

WASFAA Welcome



**OASFAA Annual Conference
Salishan Coastal Lodge
January 29-31, 2025**

**John Bender III, 2024-2025 WASFAA President
Lewis-Clark State College**

WASFAA 2024-25 All-Volunteer Leadership



Position	Name	State
OASFAA President (Oregon)	Karen Ash	OR
Site Selection Chair	Dewayne Barnes	CA
President	John Bender	ID
Communications Chair	Rosie Castaneda	CA
ALASFAA President(Alaska)	Iris Cato	AK
IASFAA President (Idaho)	Kelley Christianson	ID
Treasurer	Ashley Coleman	OR
Past-President, Strategic Planning Chair, Nominations and Elections Chair	Amanda Cornelius	AZ
Training Co-Chair	Josh Edwards	AZ
Summer Institute Chair	Sarah Everitt	WA
President-Elect, By-laws & P&P Chair, Fiscal Planning Chair	Bronwyn Garrison	CA
Travel Guru	Sandi Guidry	NV
CASFAA President (California)	Rashinda Hutchinson	CA
Rep-at-large - Partner	Holly Johnson	WA
Fund Development Chair	Greg Kerr	MN
NAFAA President (Nevada)	Shellee Kilbride	NV

Position	Name	State
Vice President, RHSLDP Chair	JW Lazzari	NV
Secretary	Elizabeth McDowell	ID
Federal Relations Chair	Nicole McMillin	ID
Membership Chair	Mayra Moore	NV
Management Leadership Institute Chair, Research Committee Chair	Ashley Munro	AK
Conference Co-Chair	Jannine Oyama	HI
PacFAA President (Pacific Islands), Conference Co-chair	Sherrie Padilla	HI
Treasurer-Elect	Zoe Rae	WA
Volunteer Development Chair	Claudia Rodriguez	AZ
Electronic Services Chair	Heather Rosinbum	AZ
WFAA President (Washington)	Melanie Ruiz	WA
Historical Archives Chair, State President Liaison	Ashley Salisbury	NV
Inclusion, Diversity, Ethnicity, Equity and Action (IDEEA)	Carlos Villarroel	OR
Rep-at-large - Segmental	Leonard Walker	NV
Training Co-Chair	Molly Walsh	WA
Awards & Scholarships Chair	Wendy Wang	CA
AASFAA President (Arizona)	Caleb Williams	AZ

What has WASFAA been up to lately?

- Sent a letter urging the delay of FVT/GE reporting to Sens Murray (WA) and Murkowski (AK); and Reps Chaves-DeRemer (OR), Takano (CA), Grijalva (AZ), Sablan (MP) and Bonamici (OR)
 - Big thanks to Nicole McMillin and the Federal Relations committee
 - We didn't get the big extension we wanted, but we got something
- Working on the big task of moving WASFAA to a July to June operational calendar
- State Grants Program
- Strategic Plan work



Purpose Why WASFAA exists.

To cultivate a vibrant financial aid community.

Core Values

The principles or behaviors that all who engage in this effort are expected to strive for.

Connection: We value the power of building strong relationships within our professional community. By fostering collaboration, open communication and mutual respect, we create a network of shared knowledge and resources.

Advocacy: We are dedicated to building a culture of excellence, integrity and inclusion. We actively support policies and platforms that promote equity and access in the higher education community.

Relevance: We are committed to staying attuned to the evolving needs of the financial aid community. By providing up-to-date resources, training and best practices we ensure that our members are equipped to address current challenges and opportunities.

Education: We are committed to continuous learning and professional growth of all our members through all stages of their respective careers.

Our Vision

The concrete and measurable accomplishment that tells us where we are going and how far there is to go at any point along the way.

By 2035, WASFAA is a robust community fully leveraging events and technology to become a much sought-after resource for timely and relevant financial aid training and collaboration.

Upcoming and Current Events



Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute - **June 9-12, 2025, San Diego CA** – Registration will open early **Spring**



2024 Fall Virtual and Regional Trainings



Conference – May 19 to 21, 2024. Registration is **open now!**

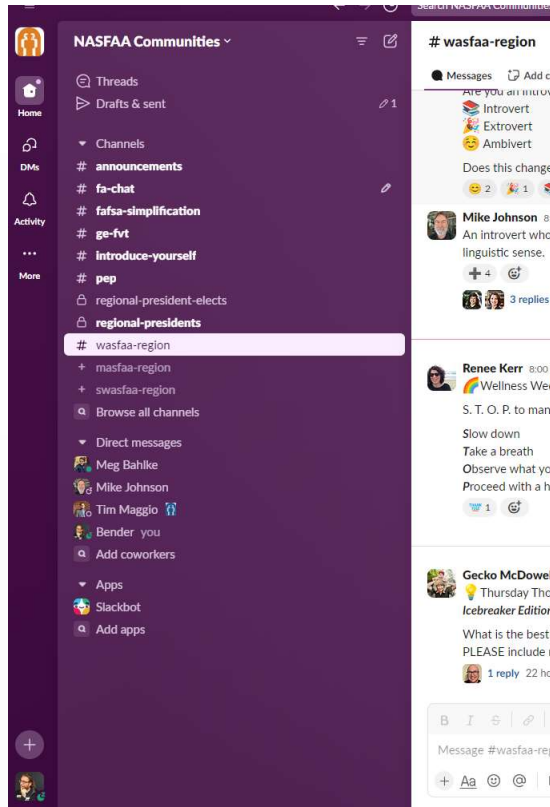


Spring Workshops – FAAC Training

Stay Connected



Western Association
Financial Aid Administrators



Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

ALASKA * ARIZONA * CALIFORNIA * IDAHO * NEVADA * OREGON * PACIFIC ISLANDS * WASHINGTON

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Communications Corner

Wishing everyone a holiday season filled with joy, quality time with loved ones, exciting travels, and the chance to recharge with whatever inspires you most.

To stay in the loop of other events taking place, check out the WASFAA Calendar of Events page [here](#).

Please don't forget that you may view all these articles on our website within the News Archive found [here](#). If you have any information you would like to share with membership or have questions, do not hesitate to reach out at communications@wasfaa.org.



A Message from our WASFAA President!

Huliau: Resiliency Through Times of Change

An aerial photograph of a coastal city at sunset. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, yellow, and blue clouds. In the foreground, a large, curved swimming pool with turquoise water reflects the sky. To the right, a wide, sandy beach is lined with palm trees. In the background, several high-rise apartment buildings are visible, including one with a prominent rainbow-colored facade. The ocean extends to the horizon under the colorful sky.

May 19-21, 2025

Hilton Hawaiian Village – Honolulu, HI



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