

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2013

TO: Nicole A. Vikan, NALP Board Liaison, Public Service Section

FROM: Leeor Neta, NALP Chair, Public Service Section

RE: **NALP Public Service Section Board Report**

CC: Meghan Grenda, NALP Member Services Coordinator
Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director

Please find below a report of the Public Service Section's activities during the fourth quarter of the 2012-2013 NALP year.

Summary

Many of the Public Service Section's work groups have made excellent progress on their benchmarks. The Vice Chairs are continuing to make active use of NALPconnect, and proceeding with minimal oversight. Nearly 30 members attended our last quarterly conference call on Thursday, March 28. Many of these members are planning to attend the Annual Education Conference and have expressed interest in leadership roles in the Section. I continue to be very proud of the members of this section and the work they have performed.

Working Group Updates

1. Diversity in Public Service Employment Sector
Vice Chair: Matt Gewolb, Columbia Law School

This group published an article in last month's Bulletin outlining best practices for encouraging students of diverse backgrounds to pursue public interest careers. To produce the article and its best practices, the group conducted a series of informal focus groups. Next year, the group is considering a survey on a larger scale. The group would also like to become more involved with NALP's Diversity Inclusion work group.

2. Experiential Learning
Vice Chair: Tara Casey, University of Richmond School of Law

No updates.

3. Government Career Resources
Vice Chair: Kim Bart, Duke Law

There is not much new to report for the Government Resources Working Group. Kim is waiting on committee members to forward resources and materials to her relating to advising students on Presidential Management Fellows and "Beyond Honors" hiring in federal government. Once she collects those resources, she will share out with the rest of the membership. The group will have another conference call in April, to plan ahead for summer and next year's tasks.

4. Law Student Pro Bono
Vice Chair: Danielle Sorken, Brooklyn Law School

This group is still exploring the best format for its best practices guide. It plans to perform considerable work on this guide before the Annual Education Conference. Members of the group are also presenting a panel at the Conference on the New York State pro bono requirements.

5. Loan Repayment Assistance Programs
Vice Chair: Kirsten Hill, UC Davis School of Law

This group has not yet moved forward with compiling the research for its best practices guide. This task is on the agenda for early April. The research is done and Kirsten has been talking with Heather Jarvis. She just needs to review all the research and organize it into themes for writing, hopefully by the conference.

6. Annual Education Conference Program Proposals
Vice Chair: Andrew Chapin, Fordham University School of Law

No updates.

7. NALP/PSLawNet Public Service Mini-Conference Planning
Vice Chair: Danielle Sorken, Brooklyn Law School
Vice Chair: Nicole Vikan, Georgetown Law School

No updates.

8. Publications
Vice Chair: Samantha Z. Kasmarek, Syracuse University College of Law

No updates.

9. Public Service Employment Trends
Vice Chair: Philip A. Guzman, North Carolina Central University School of Law

No updates.

10. Public Service Employer Outreach

Vice Chair: *Open*

I am still trying to identify a potential vice chair.

Proposed Work Groups

None at this time.