NAGPS Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, July 25th, 2021
7-9PM ET / 4-6PM PT / 6-8PM CST
Topic: BoD Meeting
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Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM PT; 6:05 PM CT; 7:05 PM ET

1. Approval of Agenda
   a. Dir. Admin Miller moved to approve agenda, seconded by VP Rowe; meeting approved by general consent

2. Approval of June Meeting Minutes
   a. Motion to approve minutes from Dir. Klein, seconded by Dir. Suri; approved by general consent

3. Old Business
   a. Position Recruitment & Vacancies
      i. Western Regional Director
      ii. Southeast Regional Director
         1. No bites on RD, but one person interested Southeast Asst. Director of Outreach
            a. VP Rowe, Question: Was there any interest in being RD?
               i. Dir. Suri: individual indicated that they did not have the time to commit to RD
            b. Dir. Suri, Question: Is it possible to have board members on a board without a director?
i. Mixed answers, overall response: nothing directly impeding this from happening in the Bylaws, but functionally being the only director on a board of directors does not particularly work.

ii. IPP Sommer: Indicated that best bet might be a special assistant position that focuses on outreach in order to maintain interest and help reinvigorate SE region activity

   c. Individual from Universities at Shady Grove

iii. Midwest

   1. Interest in MW Asst. Director of Outreach

iv. Assistants

   1. Two individuals interested in assistant positions

v. Director of Compliance

vi. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1doa3v_BU6Za-Bb1q6FiHxETQrmK30Adskq5tXos9mW0/edit - Leadership Nomination

b. Upcoming Events

   i. Leadership

      1. Speakers
         a. 3 speakers submitted abstracts
         b. 2 speakers verbally expressed interest

   2. Tasks to Complete Before Conference
      a. Banner
      b. Parliamentarian (search ongoing)
      c. Zoom Links

   3. Eventbrite:
      https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-nagps-leadership-conference-tickets-164766213179

   4. Signal Boosting
      a. Like, share, and comment on social media posts to increase engagement

   ii. NatCon

      1. Applications
         a. Application out and open for submissions
         b. Questions:
            i. Admin. Asst. Welfer: Deadline?
               1. Technically, we are supposed to announce the host 120 days prior to the conference, which would put the deadline at the end of July. This is not easily attainable at this point.
               2. Board discussed August 20th deadline, with meeting of the Board on the 21st to vote on
host, announcement on the 22nd to membership to announce

iii. Member Forum
   1. July 29th at 7 ET / 6 CT / 4 PT
   2. Only 3 registrations presently
      a. Dir. Suri asked everyone to please help promote to increased attendance/engagement
   3. Ensure to make it clear this is open to all membership, not just GSC/GSO/GSA leadership
   4. Hosting these is open to other members of the Board

iv. Fall LAD
   1. October 1st-4th
   2. Pres. Chodur requested Dir. Klein add ticket prices for LAD to the agenda for upcoming Fin&Fun Committee Meeting
   3. Program Ideas/Speakers
      a. If any DC contacts, please contact Dir. Potter ASAP.
      b. Pay of Student Athletes is being pursued by Congressman Murphy
      c. Grad Student Debt
      d. Student Housing

4. Board Reports
   a. President's Report, President Gwen Chodur
      i. Nailing down availability for meeting with various groups pursuing student debt
         1. In addition to advocacy, they do workshops on managing debt - reached out about doing a grad student specific one
      ii. Spoken to Dick Durbin’s office (IL) about Adjunct Faculty Loan Fairness Act
      iii. Pres. Chodur likely to serve on Dept. of Education panel
      iv. Potential meeting with Eloy Ortiz Oakley, new special advisor to Secretary Cordona
         1. Will need to put together policy document
   b. Vice President Report, VP Rowe (Motion to add section to agenda by Pres. Chodur, second by Dir. Miller, approved by general consent)
      i. Assisting Dir. Suri with Outreach
      ii. Assisting Dir. Klein with Finance-related issues
   c. Administration Report, Dir. Miller
      i. Only three things not in this report
         1. Paul Welfer given access to Board and EXCOMM email groups
            a. Still needs access to ProTrac
         2. A&C Committee Meeting
            a. Need to know day that NAGPS was founded
               i. IPP Sommer: February 24 1989 pop up as Articles of Incorporation
ii. Also found dates for March 1987 (history on website)

iii. Unsure which of these is more accurate, will need further research

3. Google Analytics enabled
d. Communications Report, Dir. Wang
e. Employment Concerns Report, Dir. Seto
   i. Creating two surveys on perspective on the NAGPS advocacy platform and issue pursuance
      1. One for GSO/GSC/GSA organizations
      2. Other for individual students at member institutions for
   ii. Grad Student Appreciation Week
      1. Gov. of Indiana proclaimed this to be legitimate this past year
f. External Affairs Report, Dir. Kindred
   i. Updated links for the partnerships on the website that have expired or will soon expire
   ii. Contacted Alumni Advisory Committee Chair Kulmer about a partnership contact
   iii. Combing through various partnerships suggested by different board members
      1. Planning to dive into these more after the upcoming week
   iv. Meeting with Sprintax representatives this upcoming week
   v. Dir. Kidder-Wolff brought into Smylen conversations to better leverage partnership in the NE
g. Finance Report, Dir. Klein
   i. Cash flow positive at this time
   ii. Endowment rate of return 7.4% year-to-date
   iii. Office of Attorney General D.C. auditing investigation still ongoing
   iv. Funds recovery from 2017 Dir. Finance & President still ongoing
   v. Discussions around contacting membership to redefine what a “new” member constitutes and potential for proration of dues
      1. Admin. Staff Welfer: historic habit of organizations not to pay for their membership until right before events (e.g. National Conference), which creates a cash flow issue and could influence the proration and alternative practices regarding membership dues
discussions
h. International Student Concerns, Report. Dir. Montenegro
   i. Dir. Montenegro will send formal report at a later time
i. Legislative Affairs Report, Dir. Potter
   i. Planning for Legislative Campaigns under way
      1. Student Debt (Forgiveness, Pell Grant)
      2. CTA (Amend to include data relevant to grads)
      3. Detailed asks/ rough campaign expected after LCC next monday
   ii. LAD
1. Reached out to Westin, no response yet
2. Hope to get ahold of Ayesha, get hard confirmation on rooms/meeting space within next week, send out save the dates immediately after
3. Get contract, set ticket price, set up ticketing page

iii. Membership Forum
   1. Handed off primary responsibilities to Dir. Suri
   2. Will still continue to moderate the forums going forward.

iv. Other
   1. Attended CEF virtual hill day, met with 3 congressional offices advocating for education funding
      a. Teresa Fernandez (D-NM3), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Mike Braun (R-IN)
      b. More detailed write-up forthcoming with full report

j. Outreach Report, Dir. Suri
   i. Membership numbers: Total = 61 (1 new organizational, 2 individual members since last BoD)
      1. Individual: 24 (2 unknown regions)
         a. 3 MW
         b. 5 NE
         c. 10 SC
         d. 3 W
         e. 1 SE
      2. Organizational: 36
         a. 6 MW
         b. 6 W
         c. 9 NE
         d. 6 SC
         e. 9 SE
      3. Affiliate: 1
         a. 1 SC

ii. Newsletter
   1. July newsletter went out last week

iii. Board Officer of July

iv. Member Forum
   1. July 29th 7PM ET

v. 4 projects planned to spread awareness/ recruit/retain members
   1. Targeting recruitment, retaining members, how to spread more awareness to members outside of GSC/GSO/GSA leadership

vi. SPT
   1. Next meeting on July 28th

vii. Collab possibility with NAFSA and/or PhD balance
   1. Dir. Mensah setting up meeting between Dir. Suri and NAFSA representative
2. PhD Balance could be incorporated into the newsletters
   a. Pres. Chodur messaged prior founder of PhD Balance on Twitter to help with this

viii. Helping MW Board
   1. MW Regional Board meeting upcoming on July 30th

k. Social Justice Concerns Report, Dir. Alfathl
   i. No updates at this time

l. Midwest Region Report, Dir. Mensah (Given by Proxy Dir. Dr. Brett Fredericksen)
   i. Upcoming MW Board meeting on July 30th

m. Northeast Region Report, Dir. Kidder-Wolff

n. Southcentral Region, Dir. Gurung
   i. Made contact with University of Arkansas at Little Rock and University of Mississippi

a. Southeast Region Report, Vacant

b. Western Region Report, Vacant

5. New Business
   a. Dir. Suri has been reaching out to a list of “lost schools” to revamp their involvement
      i. Pres. Chodur and VP Rowe sending outreach emails to make contact with these school representatives

6. Adjourn
   a. Motion to adjourn by Dir. Miller, second by Dir. Wang, adjourned by general consent

   b. **Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM ET / 5:27 PM PT / 7:27 PM CT**