



This purpose of this document is to provide a little more information on the resolutions being presented to membership at the 2015 NAGPS National Conference. The titles are linked so that you may easily retrieve the document.

[Resolution to remove the Legal Concerns Chair position from the board](#)

NAGPS membership voted to create the Legal Concerns Chair position as a part of the Advocacy Board at the 2012 national conference. Simply put, this Chair was tasked with monitoring issues that would have legal implications on graduate-professional students. At the time of voting, this seemed like a good idea however, in practice, it has proven more difficult.

In the three years since the creation of the Legal Concerns Chair, NAGPS has gotten limited productivity from this position and has struggled to find specific responsibilities and direction for the person occupying this position. The limited productivity is not due to lack of effort by the persons who have held this position, but rather because the issues this position may be able to address already fall under the purview of other Advocacy Board positions, such as legislative, employment, social justice, or international student, concerns respectively.

The Board of Directors have tried for three years and through four Legal Concerns Chairs to develop a productive charge for this position but have been unsuccessful. It is, therefore, in the best interest of the Association and its Board of Directors to eliminate the position.

[Resolution to restructure the Advocacy and form an Advocacy Committee](#)

The current structure of the Advocacy Board is as follows:

- Director of Legislative Affairs (Chair of Advocacy Board & Legislative Concerns Committee)
- Social Justice Concerns Chair (Chair of Social Justice Committee)
- Employment Concerns Chair (Chair of Employment Concerns Committee)
- International Student Concerns Chair (Chair of Int'l Student Concerns Committee)
- Legal Concerns Chair (Chair of Legal Concerns Committee)

This structure is inefficient because:

1. The Director of Legislative Affairs chairing two committees takes time and attention away from our legislative advocacy.
2. The remaining committees typically have low participation, leaving the remaining committee chairs to essentially work alone or with limited help



Restructuring the Advocacy Board in the proposed manner and forming an Advocacy Committee would allow the Director of Legislative Affairs to concentrate solely on legislative advocacy. It would also ensure that the committee chairs are working in support of each other and with other parts of the board who would need their assistance. This restructuring would also ensure that the Association's advocacy efforts have adequate support.

[Resolution to approve the 2016 budget](#)

The proposed budget is similar to the passed budget from last year with a few key differences. Justification for the changes are as follow

Board Expenses

- E1.3 increases the outreach budget by \$1500. This money will be available to regional chairs to carry out region-specific outreach, enabling greater interaction between NAGPS and its members. Previously, NAGPS did not have money earmarked for regionals chairs to engage in outreach visits.
- E1.4 increases the Communications budget by \$1000. This money will be used for increased communication during this coming Presidential election year and sponsorship of agency outreach events.
- E1.5 increases the Discretionary budget by \$2000 to the level it was in 2014 and previous years. This budget line is primarily used to support travel for the President and other Board members during the year. This year saw an increase number of events the Association sent representatives to. NAGPS sends representatives to events to support member programs and engage in agency outreach. We are anticipating an increase in these opportunities this year. Some of the new events NAGPS sent representatives to are
 - Midwest Research Symposium (University of Toledo)
 - Texas State Legislative Action Days (University of North Texas)
 - University of Nebraska-Lincoln Career Fair
- E1.6 reallocated \$2500 from E3.3, the Spring LAD line. This reallocation will allow NAGPS and the Director of Legislative Affairs to carry out more strategic legislative initiatives. 2016 is a Presidential election year and we want to position NAGPS to be able to participate in related events and make graduate-professional student issues election issues
- E4.7 is a new expense that allocates \$750 for Salesforce training. Salesforce is an online customer relationship management (CRM) platform that NAGPS uses to manage member information and communications. The platform is robust and there are many



things we don't yet know how to do. This money would be used to provide training to the Director of Administration and Director of Finance.

- E6.1 creates a new expense to pay for costs associated with the NAGPS Gala. The Gala will be held in the Spring of 2016. The Gala was originally planned for this past September to be held in conjunction with Fall LAD in Washington DC but was postponed until the spring to give us the best opportunity to hold a successful event.

The total cost of the Gala is ~\$10,000 and NAGPS already paid a 50% deposit. The \$5000 would pay for the remaining cost. The Gala is being used as a fundraising event for NAGPS.

- R5.1 anticipates \$10,000 in revenue for the Gala. Which will make the event revenue neutral. The \$10K revenue is realistic. The NAGPS national advisory board is assisting the Association with fundraising and has pledged the first \$1000 sponsorship. With the time left before the gala we should be able to make the other \$9000.
- R5.2 anticipates \$10,000 in revenue from fundraising centered around NAGPS's 30th anniversary. The fundraising program will exist beyond the 30th year and will become a staple revenue generator for the Association in the future.
- R2.6 budgets for \$7000 in conference income. Beginning next year NAGPS will have vendor booths at the national conference. Vendors will pay a fee for the booths and access to conference attendees

[Resolution to approve the Legislative Platform](#)

NAGPS membership authorizes its legislative platform annually. The legislative concerns committee is not recommending any changes to the legislative platform this year. The current platform is included in the resolution