



NAMEN News

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We welcome your thoughts in inputs on the content and information we share. If you have comments, suggestions or concerns, please contact [Rus Funk](#), Program Consultant.

What's Up with NAMEN

See [this article](#) from NAMEN Co-chairs Shane Joseph and Steven Botkin about some of the organisational change efforts within NAMEN that are currently going on within NAMEN as a whole.

The NAMEN Board has primarily been focused on NAMEN's involvement in the Global Symposium, including organizing some regional specific efforts. Stay tuned....

The [Program Committee](#) is exploring efforts to provide more and more meaningful programs to NAMEN members. We are considering several possibilities and look to begin offering some of these additional services later this fall.

If you're interested in learning more, or would consider adding your time and talent to the program committee, please reach out to [Alan Heisterkamp](#) Program Committee Co-Chair

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The Policy Advocacy Committee continues to be active both in policy advocacy efforts, and in working to deepen the capacity of NAMEN to engage in advocacy. Some recent updates:

- Feminist Foreign Policy

Earlier this summer, NAMEN participated in a coalition of organizations to help craft a draft [US Foreign Policy](#). The next phase is to begin working to get the US government and the multiple federal agencies to adopt this policy. NAMEN continues to be involved in this effort as we are able.

- USAID Gender Policy Feedback

NAMEN has been invited to collaborate with the Global MenEngage Alliance Secretariat to provide feedback on the USAID Gender Policy. The comment period ends on Aug 26, so we will be working quickly to provide feedback on this document to integrate a “men and masculinities” lens to this policy.

- Transition Plan

NAMEN, as a part of a larger coalition of feminist organizations, has assisted (admittedly in a relatively minor role) in creating a transition document to provide guidance to the next US administration’s efforts to address and combat gender-based violence during the first 100 days. This document is in the final stages and the plan is to submit this document to both campaigns in early September.

Finally, the Policy Advocacy Committee is meeting on Aug 26 to complete a 2-part strategizing session. Based on this 2-part meeting, and with critical input and feedback from feminist advocacy organizations in the US, the PAC will craft a draft NAMEN Policy Advocacy Strategy to submit to the NAMEN Board for their approval at the Sept Board meeting. We then hope and plan to be able to share the new NAMEN Policy Advocacy Strategy with the members of NAMEN, and more broadly, later this fall.

If you are interested in learning more about the Policy Advocacy Committee and/or want to join this committee, Contact [Rus Funk](#) Policy Advocacy Chair.

The Membership Committee continues to plan ways to engage and connect members with each other. A main focus of the Membership Committee is organizing the “member meet-ups” -- a bi-monthly facilitated gathering for members to encourage connection and peer teaching/learning about various topics related to our efforts to engage and mobilize men. The current schedule is to provide them every other month: Sept, Nov and Jan.

The next Member Meet-up is scheduled for Sept 14. The topic and agenda re still being developed, [go here to register](#) (NOTE: this page will be updated with more detailed information as it is available).

The Membership Committee is open to all members of NAMEN. If you are interested in learning more and/or are available to add your talent and time to support our membership efforts, please contact [Criag Norberg-Bohm](#), Membership Committee Chair.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

[The Global MenEngage Symposium](#) is happening this fall and winter. The launch event is planned for Nov 10 - 11. Unlike previous Symposia, this year's will be a mix of virtual and in-person gatherings, will occur over the next several months, and will include global, regional, and intra-nation events and activities. This symposium is a wonderful opportunity to meet with other male engage practitioners and activist from around the globe, to deepen your knowledge about various aspects of engaging men, and to influence the global movement.

Please note NAMEN is a regional specific symposium soon after the Global MenEngage Symposium launch. The NAMEN Symposium date and content is still in planning. We'll have more information in upcoming newsletters, and stay tuned to our website for more information and updates.

RESOURCES

Articles/Reports

[A Feminist Economic Recover Plan for Canada](#) (Gender and the Economy, Aug, 2020)

["Male Patients Report Greater Need in Screening for Intimate Partner Violence."](#) ”
(*Clinical Advisory*, Aug, 2020)

While one in four men report being victimized by domestic violence, and one in five report being perpetrators, only 13% of men report being asked about their experiences of being abused, and only 11% of their histories of using violence during well-ness care checks. This inspite of 92% of men reporting that they support being screened for victimization, and 89.5% report supporting being screened for perpetration (based on 916 respondents).

["Men With More Stereotypical Masculine Views Are More Likely to Suffer Mental Illness"](#)
(*The Science Times*, Aug, 2020)

[Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Men and Boys](#) (American Psychological Association, 2018)

This 36-page report outlines the barriers that men and boys face in seeking and receiving gender sensitive treatment, and provides guidance to ways that providers and meaningfully offer services to men and boys. From the introduction: "Although boys and men, as a group, tend to hold privilege and power based on gender, they also demonstrate disproportionate rates of receiving harsh discipline (e.g., suspension and expulsion),

academic challenges (e.g., dropping out of high school, particularly among African American and Latino boys), mental health issues (e.g., completed suicide), physical health problems (e.g., cardiovascular problems), public health concerns (e.g., violence, substance abuse, incarceration, and early mortality), and a wide variety of other quality-of-life issues.”

Webinars/Vids

PreventConnect is offering “[Taking Prevention Online: Tips & Best Practices for Facilitating Engaging Online Events](#)” Aug 27, 2:00 Eastern Time.

Last Note

NAMEN is reliant on your support for our efforts and growth. Please invite your friends, colleagues and others to [join NAMEN](#), and consider making an additional [donation](#) to support NAMEN as we continue to grow in our efforts and effectiveness.

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