UChicago Public Interest Networking Group (PING)
Draft Prospectus

Purpose: To build a sense of community among and ultimately increase the number of alumni engaged in the public interest sector, and coordinate efforts for the good of the alumni, the university (particularly its public interest initiatives), and the broader community.

Constituents:
- Alumni of all parts of the University (including but not limited to the College, Law School, Booth, Pritzker, and the Graduate Divisions) who are engaged in public interest work
- Alumni of relevant graduate schools and programs: SSA, Harris School...
- Alumni of programs that prepare students for the public interest sector:
  - Human Rights Program interns and minors
  - University Community Service Center programs such as SummerLinks, Community Service Leadership Training Corps, and Neighborhood Schools Program
  - CAPS Chicago Careers in Public & Social Service (CCIPSS) program
  - Recipients of Metcalf internships in public interest organizations
  - Fellows and alumni leaders of the University of Chicago Public Interest Program (UCPIP)

Possible Activities: Specific goals and plans will be determined by the alumni who assume leadership of the group, but a sampling of possibilities includes:
- Plan edifying topical programs for alumni around the country, including lectures and panels with faculty and distinguished alumni.
- Host professional and social networking events for alumni.
- Recruit internship and fellowship placements in the sector for current students and recent graduates.
- Cultivate philanthropic support for relevant campus programs.
- Provide mentoring, networking, and career support for students.
- Coordinate volunteer opportunities.
- Advocate for strengthening the university’s commitment to public interest programs.
- Create avenues of communications for sharing relevant opportunities and information. (LinkedIn subgroup)

Possible Models to Emulate:
- Stanford Haas Center for Public Service (http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/haas)
- Princeton Alumni Corps (http://www.alumnicorps.org/)
- Yale Day of Service (http://aya.yale.edu/content/yale-day-service)
- Harvard Center for Public Interest Careers (http://cpic.fas.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do) and Public Interest on the Map (http://onthemap.harvard.edu/)