Rob Cacace (Georgetown) and Joby Ryan (UVA)

No additional activity. We are very excited to see our sponsored RFP, Millennialize Me: Developing and Delivering Millennial-Friendly Programs and Information, at the 2015 Annual Education Conference in Chicago!

NALP Bulletin Articles Work Group

Vice Chairs: Donna Key (Quarles & Brady) and Michael McCarthy (Case Western)

Michael and I solicited volunteers to contribute shorter pieces to the "Newcomers' Corner," which is a great way for NPS members to begin to get more involved with NALP. We had a huge response from potential authors, and now have them lined up to write on a variety of topics through the September 2015 issue.

The following full-length articles have been recently published:

- Ellen Strauss, University of San Francisco: Counseling Law Students Who Are Veterans (October 2014)
- Jaya Saxena, George Washington University: Book Review of The Start-Up of You (November 2014)

The following full-length articles are still scheduled for publication:

- Amber Brugnoli, West Virginia University: Partnering with other offices on campus to improve services (750 words, March 2015)
- Carey Morgan, American University: What schools wish employers knew (750 words, April 2015)
- Michael McCarthy, Case Western Reserve University: Networking in the 21st century (750 words, May 2015)

- George Podolin, William & Mary: Effective use of PowerPoint and other visuals during presentations (1200 words, June 2015)

“Ask the Experts” Work Group

Vice Chairs: Haley Lelah (McGuire Woods) and Shannon Schaab (DePaul)

Shannon and Haley continue to bring our Ask the Experts plan to life. Our most recent webinar was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Tom Rodriguez from Steptoe in DC and Michele Ward from Winston in LA presented on “A ‘Roadmap’ to a Successful Summer.” Michele and Tom did a wonderful job and we have received feedback that members really enjoyed the program. Our final Ask the Experts webinar for this season is scheduled for March 2015: Balancing Job Fairs vs. OCI, including a discussion on pre-select vs. lottery. Linda Kressh from UCLA has volunteered to present.

Integration Work Group

Vice Chairs: Lisa Terrasi (Boston University) and Cat Overman (Jenner & Block)

Cat, Lisa, and I had a call earlier this month to kick off our integration efforts. We discussed some exciting ideas and decided to focus on the following:

- Setting up the framework for a “buddy” program where members new to the section are paired with those who have been involved for a year or two. We understand that there have previously been some attempts at starting a mentor program, so I reached out to Katie White of the Experienced Professionals Section to see if we could get any additional information about what worked with those efforts and what didn’t.
- Organizing a call where we invite representatives from some of the other sections to give a brief summary of what their section does and who would benefit from joining. We hope that this will encourage members of the Newer Professionals Section to “graduate” and get involved with other sections. At the very least, it will also give people a good overview of all the sections that are out there and what they have to offer!
- Assisting with the small group dinners at the Annual Education Conference in Chicago. Mary Beal mentioned to me that some Chicago city group members will participate in this, but we will try to line up some additional volunteers as well.

OTHER UPDATES

Unfortunately, I won’t be able to attend the conference in Chicago, so I am in the process of getting one or two other section members to staff our table at the Open House. In my experience this table is always a good opportunity to get the word out about our section meeting and encourage people to sign up with the section on NALPconnect.