

NALP Small & Solo CSO Section Quarterly Report

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Our section held its 2nd quarterly meeting on September 27, 2023, where we had a really great turnout of 25 members. Tammy King provided the group with Board updates, including concerns over the SCOTUS decision on Affirmative Action as well as the changes in the NALP fee structure. Since our meeting followed the JDCA Section quarterly meeting, I was able to relay items discussed in that meeting the attendees on our meeting. (This was actually a great way to open the meeting since everything discussed in the JDCA meeting also pertains to the Small and Solo CSO section.) Following the update, Vice Chairs provided their updates (Section I), several topics were discussed (Section II) and future meeting dates (Section III).

I. Work Group Updates

Annual Education Conference/Bulletin+ and Webinar Planning

Rebecca Edmiston, Duquesne University School of Law, edmistonr@duq.edu

Phyra McCandless, Golden Gate University School of Law, lawcareer@ggu.edu

- Invited members to submit ideas for webinars and articles; possible article on finding from our Programming Best Practices survey
- Katherine Mikkelson provided the group with the status of her submission -Productivity Tips & Tricks for Small and Solo CSOs

Environmental Scanning

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

April Giancola, Campbell Univ. School of Law, agiancola@campbell.edu

- Stacey and April did an environmental scan to collect Tuesday Topic ideas for this year; Leslie and I will be using this list moving forward for our weekly posts

Programming Best Practices

Willow King-Locke, IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law, wkingloc@iupui.edu

Whitley Pike, Santa Clara University School of Law, wpike@scu.edu

- Continuing work the programming best practice survey that was started in the previous cycle under Whitley and Tom; the survey should be out in the coming weeks

Well-Being Champion

Jill Gerrard, University of Hawaii WS Richardson School of Law, jgerrard@hawaii.edu

- Jill attended the Well-Being Section meeting and provided us with the highlights; she really liked the way the section meeting opened with a 5-minute exercise and requested

to open our future meetings in the same format; groups seemed to be receptive to the idea

II. Topics of discussion

- NALP Pulse Survey – are results available?
- Pre-cruiting and what that looks like (table talk event, networking receptions, etc); what happens to OCI and job fairs with recruiting happening earlier and earlier every year; importance of staying in contact with recruiters

III. Future Section Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, January 9, 3:00 EST/2:00 CST/12:00 PST
- Thursday, March 7, 3:00 EST/2:00 CST/12:00 PST