

## NALP SMALL & SOLO CSO SECTION QUARTERLY REPORT

To: Tasha Everman, NALP Board Liaison

From: Jill Gerrard and Grace Roede, Section Co-Chairs

Cc: NALP Info

Date: June 26, 2025

Our section held its meetings on April 30 and June 11, 2025. Our meetings started with introductions of all attendees and welcomed new-comers followed by a two-minute grounding exercise to set the stage for our meeting.

### 1. Leadership Team

#### **Section Co-Chairs**

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#### **AEC/Bulletin+ and Webinar Planning Vice Chairs**

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#### **Environmental Scanning Chair**

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#### **Programming Best Practices Co-chairs**

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#### **Well Being Chair**

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#### **DEI Liaison**

To be appointed by DEI Steering Committee

### 2. Communication: Updates/Reminders

**NALP Board Liaison:**

- Tasha provided updates about the NALP orientation in North Carolina and their upcoming meeting in Minneapolis.
- Updated us on extension of the deadline for NALP Bulletin+ article proposals to Friday, June 20.

#### **Section Co-Chairs:**

- Reviewed the leadership team and section chairs; thanked everyone for volunteering; went over the list of proposed bulletin articles and AEC ideas to solidify ideas; engaged the group in a discussion of current topics they are dealing with.
- Topic of discussion included: OCI and how CSO's go about preparing their students, timing to OCI and any changes to traditional timelines, pre-cruiting at smaller schools, and best practices to make OCI work for everyone including employers, students, & CSO.

#### **Environmental Scanning Chair:**

- Meredith asked if we still wanted to do Tuesday topics. Engagement seemed to have trailed off at the end of the last NALP year. TBD. We will plan to start each meeting with a topic or prompt to encourage dialogue and create engagement

#### **Programming Best Practices Co-Chairs:**

- Reminded everyone about the resources in the library section on NALP Connect.
- Took surveys about what type of information would be helpful for programming best practices for small and solo CSOs and will report back with results.

### **3. AEC Proposals due Aug. 1, 2025**

- Counseling students interested in international opportunities
- A program inspired by "They Don't Get It...Let's Hear from the Law Students," featuring student stories from a smaller/CSO perspective (not BigLaw-focused)
- Beyond the Talking Heads (ways to get students engaged with CSOs)
- Resubmission of How to Get Employers to Write More Engaging Job Postings

#### **Bulletin+ Article Proposals due June 20, 2025**

- Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder: Notes from the Air Force JAG CSO Course
- Beyond the Talking Heads – maybe an article instead of AEC proposal?

### **4. 2025/2026 Meeting Schedule**

- Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 3:00 p.m. EST
- Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 3:00 p.m. EST
- Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 3:00 p.m. EST