NAGPS Board of Directors Meeting Sunday, July 25th, 2021 7-9PM ET / 4-6PM PT / 6-8PM CST Topic: BoD Meeting Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/418594024 Meeting ID: 418 594 024 One tap mobile +16699006833,,418594024# US (San Jose) +12532158782,,418594024# US (Tacoma) Dial by your location +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 418 594 024 Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/ks6m16pJ5

## Attendance: Note here

## **ProTrack**

## 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 <u>June Meeting Minutes</u>
  - 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.
- 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. <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1doa3v\_BU6Za-Bb1q6FiHxETQrmK30A</u> <u>dskq5tXos9mW0/edit</u> - 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-ti ckets-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?
        - 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, Presiden 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 <u>Eloy Ortiz Oakley</u>, 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
    - 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 dicussions
- 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. Alfathi
  - i. No updates at this time
- I. 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