

**NAGPS Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, October 24th, 2021**

7-9PM ET / 4-6PM PT / 6-8PM CST

Topic: BoD Meeting

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Meeting called to order at 4:09 PM PT; 6:09 PM CT; 7:09PM ET

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion by Employment Concerns, second by Communication; approved by general consent
2. Approval of [September Meeting Minutes](#)
3. Old Business
 - a. National Conference
 - i. Regional Conferences
 1. Regional Directors will need to have agendas prepared
 2. Volunteers to chair Southeast & West meetings
 - a. One person available to assist with SE at present
 - b. Dir. Potter and Dir. Seto offered to assist with these regional meetings as well
 - c. IPP Sommer indicated that in the past more sparse regions would co-attend meetings with other regional boards and that helped them facilitate their own meetings.
 3. Outreach to encourage attendance and Regional Board nominations for vacant positions
 4. Encourage ticket sales

- ii. Encourage and circulate Call for Speakers form
- iii. Encourage and circulate Call for Chair and Parliamentarian
- iv. Bylaws changes
 - 1. Propose ASAP
 - 2. Per IPP Sommer: resolutions can be common sense solutions for issues that have cropped up within different Board positions.
 - a. Admin. Asst. Welfer: not every resolution must be a Bylaw change.
- v. Any other items for the business meeting? Already scheduled:
 - 1. Budget presentation
 - a. Comment, Dir. Gurung: remember that we need to clarify that the membership year ends in December, so the 50% off of membership dues after July is not worth as much closer to the end of the year; clarifying language would be good for the membership.
 - 2. Bylaws
 - a. Comment, IPP Sommer: resolutions can be directives that assign actions to the Board/EXCOMM.
 - 3. Elections
 - a. Question, Dir. Potter: is Compliance Director up for vote?
 - i. President Chodur: yes, CD is intended to be elected by the membership.
 - 4. Regional conference breakouts
- vi. Chair/Parliamentarian Recruitment
 - 1. Comment, IPP Sommer: indicated that he is able to serve as the Parliamentarian for NatCon
 - 2. Question Dir. Seto: when did we send out the materials regarding chair and parliamentarian?
 - a. President Chodur: links have been sent out with NatCon announcements on social media flyers for the first time on Friday, October 22nd. Will also be sent out via Mail Chimp tomorrow, October 25th.
- b. October Member Forum
 - i. Dir. Potter Updates:
 - 1. Theme is building up GSA/GSO/GSG/GSCs
 - 2. Emailed a few schools to find speakers
 - 3. Sending Dir. Wang information for social media promotion
 - 4. Comment, Dir. Miller: gentle suggestion for a spooky ice breaker at the start
- c. November Membership Forum
 - i. Comment, President Chodur: If we decide to have one, we will need to think about theme.
 - 1. Dir. Potter: NatCon and Thanksgiving take up most of November, may just want to do something beginning of December.

2. Dir. Gurung: agreed that would probably be better to focus on NatCon for November and have a December Member Forum

4. Open Board Reports

a. President

- i. Communicating with reporter from the Wall Street Journal and is actively involved in commenting on student loan debt & parent plus loans
- ii. Student loan forgiveness statement forthcoming from Director Cardona in Dept. of Education regarding the President's ability to cancel student loan debt
- iii. Advocating at the California level for inclusion of graduate students in conversations related to student loan debt, forgiveness, and visibility
- iv. Getting communications regarding a possible new developing member & sent communications to Dir. Klein regarding their ability to join as a developing member
- v. Requested assistance of NAB with sending word to university Graduate bodies to encourage attendance at NatCon
- vi. President Chodur reminded the current Board that we can always nominate people to serve on the NAB to help diversify and build up the advisement that NAGPS receives
 1. Several Board members indicated support for having additional NAGPS alumni on the NAB

b. Administration

- i. Eventbrite setup for LAD
- ii. Eventbrite setup for NatCon
- iii. Varied random emails
 1. Radison Hotels
 2. Wall Street Journal reporter
 3. Job search company trying to "join"
 4. Developing member school
- iv. Outreach to new member school via Asst. Dir. Smith's suggestion

c. Communications

- i. Admin & Comms Committee Meeting
- ii. Promotions for LAD and its reminder on social medias
- iii. Graphic design for NatCon and social media

d. Employment Concerns/Advocacy Chair

- i. Hoping to promote link for the 36th NatCon next year.
 1. Link here: 2022 National Conference Host Bids, <https://forms.gle/7HNwdigBjdPWfPbAA>

e. Finance

- i. Endowment returns slightly slowed, likely due to stock drops in different areas
- ii. Texas A&M has officially joined
- iii. University of Kansas Medical Center joined
- iv. UNT still pursuing legacy membership

- v. Association is cash flow positive
- vi. Dave Zook, attorney, still following up on District of Columbia audit
 - 1. President Chodur indicated that she wishes to follow-up on this, since last update was in June 2021.
- vii. Regarding repayment from embezzlement conducted by previous President Damon, no repayments have been made since initial
- f. Legislative Affairs
 - i. Spoke with Wall Street Journal reporter alongside President Chodur regarding student loan debt
 - ii. Conducted LCC meetings
 - iii. Interested in Google Drive storage update in order to upload LAD recordings
- g. Social Justice Concerns
 - i. Absent this date
- h. Midwest
 - i. Interim Dir. Fredericksen continues to fill in here
 - ii. Ensuring passwords and documents are continuously updated
 - iii. Meetings are ongoing without issue
- i. Northeast
 - i. Dir. Kidder-Wolf indicated that updates on mentorship survey project forthcoming once more progress has been made
 - ii. Had to cancel last regional meeting
- j. Southcentral
 - i. Dir. Gurung indicated that he and Dir. Klein had conversations with Texas A&M to ensure they understood the limitation of membership at this point in the year.
 - ii. Hosted October regional Board meeting as usual, everyone continues to move along with their duties
- k. Southeast
 - i. No report this date
- 5. New Business
 - a. None at this time.
- 6. Adjourn
 - a. **Motion to adjourn made by Dir. Klein, motion seconded by Dir. Wang; approved by general consent**

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM ET / 5:29 PM PT / 7:29 PM CT