

**TO:** NALP Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jessica Kitson, Chair, NALP Public Service Section  
**DATE:** March 30, 2012  
**RE:** Third Quarterly Report

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### **MEETINGS**

The Public Service Section held its final quarterly call is on February 15, 2012. The next Section meeting will be held at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 4:30-5:30 p.m., including transition to incoming Chair Leeor Neta. Steve Grumm, Leeor, and I have had a conference call last week to discuss transition steps and finalize workgroup recommendations for the upcoming year, and have an additional planning call scheduled for April 9th.

Steve Grumm has finalized the speaker for the Public Service Luncheon at the Annual Meeting (scheduled for Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>). Adriana Rodriguez, of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, has agreed to speak.

### **WORK GROUP REPORTS**

Below, please find the report on work completed by our Work Groups in the previous quarter:

#### **Annual Education Conference Program Proposals**

*Vice Chair: Cybele Smith (Ohio State)*

*Members: Jessica Kitson (Rutgers-Newark), Steve Grumm (NALP)*

Andrew Chapin will serve as the Vice Chair for 2012 RFP process and will be attending the section meeting in Austin to begin facilitating the submission of proposals. During the section's last conference call, I encouraged our members to start thinking about possible proposals, and plan to send out a reminder next week about the early deadline and to encourage networking during the Annual Conference.

The thirteen programs to be presented at the Annual Conference include:

- Beyond the Beltway: Opportunities in Federal, State, and Local Government
- Landing a Job with the United Nations
- Not All Employer Outreach is Equal: Navigating Public Service Employer Outreach
- Running a Successful Field Placement Program: An A to Z Primer on the Academic and Practical Grounding for Career Services Professionals
- Beyond the Basics: Leveraging Employer, School, State, and Federal Loan Repayment Assistance Funds
- DOJ Decoded: Answering Questions and Debunking Myths about Getting a Job and Getting Ahead at the Department of Justice
- Hypothetically Speaking: Preparing Students for Prosecutor and Public Defender Interviews
- Judicial Clerkships as a Career Accelerator
- The Ins and Outs of Public Interest Advising
- Public Interest Hot Topics – Updates and Discussion of Major Issues!
- Careers in the Military: Panel Presentation with Representatives of the Sister Services
- Children's Rights, Parental Rights, and Juvenile Justice, Oh My! How Knowing the Nuances Can Get Your Students Jobs
- Learning by Doing (Good): Pro Bono and Lawyer Professional Development

**Publications**

*Vice Chair: Carol Vigzler, (Washington University)*

*Members: Nicole Ayala (Connecticut), Meta Copeland (Mississippi), Donna Davis (Texas Southern), Samantha Kasmarek (Syracuse)*

Samantha Kasmarek has agreed to serve as Vice Chair, and the work group will continue to look into additional publications to which our members can submit articles, in addition to ensuring that we continue to have a strong presence in the NALP bulletin.

**NALP/PSLawNet Mini-Conference Planning**

*Vice Chair: Nicole Vikan (Georgetown)*

*Members: Nicole Ayala (Connecticut), Kimberly Ann Bart, (Duke), Heather Creed (Baylor), Ginna Galbraith (South Texas), Sam Kasmarek (Syracuse), Dovie King (Thomas Jefferson), Lorri Olan, (Washington & Lee), Rachel Kronick Rothbart (USC), Cindy Wilson (Northwestern)*

Danielle Sorken has agreed to serve as Vice Chair of this work group for the upcoming year and planning for the 2012 Mini Conference will commence shortly after the Annual Conference.

**Law School Guide to Public Interest Careers – Update**

*Vice Chair: Alisa Rosales (DePaul)*

*Members: MariLee Allred (BYU), Dena Bauman (UDC), Laura Cohen (Southwestern), Daisy Hung (U. of San Francisco), Lorri Olan (Washington & Lee), Cybele Smith (Ohio State), Teresa Schmiedeler (Maryland), Ramona Sein (William & Mary), Leslie Thrope (Cardozo), Cindy Wilson (Northwestern)*

The Work Group continues the editing process on the materials submitted, with the continued goal to have all edits to Steve Grumm in the NALP office no later than May 1, 2012.

**Diversity**

*Chair: Andrew Chapin (Fordham)*

*Members: Millie Bond (NALP), Christina Jackson (American), Tom Maligno (Touro), Lorri Olan (Washington & Lee)*

Matt Gewolb has agreed to serve as Vice Chair of this work group for the upcoming year.

**Government Legal Career Resources**

*Chair: Dantelle Sorken (Brooklyn)*

*Members: MariLee Allred (BYU), Heather Creed (Baylor), Denyse Demel (Texas), Matt Gewolb, (Columbia), Jessica Hedrick (New York Law), Laura Scott (Michigan)*

Kim Bart has agreed to serve as Vice Chair of this work group, which will continue the task of developing a state by state guide to government employment.

**ABA Accreditation Revision Process**

*Chair: Keeley Mitchell (Pittsburgh)*

*Members: Tara Casey (Richmond), Deb Ellis (NYU), Diane Fears (Wayne State), Christina Jackson (American), Tom Maligno (Touro), Brad Morgan (Tennessee), Pam Robinson (South Carolina)*

Keeley Mitchell has agreed to stay on as Vice Chair of this work group, which will continue to collect information about the ABA Accreditation Process and to monitor new developments that relate to pro bono initiatives and public interest advising.

**Recession's Impact**

**Chair:** *Leor Neta (Golden Gate)*

**Members:** *Robyn Acampora (Yale), Kimberly Ann Bart (Duke), Mark Goldfarb (Iowa), Melissa V. McViney (Catholic), Alexa Shahcoff (Harvard), Nicole Simmons (Texas), Carol Vizgier (Washington University)*

Phillip A. Guzman has agreed to serve as Vice Chair of this work group for the upcoming year. The group expects to repeat the survey conducted last fall in order to continue to monitor hiring patterns across the United States.

**LRAP**

**Chair:** *Jarrod Shirk (American)*

**Members:** *Tara Casey (Richmond), Kirsten Hill (UC Davis), Michelle Stevens (Emory), Cindy Wikon (Northwestern)*

Kirsten Hill has agreed to serve as Vice Chair of this work group for the upcoming year and has already had several conversations with Leor Neta about ideas for monitoring developments and providing analysis about best practices as law schools, employer organizations, and others explore the possibility of maximizing their LRAP programs' benefits by dovetailing them with the CCRAA's LRAP provisions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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