

NYSFAAA EXEC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16-18, 2004
LAKE GEORGE, NY

Present: Sue Aldrich, Maria Barlaam, Anne Barton, Kerrie Cooper, Carolyn Corcoran, Gail Drapala, Claire Jacobi, Mike McGraw, Judi Miladin, Mike Pede, John Smith, Earl Tretheway, Samantha Veeder, Mike Williams

Absent: Kevin Ryan

Guests: Bill Cheetham, Laura Dominy, Johanna Kelly, Brian Levy, MaryEllen Nugent, Nancy Pawluk, Karen Price-Scott, Lisa Simpson, Beth Turner

Motion: Approval of February 2004 meeting minutes
Cooper/Barlaam
Unanimous

Treasurer's Report

Mike McGraw reported that we're in good shape and he passed out the Audit for year ending June 2003. This is the first audit in which there were no findings and Mike expressed his gratitude to regional treasurers for this. The mileage reimbursement change is effective for July 1, 2004 from .30/mile to .375/mile (voted at 2/2004 meeting). Mike passed out new version of Expense Report.

Membership Report

Kerrie Cooper reported that we're at 1031 members which is down 105 from last year. Region 5 has largest drop; all but Region 4 are down. Discussion took place on Region 7's membership concerns and how the timing of the new website will affect membership reapplications.

Motion: Approval to destroy 2002-2003 paper membership applications.
Miladin/Smith
Unanimous

Additional discussion on new website's timing related to membership application issues.

Motion: If new website is not up by 7/1/04, then we mail paper applications to members. There was no second of this motion so the motion was rescinded by Miladin.

Motion: That an email be sent to all members clarifying how the 0405 membership registration/application will work in conjunction with new website going live.
Barlaam/Drapala
Approved

Motion: To pay June revenue sharing checks
Smith/Miladin
Approved

Training Report

Mike Pede reported that fall EASFAA Training will be held the first morning of the conference at the connecting hotel in Rochester. This is one of four sites around the state. Topics include general loan issues and the cost is \$25 for EASFAA members and \$75 for nonmembers. Registration can be done via EASFAA website. Mike also indicated that there is intermediate training tentatively being planned for early August on Graham, Leach, Blyley. Three sites would be in Syracuse, Westchester, and NYC. This is tentative however.

Easfaa Report

Anne Barton announced the new officers are Tom Dalton, President, Susan Howard, Pres.-Elect, Neville Brown, VP, Ken Fierra, Secretary and Cathy Bellomo, Treasurer.

EASFAA annually requests 15 copies of our annual conference programs. That needs to get put in the conference planning manual on the to do list.

Discussion took place on changing the selection process for EASFAA Conference Scholarship winner. Plans are to make it less of a luck result and to see if we can get members to earn the scholarship and become truly more active in EASFAA.

EASF AA Conference 2005 is at Bally's in Atlantic City with a \$135 daily cost. 2006 will likely be at the new convention center in Niagara Falls, NY.

Discussion took place on possibility of increasing our five \$1000 Scholarships as smaller states are giving out ten \$2000 scholarships.

EASF AA and NYSF AAA will jointly host a reception for George Chin at NASF AA.

President Elect Report

Judi Miladin reported that 1017 ballots were sent out for recent election; 313 were returned and 22 of those were ineligible. 291 ballots were valid. Results are:

Joan Warren 1st VP

Karen Price-Scott 2nd VP

Sam Veeder Treasurer

Carolyn Corcoran Secretary

Motion: To destroy the ballots of recent election

Drapala/Pede

Approved

Note is made that Cayuga Community College helped in subsidizing the cost of the election.

Conference 2004

John Smith passed out the preliminary program

Conference 2005

Gail Drapala reported that chairs/co-chairs are working on the program but are waiting until Conference 2004 is over before finetuning the program

HESC Update

A copy of the HESC Update is attached. Anne Barton did request an updated HESC organizational chart. Mike Williams explained that more reorganization will be happening in September so a new chart won't be available until after that. Mike will take the help desk ticket number issue to HESC hierarchy again.

Regional Reports/Concerns

Region 3 asked for a decision on allowing each region's Regional Chair to go to the annual conference free of charge. Discussion took place. Anne clarified that each region has one conference fee waiver in place already. Region 3's proposal was aimed at trying to reward a person who's very active in the region. It was concluded that the region could choose to cover transportation expenses for a member. Mike Pede will write up a policy and develop a form that can be used statewide for the regional conference fee waiver.

Governance Report

Bill Cheatham gave a history of the strategic long-range plan. There have been three revisions over the years and the most recent is on the website. Bill went through the Governance Committee's written recommendations concerning the plan and presented a written report.

By-Laws Revisions

We went through these and made some proposed changes. Anne will write up the all revision proposals and email Council members over the summer for comment. Secretary will need to do a mailing to members no later than September 1st, with the proposed changes.

President's Report

Anne touched on Reauthorization issues and specifically HR42-83, the College Access and Opportunity Grant bill. She talked about endorsing some vs. all of it and that SallieMae is urging school support.

NY State Senate bill 299, sponsored by Senator LaValle, involves schools' disclosure policies regarding adjustments made to a student's financial aid.

NYSF AAA's historian is Adrienne King, who works at NY Poli Tech.

VESID was confused and emailed Anne with updated VESID forms. Seems they got NYSF AAA confused with SUNYFAP

We now have a small supply of NYSF AAA thank you cards and Anne will distribute to regional reps.

Discussion took place on re-creation of a speakers bureau. Anne asked for a volunteer to contact regions about this and Claire Jacobi volunteered.

Anne will contact Paula Gordon at ATAC on Monday to clarify when the website will be up.

0405 Budget

Mike McGraw handed out and went over the proposed budget.

Motion: To approve the proposed budget
Cooper/Smith
Approved

Old Business

Mike Williams explained there is an RFP pending involving a contract to produce the CUNT ETA. He was asked if we will (aid officers) get access to the CUNY portal and Mike indicated that it is in discussion. Mike will put any updated information regarding this in updated HESC notes and send out later. He also brought most recent HESC directory that is available.

Mike McGraw indicated that if any college wants to participate in the State Fair Education Day in August, they need to contact Sharon Karkowski at Tompkins-Cortland.

New Business

The 0405 Exec Council meeting dates are on the website:

- Sept 23-24 in Saratoga
- Dec 9-10
- Feb 6,7,8
- June 15,1,17

Conference 2005 Proposals

Region 8's proposal was presented by Beth Turne and Brian Levy, with Laura Dominy, Sue Aldrich, and Kerrie Cooper all of the Facilities Committee present. Proposed dates are Nov 5-8 and site Lake Placid Resort Hotel (site of 1999 Conference).

Region 6's proposal was made by Claire Jacobi and Karen Price-Scott. Dates were Oct 7-12 at the Sheraton in NYC.

Questions and discussion followed the presentations.

Motion: To accept the proposal from Region 6, pending approval of the contract by our attorneys.
Drapla/Barlaam
3 in favor, 9 opposed
Motion denied

Motion: To accept Region 8's proposal, pending review and approval of the contract by our attorneys.
Cooper/Smith
8 in favor, 3 abstentions, none opposed
Motion approved

Region 8 is tentative site for Conference 2006

Motion: To adjourn at 11:10 am
Drapla/Cooper
Approved