

Information

TO: NACUA Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: June 2008 Report, Committee on Legal Education

Charge to the Committee

The Committee, taking into account the needs of the membership, the most promising subject areas and the potential market for the Association, is responsible for recommending possible topics for NACUA CLE Workshops and working with staff to plan, select speakers for and otherwise implement each CLE Workshop, including those workshops that are cosponsored by client associations.

Committee Leaders

Miles Postema, Chair
Barbara Lee, Vice Chair
Richard Weitzner, Vice Chair

Work Plan for 2007 - 2008

1. Continued Planning and Implementation of Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 CLE Workshops.

a) The Fall 2007 workshop, *Law and Electrons: Computers, Copyright, Telecommunications, Privacy and Security on Campus*, was held November 7 – 9, in cooperation with EDUCAUSE. Paid attendance for the workshop totaled 147, exceeding the budget goal of 125. The workshop planning group was chaired by Committee Chair Miles Postema of Ferris State University.

b) The Spring 2008 workshop, *Employment Law on Campus: Compliance, Conflicts, Change and Challenges for College Counsel*, was held March 5 - 7 in Seattle, Washington. The workshop attracted 174 paid registrants, exceeding the budgeted attendance of 125. The planning group is chaired by Committee immediate past chair Andrew Hughey.

2. Initiation of Planning for the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 CLE Workshops.

Planning groups have been appointed for both workshops. The Fall 2008 workshop will cover Sponsored Research and Technology Transfer and will be held in Washington, DC on November 12 - 14. The planning group, chaired by Theresa Colecchia, has developed a workshop schedule and the planning group members are in the process of enlisting speakers for their assigned sessions. The Spring 2009 CLE workshop will cover higher education discrimination law issues and is scheduled for March 18 - 20 in Tempe, Arizona. The planning group, chaired by Committee Vice-Chair Richard Weitzner, has been meeting via conference call and has developed a preliminary list of possible topics. A draft schedule will be prepared for the planning group conference call scheduled for June 11.

3. Planning and Implementation of 2007- 2008 Virtual Seminar Series; Initial Planning of 2008 - 2009 Virtual Seminar Series.

Our November 30 virtual seminar, *The Unconflicted U: College and University Conflict of Interest Policies*, drew 176 paid sites and an estimated total listening audience of 692.

Panelists were NACUA members Steven Dunham and Marc Rotenberg, and NACUA CEO Kathleen Curry Santora.

Our January 24 virtual seminar, *Campus Security and the Clery Act: Key Compliance Issues, Obligations and Pitfalls*, drew 140 paid sites and an estimated total listening audience of 767. Panelists were NACUA members Robin Parker, Karen Stone, and John Reilly.

On June 16 we will present our next virtual seminar, *Elephants and Donkeys on Campus: Political Campaigns and Colleges and Universities*. Presenters will be NACUA members Jonathan Alger and Celia Roady.

Future virtual seminars will address disaster preparedness and planning, and law office technology.

4. Planning and Implementation of NACUA's Fifth One Day Regional CLE Workshop.

Our one day workshop was held on Friday, April 11 in Memphis. The topic was *Legal Issues in Organizing and Operating Overseas Programs*. The planning group was chaired by Committee Vice-Chair Barbara Lee. There were 137 paid registrants for the workshop, the highest attendance figure for our April one-day workshops since we began them in 2004. In addition to college counsel, the audience included over 40 campus administrators with various responsibilities related to overseas programs.

5. Review Topic Rotation for NACUA’s Two-Day CLE Workshops.

Since 2001, the Committee has observed a rotation schedule for four main topic areas for NACUA’s two-day CLE workshops (those topics are: *Higher Education Employment Law; Sponsored Research and Technology Transfer; Higher Education Discrimination Law; and Computers, Copyright, Telecommunications, Privacy and Security*). A committee working group appointed to review the topic rotation met by conference call in November. Its preliminary conclusion, as reported to the Board at its November 2007 meetings, was that the current topic rotation had served the association well in terms of member needs and meeting budget requirements, and that no other topics suggested themselves as compelling candidates to replace existing topics in the rotation or to be added to the rotation. The only possible adjustment to the rotation might be the addition of a “wild card” topic, which would result in a 5-topic rotation and ensure that all topics alternated between the November Washington D.C. location and the southern and western locations typically used for the March workshop.

In addition, the working group has discussed the proposed “practice management” workshop originating from the Board’s March 2007 Strategic Planning Retreat. A concept schedule for such a workshop was prepared and reviewed by several general counsel in attendance at our March workshop. Based on their comments the schedule has been revised. We hope to form a special working group composed of experienced NACUA general counsel to help implement the workshop, which will be held in New Orleans on January 9 and 10, 2009.

6. Provide Input Into the Annual Report of the Board Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusivity.

Committee Chair Miles Postema serves on the Advisory Council and has participated in its conference calls, providing information on the efforts of the Legal Education Committee.