



North Dakota Chapter of ASPIRE President's Report

October 2017

Board Members

Dennis Stangl, UND – President
Christiana Pond, DSU – Secretary
Cathleen Ruch, LRSC - Treasurer

Updates:

There were seven people from North Dakota that attended the Council for Opportunity in Education's annual policy seminar in Washington D.C., including the following individuals:

Dennis Stangl, NDCA President (UND); Derek Sporbert, Director of TRIO, UND; UND TRIO Director; Roy Roach, UND Student; Jennifer Withers, TRIO Director, Dickinson State, Christiana Pond, Staff, Dickinson State; Casey Peterson, Director of TRIO Programs at NDSU; Nancy Mahlen and two students from NDSU.

Senator Heidi Heitkamp joined the TRIO Caucus. We invited her to attend the COE Opportunity Dinner at the COE annual conference in Washington D.C. in September, she was unable to attend.

Attended the ASPIRE Board meeting in Denver in May, 2017. ASPIRE will be starting a scholarship for members who have worked in ASPIRE region for at least 3 years to attend the conference with a registration waiver. Details about this will be released soon.

Attended the first ever COE Executive Leadership conference September 28 – Oct 1, 2017 at Princeton University, New Jersey. The conference included state

leaders from all over the United States. We will be working in small groups to discuss issues related to our state chapters and present at the leadership conference during the 2018 COE Policy seminar in addition to some online webinars this coming year.

I have also been working as the Technology Chair for ASPIRE and have implemented the creation of e-mail accounts for all ASPIRE members. In addition, with the ASPIRE e-mail account, members have access to Workplace by Facebook, an online communication system.

I have been working as the registration chair for the ASPIRE 2017 conference and creating the website for the conference. I am also serving as the moderation chair for the ASPIRE 2017 conference. I am also presenting at the conference about the new Facebook product, Workplace and other ASPIRE technologies.