

January Board Report

Small/Solo CSO Section

Section Chair Alisa Benedict O'Brien welcomed the section to the first meeting of the new year and spring semester and thanked the members who:

- Wrote a bulletin article thus far or are working on one;
- Submitted a conference RFP;
- Nominated yourself or a colleague for a NALP leadership role;
- Recently joined our section.

Next, Section Vice-Chairs shared reports:

- Vice-Chair of Annual Education Conference / Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning - Trisha Y. Nakamura shared that section members selected to present at the AEC in April are busy working on their programs and presentations; and the following section articles are forthcoming:
 1. January 2021: Using social media to engage students with Career Services, Alecia Bencze, The University of Akron School of Law
 2. February 2021: Lessons learned on student professionalism from firms and how firms have had to pivot and adapt and implement innovative programs for students, Maria Comas, Duquesne University
- Vice-Chair of Member Relations and Membership Development – Tanya Lundberg had no updates at this time, but noted we will be planning a virtual member event for later this spring.
- Vice-Chair of Programming Best Practices - Katie Atkinson Overberg – reported the student professionalism tool kit project is starting up again. Katie will be seeking 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.
- Vice-Chair of Environmental Scanning/Resources – Maria Comas reminded members that there is a new resource pool and provided directions to access the resource pool and to post and share a resource. Also, thanks to Lisa Quirk for her assistance getting this up and running!

Tony Waller from the Developing the Professional Lawyer Work Group spoke to the section about the video library series they developed. He shared with members about all of the videos currently available and coming available soon on the NALP/section page and encouraged us to promote the videos to our students as a resource. A few members on the call shared how they are presently using the videos with students in counseling and advising.

Next, we had a member-driven general discussion about spring OCIs. Members shared spring OCI updates and best practices thus far. We also discussed how schools are marketing and promoting OCIs to employers and some members shared ideas, including direct emails, LinkedIn, and outreach phone calls. Members were very quiet on this subject, probably because we are all learning to pivot and adjust

to new schedules, while balancing other responsibilities. We will have a more robust discussion and debrief in late spring once we have made it through OCIs.

We are hoping to plan a spring networking event/Zoom happy hour as a member engagement and appreciation activity. We will propose some dates for mid-march.