

MEMORANDUM

To: Melanie Rowen, NALP Board Liaison, Public Service Section

From: Jana Matthews and Michelle Takagishi-Almeida, Public Service Section Co-Chairs

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Re: Public Service Section – Second Quarter Report

I. 2022-23 Public Service Section Leadership

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II. SECOND QUARTER SECTION MEETING

The second quarterly meeting for the 2022-23 year took place on October 12, 2022 under the leadership of Co-Chairs, Jana Matthews and Michelle Takagishi-Almeida. Thirty-five members were in attendance, including Public Service Section (PSS) Board Liaison Melanie Rowen and NALP President-Elect Tony Waller.

The meeting began with an employer spotlight on the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management, followed by updates from: (i) NALP Knowledge Management Advisory Group Co-Chairs Elisabeth A. Beal, William & Mary Law School and Andrew Hale, Venable LLP; (ii) NALP President-Elect Tony Waller, University of Georgia School of Law; (iii) PSS Well-Being Champion, Brooke Meckler, Equal Justice Works; and (iv) Mini-Conference Planning Workgroup Vice-Chair Freda Coleman-Jackson.

Section meeting closed with promised program and registration details for NALP/PSJD's Virtual Public Service Mini-Conference calendared for Tuesday, December 6 – Wednesday, December 7 2022.

III. PSS WORKGROUP UPDATES

a. Annual Education Conference + Webinar Planning

Vice-Chair Moriah Allen recently left law school administration for a full-time practice position. See Section f. NALP/PSJD Public Service Mini-Conference Planning Workgroup for further detail on PSS virtual programming: (i) completed during second quarter reporting period and (ii) pending in third quarter reporting period.

As NALP AEC Planning Committee members have completed review and selection of conference proposals with notifications sent to NALP membership on July 15, 2022, PSS leadership will not be seeking to fill this now-vacant Vice Chair position.

b. Environmental Scanning

With Vice-Chair Sarah Jasper out of office until after October 20, 2022, the Environmental Scanning Work Group will provide updates and developments on proposed programming and activities at a later date.

c. PSJD Resource Development Work Group

PSS Co-Chairs received notice that Vice-Chair Brent Page has left Public Interest Law Initiative and was not able to provide PSJD Resource Development Work Group updates by October 20, 2022 board report deadline.

Vice-Chair Jocelyn Witzel will provide workgroup updates and developments on proposed programming and activities at a later date.

d. LRAP Initiatives/CCRAA Developments

Vice-Chairs Jennifer Geller and Amanda Prasuhn have continued to keep NALP members informed about the latest student loan updates during this quarter. The Vice Chairs sent out an update about the new Biden-Harris debt relief plan, the COVID payment pause extension, and the temporary PSLF waiver in August, which included suggestions about how member schools and employers can spread the word to students, graduates, and employees. Moving forward, the Vice Chairs will shift to focusing on the implementation of the debt relief plan and the return to repayment set for January 2023.

e. Pro Bono Work Group

Vice-Chair Elizabeth Boe has been meeting with the American Bar Association to explore further collaboration, especially focusing on the potential creation of a pro

bono opportunities database. The Work Group will meet before the end of the calendar year to continue its work on environmental scanning efforts looking at pro bono opportunities for law students and attorneys, with remote opportunities spotlighted and set forth finalized plan for the rest of the 2022-2023 year.

f. NALP/PSJD Public Service Mini-Conference Planning

Vice-Chair Freda Coleman-Jackson and Workgroup volunteers designed and led a very successful NALP/PSJD Public Interest Advising 101 program with over 70 Public Service Section members in attendance on September 8 2022.

The program included sessions on:

- *“Run-down of Public Service Advising”* facilitated by Rachel Kronick Rothbart, USC Gould School of Law;
- *“Using PSJD as a Counselor”* facilitated by Chelsea-Leigh Flucus, University of California, Irvine School of Law;
- *“Equal Justice Works Partnerships and Student Loan Advising”* facilitated by Brooke Meckler, Equal Justice Works.

The Work Group closed the PI Advising 101 program with “Recess,” an opportunity for small group discussion and a wellness exercise among attendees.

All attendees were provided access to program and presentation materials courtesy of Sam Halpert, Director of Public Service Initiatives with NALP.

On September 29 2022, Vice-Chair Freda Coleman-Jackson met with Section Co-Chairs Michelle Takagishi-Almeida and Jana Matthews, Sam Halpert, and AEC and Webinar Planning Vice-Chair Moriah Allen to discuss planning for the virtual NALP / PSJD Public Service Mini-Conference (“Mini-Con”) scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 – Wednesday, December 7 2022.

During this meeting, conference schedule and program were drafted and topics will include: (i) member wellness and professional development; (ii) public interest internship funding for students; (iii) a review of the recent PSJD public service attorney salary report results; and (iv) an opportunity for environmental scanning of timely topics in the field.

At this time, Work Group members are conducting outreach to finalize Mini-Con speakers to present and anticipate conference registration to open late October 2022.

While the Work Group has great support from the PSS co-chairs and PSJD staff, Work Group member Moriah Allen recently left law school administration and the section for a full-time practice position.

The NALP/PSJD Public Service Mini-Conference Planning Work Group welcomes any new or returning volunteers.

g. Publications

Publications Vice-Chair Teresa Schmiedeler has confirmed volunteers for upcoming NALP Bulletin articles with publication slated for:

- December 2022: Sam Halpert, NALP Director of Public Service Initiatives
- January 2023: Rachel Lawrence, Catholic Columbus School of Law
- February 2023: Chelsea-Leigh Flucus, UC Irvine School of Law
- March 2023: Sam Halpert, NALP Director of Public Service Initiatives
- April 2023: Jamie Reisman, Penn Carey Law
- May 2023: PSJD Fellow Jennifer Frederick

h. Well-Being Champion

On September 29 2022, Well-Being Champion Brooke Meckler took part in a meeting with Well-Being Champions from all NALP sections. At this September 29th gathering, Well Being Champions were charged with reporting back to sections to provide more information to section membership on objectives of this new NALP initiative as well as to generate discussion and preliminary assessment in understanding needs and concerns relating to wellness in the section.

At the PSS second quarter meeting on October 12 2022, Well-Being Champion Brooke Meckler shared these updates and invited section members to contact her directly regarding needs and concerns on this topic.

i. Member Relations

Vice-Chair position vacant. No updates at time of board report submission on October 20, 2022.

j. Knowledge Management and Resource Implementation

Vice-Chair position vacant at time of board report submission on October 20 2022, but, Knowledge Management and Resource Implementation (KM) developments and recruitment for volunteers continue.

On July 18 2022, NALP Knowledge Management Advisory Group Co-Chairs Elisabeth A. Beal, William & Mary Law School and Andrew Hale, Venable LLP, reached out to PSS leadership to offer support and assistance in recruiting volunteers for the Knowledge Management and Resource Implementation (KM) Vice-Chair position.

On October 6 2022, and following installment of NALP's new Executive Director, Knowledge Management Advisory Group Co-Chairs Elisabeth A. Beal and

Andrew Hale met with PSS Co-Chairs Jana Matthews and Michelle Takagishi-Almeida to exchange KM-related updates in this transitional year.

Following the October 6 meeting, KM Advisory Group Co-Chairs were asked to attend the PSS second quarter meeting on October 12 2022 to present to section membership a high-level overview and samples of tools and resources that KM workgroup volunteers have created for members benefit.

At the October 12 PSS meet, new section members were given a targeted appeal in collaborating with the KM Advisory Group as KM Vice-Chair as new members can provide valuable feedback that can go to improving NALP organization and accessibility of resources for wider membership.

IV. 2022-23 SECTION MEETINGS

Remaining section meetings will be alternatively hosted by co-chairs Michelle Takagishi-Almeida and Jana Matthews with all meetings scheduled at 3pm EST/ 2pm CST/ 12pm PST on the following dates:

- January 25, 2023: Meeting details pending
- March 29, 2023: Meeting details pending