

**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?

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 [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 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

