

## NALP BOARD LIAISON REPORT: PLANC

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### **Report any meetings, webinars, calls or conferences with organizations you have attended in the last 3 months:**

In addition to monitoring the PLANC listerv, I attended PLANC's Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, October 24 (details below).

### **Report any notable information or project of interest to NALP/NALP members:**

PLANC BoD Meeting highlights:

- LSAC and AccessLex are increasing their reach to pre-law students via online webinars and events.
- AccessLex continues to grow its presence in the pre-law space, with a three-pronged approach: Applying, Choosing and Paying for Law School. They are also continuing their relatively new pipeline program (LexScholars).
- PLANC 202X: PLANC moved its in-person quadrennial conference to an online conference spread across June. Sessions collectively captured the conference's primary topics, though across fewer presentations. Registrations and attendances were strong and included not only pre-law advisers, but also a wide range of individuals in adjacent positions, including law school admissions officers.
- PLANC 2021: Last Spring, PLANC renegotiated the contract for their New Orleans-based 2020 quadrennial conference, pushing the event to June 2021. PLANC has since explored what the event may look like, required sponsorship and attendance levels, potential travel restrictions, and where we may as a country in dealing with/fighting COVID-19. Ongoing discussions continue regarding how to best move forward with the event.
- Most of the regional groups (APLAs) are delaying their annual meetings until 2022 in hopes of (a) attending PLANC's re-scheduled quadrennial conference, and (b) meeting in person. Additionally, in-person caravans were cancelled this year and replaced with virtual events. Related, there are ongoing discussions at all levels about whether virtual fairs should continue post-COVID. There are concerns about competing with in-person events, though the benefits of virtual events reaching broad, disperse populations have already been noticed.

### **Report any goals suggested for the next year:**

During the PLANC BoD Meeting it was suggested that NALP/law schools explore ways to share additional information with pre-law advisers on the legal job market, researching employers, and researching practice areas to better assist students as they transition from college to law school. This was mentioned with a specific focus on how quickly diverse and first generation students needs to get up to speed in this evolving employment market.