

MEMORANDUM

NALP Newer Professionals Section

To: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director

CC: Amy Jones Mattock, NALP Board Liaison

From: Sandra R. Minea, Newer Professionals Section Chair

Date: February 1, 2018

Re: NALP Newer Professionals Section Board Report – 3rd Quarter

SUMMARY

The Newer Professionals Section had a quiet third quarter, likely due to end-of-the-year pushes and the holidays. That being said, the group continues to show creativity and innovation, coming up with new ideas and ways to further our charges and serve our members.

We held our third quarterly call on January 11, 2018. In addition to updating the group on what our Work Groups have been up to (these updates are noted below), we also had some guest speakers. To further our charge of helping our members “graduate” into other NALP sections, we had Patty Lopez from the Law Student Professional Development Section and Tony Waller from the JD Career Advisors Section talk on the call about their respective sections and how NALP Newer Professionals can become involved in them. We plan to have a representative from the Lawyer Professional Development Section and the Recruiting Section join our final quarterly call of the year to discuss those sections.

Our section still struggles with getting members engaged. We have a core group that is engaged, but have trouble getting other members to participate. Our NALP Integration work group continues to do a fantastic job bringing great content to our members and trying to engage them on NALPconnect. To add to that, though, we are moving forward with the “Dear Abby”-style feature for NALPconnect, where Newer Professionals can seek advice from Experienced Professionals. We are also hoping to engage members through a new monthly drop-in call. We will be hosting a monthly call with an open line and no agenda for anyone who wants to chat about any topic. We hope this engages members who may have to miss the quarterly call for a previously-scheduled event or who want to discuss a topic in a more timely fashion (and anyone else who just wants to get together to chat!).

We are looking forward to the next, and final, quarter. I anticipate we may get a surge of new members after the Newer Professionals Forum, which I hope invigorates the group!

WORK GROUPS

NALP Integration

Vice Chair: Courtney Dredde Carter (Jenner)

Courtney continues to do great work with this work group. Her and her team have been reaching out to welcome the newest members of our group as they join, and have been continuing to post articles to NALPconnect to encourage discussion there. She also encouraged anyone attending the Newer Professionals forum to spread the word about signing up for our group on NALPconnect.

Ask the Experts

Vice Chairs: Mary Beth Nielsen (SMU) and Justina Diaz (Jenner)

Mary Beth and Justina have another great webinar on February 1st at 2pm (eastern) covering Judicial Clerkships, working with members of the Judicial Clerkship section.

Bulletin Article Planning

Vice Chairs: Katy Van de Weghe (Wachtell) and Chelsey Parrott-Sheffer (Seyfarth)

Our Newcomer's Corner schedule is entirely full, but they encourage our members who may have ideas to write feature-length articles. On our last call, we proposed that any members who submitted a proposal that was not accepted should reach out to them about potentially turning it into a feature-length article. We have also asked members to start thinking ahead for next year! Below is a list of articles submitted on behalf of our group since September.

Author	Title	Issue
Elizabeth Doss	Tackling Tough Questions & Simplifying Information Overload	September 2017
Bill Clegg	Transitioning into Legal from Another Field - What's So Different?	October 2017
Lindsay Howard	Finding the Right Mentor	November 2017
Meredith Wiggins	Tips for Making the Most of Your First Newer Professionals Forum	December 2017
Melissa Duncan	Tech Típe for Efficiency in the New Year	January 2018
Kapila Juthani	Meeting Students Where They Are: The Meeting that Shifted My Thinking	January 2018

Annual Education Conference Planning

Vice Chair: None

During our recent quarterly call, I encouraged our members to start thinking about RFPs and planning for the rush after the Annual Education Conference now. I am hopeful we can get some people excited and interested now (particularly after the Newer Professionals Forum) so that we can have more (and more successful) submissions next year.