

*2010 Board of Directors' Mission Statement &
Individual Positional Objectives*

Of the

**National Association of Graduate-Professional
Students, Inc.**



*Per Article III, Section 3D of the NAGPS Bylaws, the Board of Directors is responsible
for determining the Board of Directors' Mission Statement and individual positional
objectives at the first in-person meeting*

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Mission Statement for the Board of Directors

“Expanding our horizons...advocacy, empowerment, networking”

Individual Positional Objectives

Alex Evans, President & CEO

- A. Empower member GPSAs through data, advocacy, networking, and sharing best practices
- B. Capitalize on experience from members, sponsors, and past NAGPS leaders
- C. Expand NAGPS name recognition
- D. Establish partnerships with like-minded organizations
- E. Create a strong, federated association
- F. Increase members, sponsors, and donors
- G. Recruit founding NAGPS members
- H. Enable a larger member attendance at National Conference
- I. Remove cost as a prohibition of membership and participation in NAGPS events
- J. Develop health, dental, and vision insurance plans
- K. Develop organizational resources to guide the current and future NAGPS
- L. Move burden of revenue from members to sponsors and donors
- M. Strengthen legislative action program – lobbying, training, mobilization, follow-up

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Svetlana Tyutina, Vice President

- A. Maintain effective communication among the Board of Directors
- B. Organize the National Conference in compliance with the deadlines indicated in the Constitution
- C. Announce the National Conference dates / location by the first Regional Conference
- D. Expand NAGPS name recognition
- E. Serve as a liaison for the Board members in order to increase the functionality of the Association
- F. Effectively communicate with Members and potential Members, follow up with the potential sponsors

Jon Kowalski, Director of Finance

- A. Increase financial transparency within board and membership
- B. Decrease turnaround time with respect to invoicing Reimbursements
- A. Ensure fiscal accountability for NAGPS administration and events
- B. Identify sustainable revenue sources for future administrations
- C. Enforce realistic NAGPS finance policies
- D. Eliminate redundant spending
- E. Resolve existing administrative issues from previous administration
- F. Establish long-standing financial accounts at respected, accessible institutions

Director of Communications

- A. Work with the board to maintain and improve communication between the NAGPS and its member schools.
- B. Plan, create, and execute a quarterly newsletter to maintain connection and communication with member schools.
- C. Collect, edit, and send weekly e-mail blast information to member schools as a way to maintain communication with member schools.
- D. Work with the Director of Outreach to create and finalize outreach materials that will expand NAGPS name recognition and be used in recruiting new members.
- E. Produce timely news releases as needed and requested by NAGPS.

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Director of Administration

- A. Assist general membership and officers with timely and accurate information
- B. Answer all communications within 48 hours
- C. Assist board with accomplishing strategic plans by providing the necessary assistance, materials, etc. to be successful
- D. Develop a user friendly document management system
- E. Develop a user friendly/ up to date website
- F. Maintain up to date and accurate information on website
- G. Manage the general membership data system

Kevin McComber, Director of Outreach

- A. Increase NAGPS organizational and individual membership
- B. Increase NAGPS name recognition
- C. Maintain documentation of our efforts and best practices
- D. Develop documentation to guide future NAGPS recruiters

Paul Monasterio, Director of Relations

- A. Enhance the professional image of the NAGPS through partnerships with high profile institutions and individuals.
- B. Improve our relationship with like-minded organizations to extend our reach.
- C. Develop a sustained income stream via a combination of corporate sponsorships and donations.
- D. Increase number of sponsors and donors as well as their average contributions.
- E. Add value to NAGPS membership by offering additional services such as health, dental, and vision insurance.
- F. Strengthen the profile of the advisory board and the Friends of NAGPS program to further improve our profile.

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Chad Foerster, Legislative Concerns

- A. Plan, coordinate and support the bi-annual NAGPS Legislative Action Days in Washington, DC
- B. Establish NAGPS as an effective and informed interest group that is recognized by national lawmakers and their staff
- C. Strengthen partnerships with affiliates who focus on issues pertinent to graduate and professional students
- D. Create an active and engaged Legislative Concerns Committee and hold monthly committee meetings via teleconferences
- E. Promote state and national advocacy efforts for NAGPS membership Universities
- F. Act as a resource for all membership Universities through an effective Legislative Concerns section of the NAGPS website

Matthew Engel, Employment Concerns

- A. Empower GPSAs from member institutions with directly relevant information they can leverage to improve their situation locally
- B. To collect and disseminate information directly useful to graduate students during their tenure at university and post-graduation
- C. Organize career networking/poster session at 2010 National Conference
- D. Develop Collaboration with Legislative Action Chair

Tareq Tawaiha, International Student Concerns

- A. Strengthen the presence and outreach of NAGPS thorough ISCC
- B. Support current bills that concern international students
- C. Follow current events that effect the status of International Students
- D. Improve access to information by international student son our site.
- E. Develop a plan to get policy updated and reports regarding NAFSA
- F. Strengthen and better establish relations with International Organizations.
- G. To continue to lobby for international students to work and stay in the USA.

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Mandy Stahre, Midwest Regional Chair

- A. Establish a repository of documents including up-to-date contact list for the Midwest Region
- B. Identify common issues among schools in the Midwest
- C. Recruit schools with motivated students

Jason Heustis, Northeast Regional Chair

- A. To engage more regional member schools in regional leadership positions
- B. To facilitate communication between members of the regional board to ensure that we are working as a concerted whole
- C. To raise the profile of the Northeast activity level by increasing communication to all members of the region
- D. To support the execution of a successful regional conference
- E. To increase membership

Mike Matson, Southcentral Regional Chair

- A. Double membership by regional conference
- B. Representation of Big 12 at conference
- C. Establish regional structure, newsletter, and disaster response documents.

Fabian Bauwens, Southeast Regional Chair

- A. Recruitment and retention
- B. Expand membership by 5-10 member schools
- C. Create and maintain regional database with GPSA contacts
- D. Preparation and support for the regional conference

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Julia Mortyakova, Immediate Past President

- A. NAGPS Name Recognition – Public Image Become the “popular” or “cool” organization, one which everyone wants to join, interview/quote in publications, advocate for/with, serve as a board member
- B. Advocacy – develop a more professional appearance at Legislative Action Days, provide members with lobbying tools, attract potential members with lobbying
- C. Membership recruitment/growth – grow to 100 members by 2011
- D. Focus on recruiting Washington DC area schools!
- E. Communication – develop a steady means of communicating with membership (through quarterly newsletter, bi-weekly news blasts, etc.)
- F. Recruitment of Corporate Partners and like-minded organizations
- G. Utilize the Advisory Board (“Friends of NAGPS”, etc. to recruit/attract members, partners, donors), add members to the Advisory Board
- H. Budget – find new ways to generate revenue (Grants, etc.)
- I. Provide services to members – surveys, statistics of members and grad students in general