# Serve NAFSA (and International Education) through Leadership

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### Here's what you will learn:

- Opportunities to get Involved
- The Benefits of NAFSA Leadership
- NAFSA National Election and Appointment Process
- Regional Election and Appointment Process
- Current Leadership Opportunities
- More Ways to serve NAFSA and IE



### Opportunities to get Involved

- The Academy
- Advocacy Day
- Presenting and Volunteering at Conferences
- Join a Member Interest Group
- Join a Knowledge Community
- Volunteering for NAFSA Leadership



### The Academy

An intensive nine-month training program with extensive networking opportunities.

- Provides an introduction to the field of international education and its major practice areas
- For new professionals, those in new roles, those looking to network or expand knowledge of international education
- Individual learning plan, reflection papers
- Attend Spring Training and NAFSA Conferences
- Apply in late Fall
- Application fee includes NAFSA membership



### Advocacy Day

Join colleagues from across the country in the nation's capital to meet with your members of Congress and their staff to advocate for policies that promote international education.

- Further your knowledge of grassroots advocacy
- Learn about current political trends as they relate to NAFSA's legislative priorities
- Gain insights into the workings of a congressional office
- Receive tips on effectively engaging your elected officials
- Occurs in Washington, DC in mid-March



### Presenting and Volunteering

- Anyone can present at a conference!
- Start presenting at the state or regional level
- Share your expertise, best practices, research, or lead a round table discussion – be creative!
- Present at poster fairs
- Network with colleagues and save money on your conference registration by volunteering at the Annual Conference!



### Join a Member Interest Group

### www.nafsa.org/migs

- There are 30 MIGs reflecting Institutional Interest Groups (IIGs) and Specific Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Some groups do not require NAFSA membership
- They provide excellent networking opportunities

#### There's something for everyone!

- Africa SIG
- •Black/Multicultural Professionals in IE
- •Canada SIG
- •China SIG
- Christian SIG
- •Community Colleges IIG
- Creative Industries SIG
- Embassy Dialogue SIG



- •Foreign Born International Educators SIG
- •Francophone World SIG
- •Global Nomads SIG
- •Healthcare IIG
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- •International Education for Persons With Disabilities
- •Intercultural SIG
- International Living Center
- Japan SIG
- •Latin America & the Caribbean SIG

- •Liberal Arts Institution: Small & Residential IIG
- •Middle East Interest Group (MEIG)
- •One Person Office SIG
- •Peace, Justice & Citizen Diplomacy
- •Phase II SIG
- Postdoc SIG
- •Rainbow SIG
- •Returned Peace Corps Volunteers SIG
- Sustainability SIG
- •Tech SIG
- •United Nations SIG
- •Women's College IIG

### Join a Member Interest Group

### Consider joining these MIGs

Christian SIG



The Christian SIG supports programs that will provide links for both Christian international students/scholars and U.S. study abroad students, connecting each with Christian resources during their sojourns away from home; network Christians who work with international students as well as strengthen professional services of international educators employed by Christian institutions of higher learning; and orient and strengthen the Christian community in its offering of effective and ethical services to international students and scholars.





The mission of the Healthcare Institutions IIG is to bring together NAFSA members who work with or in the academic healthcare and medical community for the purpose of better understanding the key

issues confronting that community.

#### Rainbow SIG



The Rainbow SIG is comprised of diverse members of NAFSA whose goals are to counsel international students and study abroad students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered; to support gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered professionals in international education; and to combat homophobia, heterosexism, and trans-phobia in international education



### Join a Knowledge Community

www.nafsa.org/KnowledgeCommunity

- Education Abroad
- International Student and Scholar Services
- Recruitment, Admissions, and Preparation
- International Education Leadership
- Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship



# Volunteer to be a NAFSA Leader Who is a NAFSA Leader?

## YOU!



Get involved. •• Become a Leader!

### Benefits of NAFSA Leadership

- Apply and enhance your leadership skills
- Strengthen your professional skills (and your résumé!)
  as well as gain information to bring back to your
  institution/organization
- Build and expand your network
- Bring visibility to your institution/organization
- Influence the future direction of international education



### Benefits of NAFSA Leadership



Julie Sinclair Past Chair Region III and KCRAP

"I have learned more about the international education field than I would have without the leadership opportunities. I have also met a ton of great people across the region, the U.S., and around the world due to my involvement. I highly recommend NAFSA volunteer leadership as a great opportunity for both personal and professional development."



Jean Ringer
Trainer Corps,
ADSEC
Committee
Member, Past
Chair Region
III

"NAFSA has allowed me to learn to be a productive, active part of an international organization . . . . Most of all NAFSA has provided a vehicle for networking with people much smarter, more experienced and better organized than I am. No one can ask for more."

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**International Educators** 

### Benefits of NAFSA Leadership



Anita Gaines
Past Chair Region III and
CAFSS

It is difficult to imagine being able to do our work effectively as international educators without the support we receive from NAFSA. It is such an honor that NAFSA provides all of us to get involved as leaders, so I sincerely encourage my colleagues to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



#### late-January

Newly elected leaders attend New Leader Orientation and begin service

#### **January**

Call for Nominations and Applications posted on Web site and announced at WLM

#### mid-March

Deadline to receive nominations/ applications

#### March/ongoing

LDC consults with KC Chair streams, VPEPD, VPMR, MC Chair

October/November results posted on Web site

#### mid-October

Election results are announced to candidates and leaders

### NAFSA National Election Process

April

Applications are reviewed

September 30 election ends

#### April/May

LDC conducts phone interviews

#### September 1

Slate is announced and election begins

July/August

Board ratifies the final slate

#### July

LDC proposes slate to VPMR who provides slate to Governance Committee

#### May/June

Applicants are interviewed at annual conference

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### NAFSA National Elected Positions

#### **Board of Directors**

- President
- Vice President, Public Policy and Practice
- Vice President, Education and Professional Development
  - Vice President, Member Relations
    - Members-at-Large

#### **Member-Leaders**

- Chairs-elect, Knowledge Communities
  - Chair-elect, Membership Committee
- Chair-elect, Leadership Development Committee (beginning 2011)
  - Note: Each Region conducts separate elections for chairs-elect.



Note: to view all position descriptions: visit http://www.nafsa.org/about.sec/nafsa\_leadership\_job\_2/

### NAFSA National Appointed Process

August

•Appointed positions are advertised and posted on www.nafsa.org

mid-September Deadline to receive applications for open appointed positions

late-September  The chair of the committee contacts candidates to review their applications and answer specific questions about the position

late-October Appointments are announced



January

 Newly appointed leaders attend WLM for New Leader Orientation and begin service

### NAFSA National Appointed Positions

- Academy Coaches
- Annual Conference Committee/Local Arrangement Team
  - Membership Committee members (2 subcommittees)
- Leadership Development Committee members (3 subcommittees)
- Education Abroad Knowledge Community members (9 subcommittees)
  - IEL Knowledge Community members (1 subcommittee)
  - ISSS Knowledge Community members (5 subcommittees)
  - RAP Knowledge Community members (6 subcommittees)
  - TLS Knowledge Community members (4 subcommittees)
  - Education Abroad Regulatory Practice members (6 subcommittees)
    - Knowledge Community Coordinating Committee members (2 subcommittees)



### Current Leadership Opportunities

**Current National Openings** 

- Research and Scholarship Network Leader (TLS)
- Chair/Chair-Designate, Training Coordination Subcommittee (TCS)
  - Chair/Chair-Designate, Trainer Corps (TCS)



Check <u>www.nafsa.org/openpositions</u> throughout the year.

### Current Leadership Opportunities

Have you thought about...

Joining the Trainer Corps?

Being a KC Network Coordinator?

Trainer Corps members are NAFSA volunteer leaders who serve as trainers for Core Education Program and On-Demand workshops at the national, regional, and local levels

Applications for 2012 will be accepted starting December 2011.

Each Knowledge Community (KC) needs
Professional Network Managers and
Coordinators to provide oversight and
coordination of the network Web pages,
the primary vehicle of each KC for
disseminating knowledge and information
View the library of all positions:

http://www.nafsa.org/about.sec/nafsa\_lea\_dership\_job\_2/



### National Application Process

Step 1: Complete and Submit Application



#### Volunteer Position Application Form

To apply for any open appointed position (regional, national, etc.) please review the Volunteer Position Description. Then complete this form and e-mail it to leadership@nafsa.org (attach resume/CV). Please use a separate form for each position.

#### Name of position you are applying for:

(Please go to <a href="http://www.nafsa.org/openpositions">http://www.nafsa.org/openpositions</a> if you do not have the position description.)

Applicant's Information	
Name	
Organization	
Daytime Phone Number	
F-Mail Address	

Work History (list most recent 5 positions held – start with current)				
Position title	Dates of Service	Institution/Organization		

Education				
Degree	Date	Institution		

#### Step 2: Update your PIEE





Go to <a href="https://www.nafsa.org/openpositions">www.nafsa.org/openpositions</a> to find positions currently open Email <a href="mailto:leadership@nafsa.org">leadership@nafsa.org</a> for questions or for assistance

### Region III Elected Position(s)

- Chair-elect-elect
  - Chair-elect
    - Chair
- Past Chair, Regional Affairs Committee (RAC)



### Region III Appointed Positions

- Education Abroad Liaison
- KCISS Liaison
- Intensive English Programs Liaison
- Admissions Liaison
- Registrar
- Treasurer
- Development Chair
- Conference Planner
- Conference Planner Apprentice

- State Liaison Arkansas
- State Liaison Louisiana
- State Liaison Oklahoma
- State Liaison North Texas
- State Liaison South Texas
- Communications Liaison
- Training Coordinator
- Two Year Institution Liaison
- Regulatory Ombudspersons:
  - Student Issues
- Scholar & Employment Issues



### Current Leadership Opportunities

#### Current and Upcoming Openings in Region III

- Chair-elect-elect 2012
- Treasurer 2013-2016
- Regulatory Ombuds Scholar & Employment Issues
- Conference Planner Apprentice (1 year term, transitions into Conference Planner)
  - Training Coordinator
  - State Liaison Arkansas
  - Development Chair 2013-2015
  - Intensive English Programs Liaison



Go to Region III on NAFSA website or see the Regional Chair for details on open positions.

### Region III Application Process

#### Step 1: Complete and Submit Application



#### Step 2: Update your PIEE





Email Regional Chair sslaight@dcccd.edu for assistance

### More Ways to Serve NAFSA and IE

- Mentor at Regional and Annual Conferences
- Contribute to NAFSA Publications
  - NAFSA.News
  - International Educator
- Serve on Task Forces (short-time commitment)
- Support state-level initiatives promoting international education
- Lead a MIG (Member Interest Group)



### NAFSA wants YOU!

Talk to your state and regional team leaders

Join grassroots advocacy for IE <a href="https://www.connectingourworld.org">www.connectingourworld.org</a>

Write to <a href="mailto:leadership@nafsa.org">leadership@nafsa.org</a> for assistance

Complete your PIEE! www.nafsa.org/piee

Visit the NAFSA Job Registry <a href="http://jobregistry.nafsa.org/">http://jobregistry.nafsa.org/</a>

Present a session next year

Ask about the Academy



Volunteer at NAFSA conferences

Check for open positions throughout the year <a href="https://www.nafsa.org/openpositions">www.nafsa.org/openpositions</a>