National Association of Veterans Upward Bound

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Proposals were submitted to the board to consider conducting training opportunities at other times than the annual conference. Topic suggestions included VUB grant writing, VUB regulations, information about VA education benefits, VA Vocational Readiness and Employment, VA work-study, and a visit to the VA Muskogee Regional office or to be able to hear from personnel who work at the Muskogee RPO where all VA educational benefits are processed.  These topics were suggested as they would be of interest to VUB projects as well as to other TRIO, institutional and community organizations that serve military connected individuals.

Guidance from the board is needed to determine how much money is needed to be raised each year and how such funds would be used to be able to conduct specific asks for donations. As these are common questions asked by potential donors, it is necessary to determine what special projects/activities need to be funded.  Donors also want to know more about the Association. So I want to say how much I appreciate the publication developed by Juan Soto, and the updates to the NAVUB website by Adine and others, as these provide helpful tools for development.

Finally, I am resigning as development commission chair. My thanks to NAVUB for allowing me to serve on this commission. I will be happy to serve as a member or support this commission in the future as needed and appropriate.

Respectfully

Mary Meeks