The Small/Solo section has been active lately on NALPConnect and in preparing for next month’s conference. Given the schedule of ERSS data being due and the short time between then and the meeting, we have not had a call since the January quarterly call. Instead we have relied on sharing information via NALPConnect and email.

We have started a (full) agenda for the April meeting, and will be soliciting requests for additional items, as well as suggestions for the Hot Topics panel, from all members. We have started publicizing the 2015 RFP process and will continue to do so through April and May with a big push at the April meeting and a likely call toward the end of April to focus more on proposals from the section. I am in the process of reaching out to all the current Vice-Chairs to see if they are interested in continuing in that role for next year, and I hope they will as it has been a great team.

Two things we want to think about for next year include (1) ways that we can reach out to Newer Professionals, as well as members who make a changes in schools and join a smaller office, or to schools who may lose personnel and hit that “3 and under” professionals level, and encourage more participation in the Small/Solo section and (2) identifying a resource or tool that would allow us to share certain types of resources with each other (such as video or audio presentations) that are not easily shareable via NALPConnect.

It’s been a privilege to be part of such a supportive and active group this past year and I look forward to continuing to work with everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to lead the Small/Solo Section in 2013-2014 and I look forward to being an active member of NALP and this section.