

NALP Solo and Small CSO Section

Quarterly Report to the Board of Directors

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This section had numerous conference calls with the NALP Liaison, Section Chair, Vice Chairs and Past Committee Head regarding the Federal Agency Resource Project. In lieu of a all section conference call, the Section officers conference with those agreeing to volunteer on this project. Please see result below.

Conference Programs, Articles and Work Groups

Federal Agency Resource Project

Due to some initial confusion when this project began, those committee members volunteering to contact the agencies were under the impression that this resource could be shared solely among those that participated in collecting the information. Recently, the section learned that all NALP projects must be shared with the entire NALP community. As a result, all volunteers were contacted to discuss whether or not we continue this project via the Section or we treat it as a separate project between those participating. It was determined by the majority to continue this project under the NALP policy since we have all personally benefitted from the resources provided by other NALP sections. Those volunteers not wishing to go forward will have the option to remove themselves from future participation but will have access to the resource as a NALP member. Now that the decision has been made, work on the project will begin next week.

Membership Increase

Margann Bennett and Holly Brajcich will determine which CSOs have not joined the section. We will contact them to make sure they know of the opportunity.

Shared Resources

Section members and more will be reminded to update the shared resource pool. Upon the increase in membership, new members will be asked to share resources also.

Proposed RFPs

The following RFP's were sent to the NALP committee:

1. iconnect: How a CSO can work with the media to create their own frenzy (lead: Michelle Condon)
2. Counting heads, passing the ball, and crunching numbers: how to play the employment reporting games (lead: Cinnamon Baker)
3. The Wild Wild West: Corraling the Misconceptions of Setting up Solo Practice (lead: Suzanne Patrick)
4. Super Sizing Your Symplicity Usage (lead: Suzanne Patrick, joint RFP with Technology Committee/Section)
5. Small & Solo CSO Public Interest Counseling (lead: Jessica L. Kitson , joint RFP with Public Interest Section)
6. Melting Pot vs Mosaic (lead: Sonja Hayes/Markeisha)

Proposed Articles

The following proposed Articles were sent to the NALP committee:

Feature Article topics, approximately 1000-1200 words

1. Incorporating other factors to your CSO: financial aid and writing skills. Trish Hodny & Tammy Pettinato (anytime after September)
2. Symplicity insider tips. e.g., expert users to new users; how to present argument to get the software; possible alternates that work for small schools, Suzanne Patrick (October or November)
3. CSO issues in newer law schools and overcoming obstacles, Cinnamon Baker & Andrew Walsh (February or later)

Nuts & Bolts Article topics, approximately 750 words

1. Assisting the other 90% of the Class; or the current and future status of unpaid internships in the legal profession, Debra Reh* (January)
2. Breaking student apathy and developing teeth to "mandatory" 1L programs, Linda A. Spagnola (February)