



**NYSFAAA Executive Council
October 26, 2020
Remote (ZOOM) Meeting
9:00 am to 12:00 p.m.**

Call to Order & Roll Call

Leslie/Polino

Present:

President – Howard Leslie
President Elect– Adrienne King
1st VP – Debra Evans
2nd VP – Brian Smith
Secretary – Anne Sullivan Polino
Treasurer – Susan Godreau
Treasurer Elect– Shalena Clary
Region 1 – Lea Nuwer
Region 2 – BJ Revill
Region 3 – Patricia Donahue
Region 4 – Rochelle Filler
Region 5 – Joseph Weglarz
Region 6 – Michelle Bolton
Region 7 – Clair Jacobi
Region 8 – Stacey Hawkins

Guests:

Lisa Simpson
Jeanne McCarthy
Lynn Sabulski
Kerrie Cooper
Christopher Barto
Maximo Flint Morgan
Renee Swift (1st VP – Elect)
Renee Nunziato
Raymond Torres
Sonya Stein
Tami Gilbeaux
David Garelick

Howard Leslie called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum existed

Howard also expressed sorrow that we are not able to all be together in Long Island for this very important meeting given the current state of the national emergency.

Howard also welcomed special guest, Renee Swift, incoming 1st Vice President to this meeting and indicated that Adrienne King provided Renee with an orientation prior to this meeting.

Discussion via Email

MOTION: A motion was made by Lea Nuwer, seconded by Rochelle Filler that we allow David Glezerman to post Podcast #33 on his website.

There was no discussion. The motion passed with 11 in favor, no oppositions, and no abstentions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Clair Jacobi, seconded by Adrienne King for NYSFAAA to be a distributing partner with NASFAA.

There was no discussion. The motion passed with 13 in favor, no oppositions, and no abstentions.

Approval of Minutes (August 2020)

Anne Sullivan Polino

MOTION: A motion was made by Debra Evans, seconded by Susan Godreau to accept the August 2020 Executive Council minutes, with two small edits.

The motion passed with all in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

President's Report

Howard Leslie

EASFAA

Howard Leslie reported that EASFAA made the decision to hold its May 2021 meeting remotely in light of many schools cutting their travel and training budgets. The cancellation will cost EASFAA \$40,000 in cancellation charges from the Marriott Hotel. The committee chair will continue to negotiate with the hotel to reduce or eliminate this charge.

NYSED

Howard Leslie, Anne Sullivan Polino and Lisa Simpson attended the NYSED TAP Interagency meeting. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Extension of permission to use online/remote education and TAP eligibility
- High School Credential relief has been extended through December 31, 2020. Howard continues to work with Dr. Christopher Fernando and Darrin Rooker on this partial relief.

Howard also provided an update on his testimony before the New York State Assembly to advocate for New York State aid programs and defend NYS HESC. Howard was the last to testify and reported that it was a long but comfortable experience.

NASFAA Credentials

Kerrie Cooper

Howard Leslie and Kerrie Cooper presented an update on the NASFAA Credential opportunity through NYSFAAA.

- Tony Erwin presented the Verification training on October 4, 2020. There were 99 registrants as of the date of this meeting.

- Direct Loan training is scheduled for November 16, 2020. Taylor Kruetter will conduct this training. There were 79 registrants as of the date of this meeting.
- As a reminder, the cost of the training does not include the exam fee.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Debra Evans, seconded by Shalena Clary that the Executive Council proceed with a plan to purchase the NASFAA Credentialing program which will be offered, free of charge, to paid members. They further move that the announcement be accompanied with an aggressive marketing plan to stimulate interest in registration and attendance.

A vote was called, and the motion passed with 10 in favor, no opposition and one abstention.

Membership/Regional Meetings/Other Activities

Howard Leslie

Membership

Howard provided an update on the change in membership grace period rules and an issue with the MemberClicks process of automatically assigning members and non-members to a region. This gave non-members access to the website, in error. Howard was able to remove access for anyone whose membership was not current. Adrienne King will assume the responsibility for monitoring unauthorized access in the future.

Regional Meetings

Howard Leslie reported that he attended two regional meetings and expressed his belief that the regional meetings will help keep NYSFAAA alive during this national emergency. He noted that several regions are struggling in this area.

President Elect's Report	Adrienne King
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Adrienne King provided the President-Elect's Report as follows:

Governance:

Adrienne King will research all governance documents to ensure that all updates are made, as needed.

Policy and Procedures

Adrienne King provided updates to the Policy and Procedures Manual. The updated manual will be posted to the website.

Sections updated included:

Membership Committee

7. The chair does not need Exec Council approval to accept Associate Membership to current Financial Aid professionals who live outside of New York State.
8. The grace period for annual membership ends on September 30th.

Conference Committee

13. Chair(s) are to submit their conference agenda at the annual June Exec Council meeting
14. Chair(s) are to submit their final conference report by the annual February Exec Council meeting in Albany.

Removed item 10. Present final written conference report to Executive Council no later than the February meeting following the conference.

- NYSFAAA Bank Card Policy

Best Practices and Strategic Plan Update

Adrienne King provided updates to the Best Practices and Strategic Plan Document. The documents will be posted to the website.

See revisions in red.

NYSFAAA Governance Committee 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The face of financial aid is changing faster than ever. During the creation of this document the committee was faced with the increased probability of our colleagues being asked to do more with less while HEA Reauthorization & during its revision we have been dealing with the unforeseen events of a global health pandemic, as well as events that have included a political environment that has never been more contentious. Certainly, our community has been and will continue to deal with legislative and regulatory concerns that constrain the programs themselves as well as budgetary issues.

BEST PRACTICES/ONGOING ACTIVITIES

(Note: these represent goals from previous long-range plans that have served the Association well and should be continued.)

THE STRATEGIC PLAN SHOULD ALWAYS CONTAIN GOALS TO SUPPORT COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Communication & Technology

12. Periodically the President, shall send communication to Colleges (Presidents/FAO's) summarizing NYSFAAA's activities encouraging communications and support within the institution for Financial Aid function.
13. The Government Relations Committee along with the President and the Technology & Innovation Committee are to continue to find new and inventive ways to communicate with Membership as well as the NYSFAAA community via the web.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN SHOULD ALWAYS CONTAIN GOALS TO SUPPORT FISCAL STABILITY

Fiscal Stability

THE STRATEGIC PLAN SHOULD ALWAYS CONTAIN GOALS TO SUPPORT ADVOCACY GOALS AS THEY ARE HARD TO PREDICT YEARS OUT

Advocacy and Public Policy

9. The Executive Council shall continue to Advocate on behalf of the Association.
10. The Government Relations Committee shall develop a mechanism to determine what NYSFAAA's positions should be.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN SHOULD ALWAYS CONSIDER THE NEED FOR TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Training and Leadership Development

11. The Regional Chairs & reps shall continue to create updated and effective leadership materials to attract more members.
12. The end of the membership grace period has changed from November 15th to September 30th.

The 2020-2022 Strategic Plan includes goals:

- to include social media presence and outreach to members and students, using platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Continued community advocacy and outreach.
- Increasing membership from schools who do not currently participate in NYSFAAA.
- Input from all sectors will be sought, considered and discussed at EC.
- Research and develop an analysis of the following NYSFAAA documents: Best Practices, Policies and Procedures; By-Laws.
- Start Diversity & Inclusion Committee, including the creation of podcasts, trainings etc.
- State of Emergency – evaluate how NYSFAAA as an organization survives and thrives during times of crisis.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Adrienne King, seconded by Susan Godreau to accept NYSFAAA Strategic Plan from 2020 through 2022.

A vote was called, and the motion passed with 14 in favor, no opposition and one abstention.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Debra Evans, seconded by Joe Weglarz to accept the NYSFAAA Best Practices and Strategic Plan as reviewed.

A vote was called, and the motion passed with 14 in favor, no opposition and one abstention.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Anne Sullivan Polino, seconded by Joe Weglarz to require submission of annual conference report to Executive Council by February following conference.

A vote was called, and the motion passed with 14 in favor, no opposition and one abstention.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Anne Sullivan Polino, seconded by Rochelle Filler to accept updates to Policy and Procedures Manual as of October 2020.

A vote was called, and the motion passed with 14 in favor, no opposition and one abstention.

First Vice President Report	Debra Evans
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Membership

The Membership Dashboard was reviewed and shows an increase in membership with active memberships increasing by 88 members in the last 90 days. It is believed that the membership increases are due in large part to the free virtual conference and the NASFAA Credentialing opportunity. There are currently 783 active members compared to 721 at this time last year.

Debra Evans reported that Regions 4 and 6 do not have membership chairs and work should be done with Rochelle Filler and Michelle Bolton on finding someone to fill this position. Adrienne will assist both regional chairs with identifying potential membership chairmen.

Howard Leslie will provide Adrienne King with regional membership information to share with Regional Membership Chair for outreach. Other opportunities include outreach to schools with no members and to clock hour schools who may not understand the opportunities that NYSFAAA has for all types of institutions.

Mentorship Committee

Debra thanked Taylor Kreutter, new Mentorship Chair, Nancy Teodecki and Terry Lebow for their work on the Mentorship Committee this past year.

Howard will update the website with committee changes.

Second Vice President Report	Brian Smith
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Technology, Innovation, & Communication Committee

Lea Nuwer

Committee Members:

Heather Adner, Ideta Daniel, Jannatul Ferdous-Hypolite, Howard Leslie, Lea Nuwer, Sarah (Macri) O'Neal, Sean Sherwood, Sonya Stein, Tanya Patterson-Stanley

Summary of Activities:

- Supported SWT with surveying and website postings
- Supported virtual conference with website postings and registration
- Continued updates and improvements on the NYSFAAA website

Upcoming Projects:

- Determine needs of the membership, to include website training as appropriate
- Maintain social media presence
- Continuous updates to BOT knowledge
- Continued support of SWT
- Continued updates to website
- Seeking new, active committee members
- Creating new committee task list

Future Meetings and Events:

First Monday of February and May

Submitted By: Lea Nuwer & Sarah (Macri) O’Neal

Date: 10/22/2020

Statewide Training Committee

A total of 659 people attended the FAFSA and TAP sessions, with 250 individuals at each TAP training meeting.

Two NASFAA Credentialing sessions are scheduled for November.

Plans for future training is underway. The Committee is researching options for virtual meeting platforms.

Secretary’s Report

Anne Sullivan Polino

School Outreach Committee

The School Outreach Committee did not provide an update for this meeting.

HESC Update

Lisa Simpson

Lisa Simpson of NYS HESC provided the following update. This information will be included in the NYSED and HESC session at the Annual Conference.

TAP Processing 2021-22

Application available October 1, 2020

- Available on hesc.ny.gov November 2, 2020
- Application enhancements
 - Parental information logic change

HESC Processing

First Summer and Fall 2020 roster produced 10/14/2020

- Continue processing HE9751 files
- Students with no ID will not be sent on any files for processing
 - Includes Student Status Listing (SSL), Roster, RAs, Manifests

HESC Processing 2018-19

2018-19 academic year is closed for processing

- Payments from schools will not be processed
 - Send your exception requests to Scholarships@hesc.ny.gov for consideration
- Continue sending requests to decertify student records for closed academic years to payments@hesc.ny.gov or Fax: 518-473-3749

Citizenship for 2020-21

On September 24, 2020, all students whose citizenship could not be validated from most recent ISIR on file were set to error status on SSL

- Awards set to pending with a “zero” award for program(s) until their citizenship can be confirmed
- Students not eligible for programs due to their citizenship status, may be eligible to apply under NYS DREAM Act
- Impacted students were notified by HESC
- To resolve citizenship issue
 - Update ISIR
 - Upload documentation to HESC
 - School may submit documents on student’s behalf
- Awards will be reinstated once citizenship status is updated

Eligibility under NYS DREAM Act

Students complete NYS DREAM Act application

- Eligibility for residency/citizenship and education is determined
- Once complete, applicants continue to apply for specific NYS Financial Aid programs
- Application periods are the same for all applicants

NYS DREAM Act TAP Award Processing

Applicants go through same verification processes

- Once verification is complete, TAP awards are calculated and applicant notified
- Applicant information is provided to school on weekly status listing
- Applicants will be placed on your payment rosters for certification
 - Programming change is in progress

NYS DREAM Act Excelsior Award Processing

If applicant applies for Excelsior Scholarship, records sent to school for credit verification

- Once determination is made, applicant is sent notification to sign contract
- After contract is signed, school is notified of applicant's eligibility
- Schools estimate Excelsior Scholarship award and post on student's financial aid award letter

Excelsior/ETA Updates

- 2020-21 application period closed
 - Streamlined application
 - Logic guides student through application
- Income verification for new applicants
- Credit verification process

New Applicants Income Verification

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- Application adjusted to capture parent information (name and SSN) for ALL dependent students
 - Even if the student is not required to complete a TAP application because the household is over the income level for TAP
- All applications submitted to NYS Tax and Finance to verify income
 - Applicants with verified income have completed the income process.
 - Applicants whose household income is over the income level will receive a denial notice.
 - Applicants with mismatches will result in an income questionnaire to the student.
- Students must complete and upload the questionnaire for further processing.

New Credit Verification Process

- HESC sends a file to SED with all 2020 Excelsior/ETA applicants who indicated they were first-time students.
- SED processes and provides HESC with high school graduation dates for all students found in their system.
- HESC updates the scholarship system with those determined by SED as first-time students.
 - For Fall 2020 applicants, first-time college students are considered those a high school graduation date between April 2020 and August 2020.
- For those who are not found to be 2020 graduates, HESC sends the student on the credit verification file to the college.
- Students who indicated they had previously attended college are sent for credit verification to the college.

Excelsior/ETA Returning Recipients

- All returning recipients must complete NYS Student Aid Payment Application for 2020-21
 - Notification was sent to students informing of new requirement
 - Students with no application will be taken off SSL
- Considered an incomplete renewal

COVID-related Processing

Student indicates to school affected by COVID

- School collects documentation
- Impacted students must have been originally on track but did not complete/pass course(s) because of COVID
- Schools must certify online using COVID flag
- All certifications will remain unprocessed at this time
- HESC will notify school when once approved to begin processing

Fall 2020 Prepayments

- Prepayments available during the week of October 26
 - Total 80% of calculated prepay rate
- College account reports will reflect full amount
- 20% withheld amounts are not cuts to student awards
 - Change in payment schedule made to schools
- Student awards should not be reduced
- Schools should defer students' tuition for the entire amount of a student's estimated award

TAP Partial Payments 2019-20

- 80% of full payments
 - Payments began the end of August
 - For payments from April through July 31, 2020
- 20% of payments temporary withheld
 - Not cuts to student awards
 - Change in payment schedule
- Student awards should not be reduced
- Schools should credit students' tuition for the entire amount of a student's certified award

Other Scholarship Updates

- 2020 Scholarship applications not yet available
 - Part time scholarship (PTS)
 - APTS participation agreement
- HESC will update schools as decisions are made
- Scholarship of Academic Excellence (SAE) notifications not yet sent

HESC Communications Center

HESC has a scheduling system for students to schedule an appointment to receive a one-on-one call with a HESC representative at a time convenient for the student

- Appointments available Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., (excluding holidays)
- <http://reservation.hesc.ny.gov/scholarships>

Financial Aid Administrator Assistance

Schools needing assistance should send your questions to: priorityservices@hesc.ny.gov

- Multiple HESC reps monitor that mailbox and respond timely
- Schools can also schedule an appointment for someone to call for assistance

The Executive Council expressed their collective appreciation for all Lisa and HESC have done to assist our schools and our students.

Treasurer's Report	Susan Godreau
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Susan Godreau and Shalena Clary met to plan for the Annual Meeting and reported the following information to the Executive Council.

- We are currently at 91.6% of the 1920 membership goal.
- Expenses for the year are under budget primarily due to reduced travel tied to COVID restrictions.
- Net Income of \$36,480.67 was reported.
- The 2018-2019 annual audit is in progress.
- Year-to-Date dues are at 79.8% of goal.
- Scholarship revenue is over budget (\$9,618 vs \$4,000, primarily due to vendor support)
- Investments are in good shape.

Susan Godreau provided the following Treasurer's Report.

NYSFAAA Treasurer's Report 10-26-2020

Activity since the August 19, 2020, Treasurer's report includes:

- **Dues:** Ongoing collection of member dues.
- **Audit:** Final payment for the June 30, 2018 audit and CHAR filing (\$4700)
- **Scholarships:** Ongoing collection of scholarship donations.
- **Credentials:** NASFAA payment for credentials training (\$1900).

Account balances:

- Checking account: \$173,977.83
- Money Market: \$33,009.87
- CD: \$52,798.87

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Morgan Stanley account current Market Values:

- Scholarship: \$274,039.72
- Reserve fund: \$364,046.52

MOTION: A motion was made by Debra Evans, seconded by Patricia Donahue to accept the Treasurer's Report

The motion passed with 14 in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

Susan is stepping down as Executive Council Treasurer and indicated that it was a pleasure serving in this role. Howard Leslie and the Executive Council thanked Susan for doing a spectacular job and her friendship and professionalism over the years in this very difficult role.

Debra Evans finished the report by providing an update on the Scholarship raffle ticket and 50/50 sales. To date, they have raised, with pledges, a total of \$10,945.

The Chinn family also indicated that they would be making an annual donation of \$1,000 to the scholarship fund, bringing this year's total donations to \$11,945.

Novice 2021	Howard Leslie and Renee Nunziato
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Renee Nunziato opened a discussion on options for the 2021 Novice event. Given the current status of national emergency and institutional budgets on travel and expenses, it is recommended that the event be held virtually with sessions spread out over a specific timeframe.

Howard Leslie is meeting with companies for the provision of meeting platforms that can accommodate this and other NYSFAAA events. Licensing is a major cost factor in this decision and Howard asked if there is a member institution willing to assist with these licensing requirements.

Renee and Howard will work to obtain a refund of the conference deposit from Mercy College.

Patti Donahue will reach out to Sean P Sherwood of the TICC for assistance in the efforts to find a virtual meeting platform.

Clair Jacobi suggested that we consider offering this training to participants from outside the state.

MOTION: A motion was made by Clair Jacobi, seconded by Patricia Donahue to move the 2021 Novice training event to a virtual format.

The motion passed with 14 in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

Government Relations	Christopher Barto
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Christopher Barto provided the following update on Government Relations.

NYSFAAA continues to position itself as an advocate for our organization, institution and students throughout the national emergency.

NYS Assembly and Senate meetings continue via ZOOM. There has also been an increased number of visits to the State Capital and quarterly meetings with HESC.

Last Fall, Christopher and Elsa McGee presented to the American Enterprise Institution on NYSFAAA, free tuition and responses to survey questions. The Committee also met in February.

There is interest in continuing with these committee meetings and increasing the number of participants.

Christopher also reported that he testified before NYSED on behalf of his institution (LIM) and the New York State Association of Proprietary Colleges.

Christopher would like to conduct a State Aid Survey and asked the Executive Council to recommend questions for the survey.

The Committee is also collaborating with other professional associations such as NASFAA on topics such as changes in financial aid based on the outcome of the upcoming election and HEA Reauthorization.

Christopher also recommended that Howard serve as Co-Chair of the Government Relations Committee as Howard served as part of the Rapid Response Network with NASFAA. Howard believes that he can serve as a member but will leave the decision on the Co-Chair position up Adrienne King as NYSFAAA's new President. Patti Donahue is another option for the Co-Chair position.

The Gates Foundation is interested in working with college admissions groups on statewide goals for college attainment and success. New York State does not currently have college attainment goals. There are currently 30 states with this type of goals. Once concern with working with the NYS Admissions Group is the organization's outdated and misinformed position on proprietary colleges. Joining in this initiative could be an opportunity to provide information on this topic and promote equal participation for all sectors. This bias runs counter to NYSFAAA and does not take into consideration the high oversight of the sector by NYSED. Christopher will conduct further research into this organization and its views.

Christopher is also advocating for a goal to raise the bar for African American and Latino student college completion goals and making FAFSA completion a requirement for all high school graduates.

Conference 2020 (Virtual)	Jeanne McCarthy and Debra Evans
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The 2020 Conference will be conducted on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 with a predetermined schedule that will end at 4:30 p.m. The Annual Business Meeting will be held as part of this event.

Conference 2021 (Long Island)	Jeanne McCarthy and Debra Evans
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Given the issues with institutional travel and training budgets and safety concerns, it is recommended that the 2021 Conference be held in a remote format. As of now, NYSFAAA faces a 35% cancelation

fee for moving this event to a virtual format (\$19,460). This percentage will increase as we get closer to the event date.

Decisions will need to be made on the platform used to conduct this event and others.

MOTION: A motion was made by Debra Evans, seconded by Susan Godreau to cancel the in person 2021 Conference, move to a remote format and work to obtain a refund of the conference deposit.

The motion passed with 14 in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Debra Evans, seconded by Anne Sullivan Polino to hold the virtual 2021 Conference during the week of October 25, 2021.

The motion passed with 14 in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

Conference 2022	Stacey Hawkins
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Planning for this event will begin after the next Executive Council meeting and plans for the 2021 event are finalized.

Development	Tami Gilbeaux and David Garelick
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David Garelick presented another idea to replace the NYSFAAA Store as a way for the organization to raise money for NYSFAAA Scholarship Fund. The Executive Council needs more information to consider the new option presented and Adrienne King will include this as an agenda item at a future Executive Council meeting.

Regional Reports	Regional Representatives
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See Exhibit Section at the end of this report for the Regional Updates

Old Business	Howard Leslie
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Credit Card Fees

NYSFAAA received a complaint from membership about the exclusion of American Express as a credit card option for the organization. The primary reason for not accepting American Express is the high vendor fee. Analysis should be done to determine how many members are injured because we do not accept this option. The Executive Council also agreed that charging a surcharge to use this credit card option is not good business.

New Business	Howard Leslie
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None

Operational Calendar	Howard Leslie
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A review of the Operational Calendar was conducted.

Next Meeting

Howard Leslie

The date for the next Executive Council meeting will be sent by the new President, Adrienne King.

Adjournment

Howard Leslie

Howard ended the meeting by expressing his pleasure for his time serving as NYSFAAA President and thanking the Executive Council, “from the bottom of his heart”, for helping him during his tenure.

Debra Evans thanked Howard and expressed how fortunate the organization is to have Howard as President for the past two years especially in light of the challenges encountered during this time. She also expressed that Howard works harder than anyone else on the Council.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Debra Evans, seconded by Adrienne King to adjourn the meeting with a round of applause for Howard Leslie, at 3:44 p.m.

The motion passed with all in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

Exhibits:

**Region 1 Report
NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting
Date 10/22/2020**

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Location: 9/17/20 held virtually on Zoom

Attendees: 22

Topics and Training details: Heard a NYSFAAA report from Howard Leslie, reviewed election results, discussed future meetings, discussed high school nights, Discussed plans for response if New York State doesn't come through with more money, discussed CARES Act issues, and COVID issues.

2 Other Training events that Region was involved in :

Example – CGNY, Guidance Counselor workshop? none

3 Treasury update: \$3757.09, presented on behalf of Terry Adamczyk

4 Committee Reports: none

5 Conference news (If your region is involved in Conference planning): none

6 Upcoming meetings and events: meeting will be held after each Executive Council meeting and as needed

7 Regional comments/Recommendations: none

SUBMITTED BY: Lea Nuwer

DATE: 10/26/20

Region 2 Report
NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting
10/26/20

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Location: **October 9 - Virtual**

Attendees = **35**

Topics and Training details: **Standard Business meeting a HESC Update**

2. Other Training events that Region was involved in : N/A

Example – CGNY, Guidance Counselor workshop?

3. Treasury update: Changing Treasures from Nora Bell-Owens (SUNY Brockport) to Jon Heininger (SUNY Geneseo) this month. Balance - \$5462.41

4. Committee Reports – N/A

5. Conference news (If your region is involved in Conference planning)

6. Upcoming meetings and events - November 6th, Virtual.

7. Regional comments/Recommendations – N/A

SUBMITTED BY: B J Revill

DATE: 10/26/2020

Region #3 Report
NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting
10/26/20

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Location: 9/19/20

Attendees = 32

Topics and Training details: FSA OIG Presentation by 3 Special Agents with the OIG office, and covered topics around detective and preventing fraud and abuse related to federal aid. Howard Leslie, NYSFAAA President, attended and provided an EC update (in Patti's absence).

2. **Other Training events that Region was involved in:** Virtual FAFSA Event 10/19/20, joint with HESC. Four more scheduled in November, per Lisa Simpson.
3. **Treasury update:** \$6,441.62
4. **Committee Reports:** N/A
5. **Conference news (If your region is involved in Conference planning)** N/A
6. **Upcoming meetings and events** – next Region 3 meeting will be virtual, scheduled for Friday, 10/30. **Soliciting membership for training ideas in November/December.**
7. **Regional comments/Recommendations:** N/A

SUBMITTED BY: Patti Donahue

DATE: 9/23/20 (updated 10/26/20)

Region IV Report
NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting
10/26/20

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

No meetings since last Executive Council Meeting

2. Other Training events that Region was involved in :

Individual members have conducted Financial Aid nights for various High Schools

3. Treasury update: Account Balance \$7044.36

4. Committee Reports – Region 4 has no Committees at this time

5. Upcoming meetings and events Will attempt a virtual Meeting in November

SUBMITTED BY: Rochelle Filler

DATE: October 26, 2020

Region VI Report
NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting
Date

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Location: Institutional Hardship and Practices with COVID

Virtual Attendees = 11

Topics and Training details: We discussed what institutions are doing/ put in practice during this disruption such as electronic signatures, V4/V/5, CARES Act relief funds distribution, etc. This is to provide each other information that may be useful to other campuses process.

2. Other Training events that Region was involved in :

Example – CGNY, Guidance Counselor workshop?

3. Treasury update: (please include Treasurer’s Name) TBA

4. Committee Reports Currently we are working on changing the Region VI Service award to the “Ajana D. Wilkinson Service Award”.

5. Conference news (If your region is involved in Conference planning)

6. Upcoming meetings and events December 2020. Holiday get together with an agenda supplying important information from topics provided from the FSA conference.

7. Regional comments/Recommendations

SUBMITTED BY: Michelle Bolton

DATE: October 26, 2020

Region 7 Report
NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting
10/26/2020

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Location: 9/29/2020

Attendees = 21

Topics and Training details: Howard Leslie did a session on COVID R2T4 reporting and the new academic year definition.

2. Other Training events that Region was involved in :

Example – CGNY, Guidance Counselor workshop?

3. Treasury update:

4. Committee Reports

5. Conference news - Region VII is hosting the virtual conference on 10/28 and the 2021 conference.

6. Upcoming meetings and events

7. Regional comments/Recommendations

SUBMITTED BY: Stacey Hawkins

DATE: October 26, 2020