

OASFAA Business Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2012
Salishan Lodge

Meeting was called to order by President Bert Logan at 8:37 AM.

Acknowledgements:

Bert acknowledged the 2011-12 OASFAA Executive Council:

President-Elect: Donna Fulton

Past President: Patti Brady-Glassman

Treasurer: Karen Fobert

Treasurer-Elect: Heather Hall Lewis

VP – Community College: Elaine Robinson

VP – 4 year public: Kim Lamborn

VP – Independent: Russell Seidelman

VP – Proprietary: Kimberly Pound

Secretary: Theresa Schierman

Bert thanked the chairs of the committees:

Annual Conference: Michelle Holdway and Ryan West

FA 101/201: Mike Johnson and Kathy Campbell

Kathy Campbell provided details about the FA 101/201 training scheduled for February 24 at Chemeketa Community College. Re-creating FA 101; changed curriculum with more electronic and updated info. Added FA 201 component which has been a long time dream from the FA 101 faculty. FA 201 is an intermediate training. The training is a one day training with 5 sessions for 101 and 5 sessions for 201 and 4 sessions where both groups will be combined. Kathy has the agenda available; cost is only \$40 for OASFAA members and \$65 for non-members.

Fund Development: Robert Rodgers

Legislative issues: Geoff Wullschlager and Janet Turner

Membership: Stacie Englund

Mentoring: Susan Shogren and Ashley Kikukuwa

Newsletter: Sue Shogren

Outreach/Technology: Judy Saling and Ben Wessel

Summer Drive-In Workshop : Chippi Bellow and Darcie Iven

Support Staff Nancy Hanscom and Delores Pruett

WASFAA Update from Kay Soltis, WASFAA President

Kay comes bearing gifts; Kay provided a WASFAA brochure and bookmark spread among the tables in the room. Kay thanked Bert Logan for the invite to participate in the conference and for Michelle Holdway and Ryan West for taking good care of her. Thanks for the hospitality of Salishan. Why WASFAA? WASFAA has 722 current members as of today; quite improved from past years; only 554 members last year. Many thanks to membership chair, Abril Hunt, for this success. There are 112 WASFAA members from Oregon. Oregon has the second highest number of WASFAA members from all participating states.

WASFAA's mission statement: "The Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators is a professional organization of individuals in the western region of the United States who administer or advance access and choice to higher education through the administration of student financial assistance programs. WASFAA's mission is to promote student financial aid and educational opportunities for students by providing personal and professional development to its members." WASFAA is guided by this mission statement and their four core values which are: Professional Growth and Development, Collaboration, Inclusiveness and Advocacy.

Professional growth – training on SAP and verification had already occurred both in person and online; training chairs Nichole Doering and Adam Hatch. Summer Institute is set for June 3-8 at Occidental College. Both a beginning and intermediate track will be offered at this week-long intensive training.

Feb 29-March 2 – next meeting of WASFAA EC in Las Vegas, NV for transition meeting. Meeting is open to any interested WASFAA member.

Advocacy core value – federal issues chairs Kevin Jensen and Neil Wolfe keep people informed about federal issues and encourage contact to elected representatives. Let your voices be heard as we can make a difference. Be diligent in reviewing new legislation no matter what your functional role is in the office. We can always complain, but if we don't tell policy makers how items impact us, then we shouldn't complain. WASFAA listening sessions will be happening at state and regional conferences to help prepare for the upcoming reauthorization of the HEA. When the issue is complete, don't forget to thank those that participated and listened to your feedback.

WASFAA's conference is April 22-24 at the Benson Hotel in Portland. Oregon is represented on the planning committee as Tracey Lehman is co-chair along with Mary San Agustin. Theme is "The yin and yang of financial aid: reaching harmony through WASFAA." Check the WASFAA website often for more information; registration is available now. Reserve rooms now.

Thanks to the following WASFAA members that volunteered with WASFAA this past year. They are listed in the brochure that Kay provided. Oregon volunteers include: Sam Collie, Zack Duffy, Helen Faith, Lilly Foxx, Daniel Herman, Holli Johnson, Valerie Karnes, Tracey Lehman, Leslie Limper, Bert Logan, Katherine McCutchen, Tracey Reisinger, Judy Saling, Susan Shogren, Ryan West, Luhui Whitebear and Lakia Wilson.

Collaboration (core value). Next NASFAA meeting is May 6-7 in Boca Raton, FL. NASFAA meetings are open to public. There is a call for input from the membership. Members on the NASFAA board from our region are Jack Edwards, Sandi Guidry, Kay Soltis and Patricia Hurley.

Kay gave away a few gifts with WASFAA trivia from her update.

Treasurer's Report:

Karen Fobert provided the Jan 30 Treasurer's report via the list-serve. It is "very exciting." We are in excellent financial shape and have maintained our reserves from the past few years. We maintained a robust training agenda this year and were even able to add back the Support Staff Workshop. Thanks to the committee chairs who stayed within or below budget while providing excellent training.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Cynthia Stickle; second by Mark Beekman; motion carried with no nay votes. Checkbook officially passed to Heather Hall Lewis

Minutes from February 4, 2011 Business Meeting:

Minutes were distributed via the list-serve prior to the conference.

Motion to accept minutes by Karen Carter; second by Geoff Wullschlager; no corrections/notes; minutes were accepted. Upon request from Bert Logan Theresa Schierman indicated there was no unfinished business from prior year.

Other:

Bert Logan mentioned that there were a couple items that he must do. He passed on the "binder" to President Elect Donna Fulton, and he will be sure she "gets it right." Supplemental instructions on how to be state president for WASFAA were also included.

Bert has a little gift – perhaps the first computer ever used in financial aid, but if you turn it over, it is a train. The gift was presented to Donna Fulton because "the train has left the station" and it is "time to get your folks on board."

Bert presented the sage box. Somebody in 1998 didn't have a lot to do when he was president and so he created a box with the heaviest wood available. Dan Preston made the box without any handles or anything. Each President leaves a little something in the box to help the next President with the job. There is a "Bert Fan" which also doubles as a "Bert blamer" and a shovel. Fake money, teddy bear, Roberts Rules of Order, Squeezy toy, a gavel, gnomes and insects are all in the sage box.

Before Bert could officially be done, Patti Brady-Glassman, Past President, took to the podium and thanked Bert for his year of service and presented him with a plaque thanking for his service.

Bert requested that Donna stand and join him at the podium. Bert noted that we've not usually given the new president an oath of office. Bert made this oath to Donna:

When you are sad . . . I will get you drunk and help you plot revenge against the scum sucking weasel who made you sad.

When you are scared . . . I will laugh at you and tease you about it every chance I get.

When you are worried, . . . I will tell you how much worse it could be and to quit complaining.

When you are confused . . . I will use little words to explain it to you.

When you are lost . . . I will answer my cell phone and give you directions.

And when you fall . . . I will point and laugh at you.

This is my oath . . . I pledge till the end of your tenure. Why you may ask? Because you're my friend. And the whole reason people have friends is to have fun.

Bert passed the gavel to Donna.

New Executive Board Introduction

Donna Fulton first introduced the new council.

President-elect: Suzie Petersen

Past President: Bert Logan

Vice President – Independent: Frankie Everett

Vice President – 4 year public: Ben Wessel

Vice President – 2 year: Pam Robison

Vice President – Proprietary: Kim Pound

Treasurer: Heather Hall Lewis

Secretary: Ryan West

We have some positions open for committee chairs and volunteers for training. Contact us with your interest. Donna thanked Bert – he taught her to have fun and not take things too seriously. Thought about what to say, first rule of public speaking – know your audience. Watched and saw individuals stand up and volunteer for so many things which made her feel a sense of pride about our organization. The ability to organize training, put context to legislative issues, organize the newsletter – willingness to step up is key to our success. The members of OASFAA are the heart of the organization. Heart = spirit, character, inspiration. Together we will face the challenges that present themselves in the new year as we work to provide the best services possible to our students.

New Business:

Only item – discussion as to whether it is time to raise the annual membership dues. Dues are \$25 per year and have not been raised for many years; potentially 7 years. Donna opened the floor for discussion on this idea. Dues provide the basis for the OASFAA budget.

Question: Cynthia Stickle asked if we have extra money, what will we do with it? Donna – not looking for extra money – looking at keeping up with inflation and other rising costs. We need to have the ability to know ahead of time where the revenue is coming from as OASFAA is committed to maintaining a balanced budget while offering high-quality training.

Mark Beekman suggested that we come up with a long-range plan for how to raise funds in the future.

Doug Severs mentioned that membership fees aren't payable by his institution but it is allowable to pay membership fee if attached with training cost.

Russell Seidelman asked if we had a sense of what other states in our region charge? The general consensus in the room was that OASFAA's dues are comparatively low.

Helen Faith – could we automatically renew membership and bill people from staff? There was concern about knowing who really wants to join OASFAA and how to collect on this idea.

Karen Fobert – we need to remember about the fiscal year when looking at any of the proposed options

Someone mentioned that we already have a member and non-member rate for our trainings.

Donna indicated that we will do more research and move forward with notices on the list-serve. Any increase in membership dues requires a vote by the general membership of OASFAA.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ben Wessel, second by Heather Hall Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.