NODA Mission: The mission of NODA is to provide education, leadership and professional development in the fields of college student orientation, transition and retention.

Spring 2020 NODA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Spring 2020 NODA Board of Directors meet virtually. There were three priority areas that the Board concentrated on: Finances; Contingency Plans and Future Planning. The highlights are below.

Finances

Budget: Since the future is unknown at this time, Joyce suggested that the Board not approve the FY 2020/21 Association Budget. The suggestion was made that the FY 2020/21 budget be used as a guide as the Board considered an Estimated Monthly Cash Flow. The Board did approve the Estimated Monthly Cash Flow to be monitored on a monthly basis with a full evaluation by September, 2020.

Budget models showing various scenarios will be discussed with the Finance Committee.

Regional Conference Refunds: The Association Office worked with Regional Leadership to determine all expenses incurred for the Regional Conferences that were not able to take place in-person and went virtual. The Board reviewed the documentation provided and considered the recommendation from the Finance Committee. As a result, the Board approved a 50% refund for those who paid to attend the Regional Conferences in Regions IV, V, VI and VII. Participants would need to indicate if they would like a refund or forgo the 50% return.

Contingency Planning

The Board determined that in order to make a decision related to the Annual Conference it would be important to gather data throughout April/May. We will need to monitor the status of the COVID-10 epidemic, member institutions travel and professional development options in order to determine the next steps for the Annual Conference. At this time, we are planning to proceed with an in-person experience. The Association Office will engage with the Conference Planning Committee as we continue to plan for the Annual Conference.
Future Planning for the Association
The Board met in small groups to discuss planning for the future of the Association. Several themes emerged:

- quality virtual engagement to meet evolving needs of OTR professionals
- focus on high-touch, high-quality, and sustainable initiatives
- core competency curricula/micro-credentialing
- regular opportunities for connection amongst members in various virtual formats (i.e. social media, webinar, open forum/affinity space)
- assessment of members to identify areas of highest need in terms of content/experiences, and
- connecting with all NODA leaders to identify ways to cohesively develop offerings and engage leaders in brainstorming.

The Executive Committee will review the themes, engage NODA leadership and determine timelines and next steps. The Board will be meeting on a monthly basis for update meetings.

Contact Joyce Holl (holl@umn.edu) to review a complete copy of the Board Meeting Minutes.