

## April Board Report

### Small/Solo CSO Section

Section Chair Alisa Benedict O'Brien informally surveyed section members and the consensus was to postpone holding a section call until after ABA and NALP Employment reporting concludes. Needless to say, we are all quite busy this time of year!

Section Vice-Chairs updates:

- Vice-Chair of Annual Education Conference / Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning - Section members selected to present at the AEC in April are busy working on their programs and presentations; most have recorded their sessions by now or are scheduled to record; we have no additional section articles forthcoming this year.
- Vice-Chair of Member Relations and Membership Development – Tanya Lundberg had no updates at this time, but we will be planning a virtual member event for later this spring. We are thinking of an end of semester Zoom happy hour in May.
- Vice-Chair of Programming Best Practices - Katie Atkinson Overberg reported the student professionalism tool kit project is starting up again. Katie had no response from the section when she asked for volunteers from our section to be interviewed or do a survey on best practice and tools as she works with the Law Student Professional Development section to develop the joint toolkit, but she will continue to reach out. Katie also noted the project pivoted because of COVID and the work group focused more on Best Practices/Tips for Adjusting PD programming due to the impact of COVID-19. Katie hopes to stay involved.
- Vice-Chair of Environmental Scanning/Resources – Maria Comas continues to remind members that there is a new resource pool and provided directions to access the resource pool and to post and share a resource. This is a really important initiative and the section leadership hopes to gain more traction and to grow this resources in the coming year.

We have all continued to promote the 2021 AEC and encourage our members to attend this year.

We have had a lot of member dialogue on NALP Connect and via email on the following topics:

- January OCI reflections and experiences;
- Plans for Fall OCI;
- Employer outreach best practices;
- Engaging 3Ls through mandatory meetings and/or exit (graduate) interviews;
- Best practices for ABA and NALP employment outcomes reporting; and
- Student engagement and outreach in a virtual environment.

We are hoping to move forward with planning a spring/early summer networking event/Zoom happy hour as a member engagement and appreciation activity. The happy hour may also serve as the first section meeting of the new year with the section's new leadership.

It has been a pleasure to lead this section. I look forward to staying involved with this wonderful group!