



# NAFSA Region I News

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## New Process for Aspiring Team Leaders

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Region I has systematized the process for expressing interest in joining the regional leadership team! Review the positions opening up on the [team website](#) and complete the [Team Participation Form](#) on the right sidebar. Please note that September 1st is the deadline for the open Chair-Elect and Treasurer positions.



The information will go to the Chair-Elect for consideration as that position works on building the team! Position descriptions are also located on the same page, and team members would be happy to

discuss their volunteer work for the team with you if you have questions.

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## Conference Registration Opens, Region I Seeks Travel Grant Applications and Award Nominees

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Registration is now open for the first ever NAFSA Tri-Regional Conference! Join over 1,000 attendees from Regions I, II, and IV in Denver, CO. The tentative schedule, registration rates and important dates have been shared on the [Tri-Regional Conference website](#).



### REGIONAL CONNECTIONS, GLOBAL REACH

#### 2017 Tri-Regional Conference

**When:** November 3-8, 2017

**Where:** Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver, Colorado (lodging and conference site)

#### Travel Grants

NAFSA Region I supports colleagues who wish to advance their professional development by attending regional conference activities through offering travel grants that will help defray the costs of participation. Deadline for travel grant applications is September 1, 2017. [Learn more here.](#)

#### Region I Awards

Nominate your colleague for one of our three NAFSA Region I awards. The nomination deadline is Monday, October 2, 2017. [Learn more here.](#)

## Membership Discount for New and Previous NAFSA Members

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NAFSA regional conference attendees who have never been members of NAFSA or whose previous membership expired on or before July 1, 2014 are eligible to join NAFSA today and receive all NAFSA benefits at a special introductory rate of only \$230—a savings of 50% off your annual dues.

This is full NAFSA membership with all benefits, including paying the member rate for your conference. How does someone take advantage of this deal?

- Check out the [NAFSA Regional Conference landing page](#) for more information, including a downloadable PDF.
- Join online using special coupon code **RGN17**. Then register for the conference online and enjoy the member rate.

If paying by check, there is an option right on the paper registration form to sign up for discounted membership and submit payment along with conference registration.

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## Time to Start Daydreaming About the Tri-Regional Gala and Auction

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It is time to begin looking forward to the annual NAFSA Gala and Silent Auction, always a highlight of the [Region I conference](#). This year the event will be better than ever with Regions II and IV joining in the fun!

Dress to impress or keep it casual, it is up to you. This is a great chance to network, take a break from sessions and relax, and/or participate in the silent auction.

Do you have any items you'd like to donate for the auction? Save space in your luggage and ship them ahead of time! New or homemade items only please, please no used items or college/university swag. Some examples of previous donations include: handmade jewelry, scarves, wine for the wine tree, gift cards, traditional clothes from other countries, etc. Please let our team know what to expect by filling out the [donation form](#).

Proceeds from donated auction items will support [NAFSA travel grants](#)!



For more information about the gala and auction, visit the [Tri-Regional conference page](#) or contact [Perri Schodorf](#).

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## Get Help with Your Issue!

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[NAFSA's IssueNet](#) platform offers international educators two powerful tools to report trends from the field and obtain professional guidance on regulatory issues. All international education professionals are welcome to **"Report an Issue"** to NAFSA on the emerging obstacles or challenges they are encountering in



the field. NAFSA members can "**Get Help**" on individual cases by connecting with a committee of their peers who liaise with U.S. and foreign government officials.

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## NAFSA Advocacy News & Resources

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NAFSA believes in an engaged and welcoming United States, a more responsive and participatory government, and a more secure and peaceful world. If you haven't already, sign up to receive [Connecting Our World Action Alerts](#) for information on how you can get involved in advocating for policy changes for immigration, peace building, study abroad, and U.S. elections.

Have ideas for regional advocacy efforts or want more information about ways to get involved? Contact your Region I Advocacy Representative, [Amanda Fletcher](#).

Click on the links below for information on recent NAFSA advocacy actions.

### **NAFSA Supports the DREAM Act of 2017**

NAFSA joined 32 educational organization in [a letter to thank Sen. Lindsey Graham \(R-S.C.\) and Sen. Dick Durbin \(D-III.\)](#) for introducing the DREAM Act of 2017 and to urge the passage of the bill this year. The bipartisan DREAM Act would allow undocumented youths to apply for legal immigration status, permitting them to achieve their academic and professional goals and contribute to the country they

call home.

## U.S. Treasury Department Releases New Resource on Cuba Regulations

On July 26, the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) [posted a new FAQ](#) pursuant to President Trump's June 2017 [announcement on Cuba regulations](#). Though the regulations have not been formally updated yet, this FAQ answers some common questions about the impact those changes will ultimately have on international education and exchange between the United States and Cuba.

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*If you have news you would like to share in the Region's quarterly newsletter, please email the [Region I Secretary](#).*

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## Team Member Spotlight: Elizabeth (EJ) Brin, Chair-Elect

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### **Tell us about yourself and what you do at the BC Council for International Education (BCCIE)**

I'm an American that has been living in Vancouver, BC for the past 8 years. I moved here to attend graduate school in International Education and ended up never leaving. My background is in international student services, however, for the last four and a half years I have been working for BCCIE on the international leadership side of things as well as with the provincial government on various IE initiatives. I also recently began working with Illuminate Consulting Group (ICG) to stay abreast of current data and research in the field.



### **Why did you decide to join the NAFSA Region I team?**

We invited the former President of NAFSA, Fanta Aw, to come speak at our conference a couple years ago and we were discussing the importance of cross-border collaboration in our field. Joining the regional team as a BC rep seemed like a logical next step to trying to make this happen between our two countries.

### **What are some ways that we can encourage more people to get involved with the NAFSA Region I activities?**

As this year's chair-elect I have given a lot of thought to this question. One of the first steps is to ensure that our community is aware of the many opportunities that already exist within NAFSA. Beyond our conference, we offer advocacy support, trainer corp opportunities and other professional development workshops throughout the year. Increasing awareness of these

programs is critical. This is something we have been working on through streamlining communications and building a stronger social media presence as a Region. The other step, of course, is making sure that we are providing activities that our Region is interested in doing, which is why we will be surveying all of you before putting our 2018 activities calendar together.

### **How did you end up in International Education?**

Like many of us in this field, it all began with my experiences abroad as an undergraduate student and my continued passion for learning about new cultures, and experiencing new places and things. I don't think I consciously knew I was going to head this direction when I returned from Ghana and Italy, primarily because International Education wasn't really seen as a field at that point, but looking back, almost all of my life and career decisions following my junior year directed me down this path.

### **What do you most look forward to every day when heading to work?**

My bike ride into work. I live in one of the most beautiful cities in the world and bike over a bridge that gives me a spectacular 365 degree view of mountains, ocean and a city skyline. I do it rain or shine. The second aspect is the people I work with. I think the work we do fosters an environment of openness and acceptance. That makes me happy.

### **What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?**

Right now, rock climbing. I find it is the perfect mix of athleticism and problem solving. Not many things can compare with sitting on the top of a multi-pitch climb, exhausted and overlooking a vista you wouldn't be able to view in any other way. And sharing that moment with your climbing partner who supported you the whole way up makes it that much better.

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## **Knowledge Community Updates**

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### **International Enrollment Management (IEM) Community**

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#### **IEM Spotlight: Transnational Education System**

The Admissions and Credential Evaluation Subcommittee is pleased to announce that the April 2017 edition of the [IEM Spotlight](#) is now available. This month's issue highlights various transnational education systems and degrees including an article on joint programs in Europe, international branch campuses, a guideline for dual degrees, and a credential survey of transnational credentials.

Future IEM Spotlight issues are scheduled to be published on August 23rd and November 8th.

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### **Education Abroad Knowledge Community**

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**New resources available on the NAFSA site:**

The diversity and inclusion subcommittee in the Education Abroad Knowledge Community has created a [new advising guide to assist LGBTQ+ students](#). The resource is designed to help education abroad professionals prepare students who identify as LGBTQ+ for their education abroad endeavors.

### **Upcoming Learning Opportunities with NAFSA:**

[Ethical and Sustainable Service Learning for Education Abroad](#): As the demand for meaningful, service-oriented study abroad experiences rises, so does the potential for ethical missteps. This NAFSA e-Learning Seminar will provide tips and insights into selecting partners and working with host communities to ensure both your students and the local community will benefit.

Wednesday, October 4, 3:00-4:30 p.m. (EDT), cost \$129 (member) \$179 (nonmember)

### **Calling All EA Offices:**

Several individuals have requested the region compile a general list of when Education Abroad information fairs take place. In order to assist, a [Google Sheet to document Region I EA Info Fairs](#) has been created and we are asking all study abroad offices to consider adding their information.

Thank you for helping us in answering these questions and contributing to a better informed region!

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## **Job Postings in the Region**

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[Visit the NAFSA Region I Job Board for the most up to date job postings in the region. Click here!](#)





NAFSA Region I Team

[Visit our website](#) and connect with us on social media at the links below.

