

NALP Small & Solo CSO Section Quarterly Report

TO: Arturo Thompson, Board Liaison
FROM: Kimberly Underdown and Maria Comas, Section Co-Chairs
CC: Claire Nash
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Our section held a quarterly call on December 8, 2022. During the call, Tony Waller, incoming NALP President, encouraged section members to volunteer in the upcoming NALP year, Arturo encouraged members to encourage their Native American students to attend the Cutting Sign in the Law: Native Pathways to Careers program, and members engaged in discussion about a few topics that are noted below.

Thank you, Arturo, for the continued support that you've offered the Section.

I. Leadership Team and Updates

Section Co-Chairs

Maria Comas, Duquesne University School of Law, comas@duq.edu
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Annual Education Conference/Bulletin+ and Webinar Planning

Vice-Chairs:

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Member Relations and Membership Development

Vice-Chairs:

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The Vice-Chairs regularly review the list of section members and send individualized emails to new members where we welcome them and encourage them to participate in meetings, NALPconnect discussions, etc.

Kim and Maria send Outlook calendar invitations to all members in advance of quarterly calls. We've noticed that different people attend each meeting, so we are reaching more members by this targeted outreach.

Environmental Scanning

Vice-Chairs:

Sophia Dinkel, Washburn University School of Law, sophia.dinkel@washburn.edu

Stacey Blakeman, The University of Kansas School of Law, staceyblakeman@ku.edu

Tuesday Topic prompts are used for environmental scanning purposes (among others) because our section members wear so many hats. The following Tuesday Topics were generated since our last quarterly meeting:

1. New/Revamped spring programs or outreach
2. Building your ideal CDO/CSO
3. Graduate employment surveys
4. 2L engagement

Programming Best Practices

Vice-Chairs:

Whitley Pike, IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law, wpike@iu.edu

Tom Lee, Penn State Dickinson Law, tlee@psu.edu

Tom and Whitley are creating a survey to send to members and generate feedback about best practices.

Knowledge Management

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DEI Liaison

Courtney Carter, Jenner & Block LLP, CCarter@jenner.com

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Communications

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A social media post was submitted in November as part of this year's social media initiative.

II. December 8 Quarterly Call – Topics of discussion

1. Features and issues with the 12Twenty Career Management System
2. ABA and NALP employment data collection
3. Professional and personal goals for the new year

III. Future Meeting Dates

1. February 9, 2023 (3:30 p.m. (EST) via Zoom)