

NYSFAAA EXEC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2004
SARATOGA
SPRINGS, NY

Present: Sue Aldrich, Maria Barlaam, Anne Barton, Kerrie Cooper, Carolyn Corcoran, Gail Drapala, Claire Jacobi, Mike McGr
Judi Miladin, Carrie Newman (for Kevin Ryan), Mike Pede, John Smith, Earl Tretheway, Samantha Veeder, Mike Williams

Guests: Karen Price-Scott, Patti Ronan, Lisa Simpson, Joan Warren

Motion: Approval of June 2004 meeting minutes
Drapala/McGraw
Approved

Treasurer's Report Mike McGraw

Mike passed out report for period ending June 2004. There's a revised version of the Travel Reimbursement form enclosed (new mileage rate) and it's on the website. The year closed out in good shape. The historical treasury records are being moved to HESC storage room. Sam Veeder will get last three years of records.

Mike reminded all that corporate sponsor information needs to be shared with members to comply with tax laws (especially important for Statewide CAAN person and VP for Training). Mike said that the corporate sponsor list will be put on the Website. He reminded that vendors that aren't a statewide sponsor should not be presenting at training events nor wear vendor logos or giving out supplies at such events.

Mike suggested forming a corporate development team made up of vendors who would solicit and monitor support to NYSFAA from vendors (similar to what EASFAA/PHEA do).

Mike is scheduling a meeting at annual Conference with regional treasurers and Sam Veeder invited all Exec Council reps. he also reminded reps. be sure their regional treasurers are forwarding quarterly reports to the Treasurer.

There was a suggestion and discussion ensued on having all funds (regional and statewide) in one bank with a lender that has representation/offices in all regions. This could cut down on Patriot Act-related paperwork and regional banking fees. Al advised this could be put out to bid.

VP for Professional Development Report Mike Pede

Discussion continued on regional conference fee waiver (continued from June 2004 meeting), now being referred to as Conference Assistance Grant. Mike passed out a draft of the CAG process, including draft of application. An additional discussion ensued on the possibility of creating a regional professional development fund as Region 3 has done (this could help supplement CAG and help pay hotel/transportation for conference)

Training Information Clarification was explained at this point:

1. a region has up to \$800 available automatically
2. there's up to \$1000 available for a support staff workshop
3. a region can request additional funding beyond the \$1800 but has to go through Exec Council (available regional treasury funds should be used prior to going to Council)

EASFAA Training is on the EASFAA website and one can register on-line. This fall's topic is Student Loans. Agenda website; cost is \$25 for member/\$75 non-member. A session will be held in the morning at annual Conference and then others are NYC, Long Island, and Albany

VP for Membership Report Kerrie Cooper

As of today we have 387 members

Kerrie praised Paula at ATAC for her efforts

Kerrie cautioned members when registering their regional affiliation(s) on the website; if the member doesn't check a region when prompted for primary regional affiliation, it'll default to Region 1

Motion: That new Membership V.P. and Communications Director go to ATAC and meet with Paula for training.

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Friendly Rider to Motion:◆ That Judi Miladin attend ATAC training also.

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Mike McGraw recommended bringing ATAC staff to Exec Council for training and Anne suggested website training be part of program at 2005 Conference

A lengthy discussion followed, on the issue of changing the membership year; this was raised by some members who did not have access to the website.◆ Point made that if membership year is changed, must also change the fiscal year, which impacts other things, like insurance.◆ The idea of separating membership registration from conference registration was also raised.◆ Discussion followed.◆

Kerrie also raised issue of how to distribute pins/member cards if we◆ are now sending membership confirmation via email.◆ McGraw suggested getting those items to Regional Chairpersons or EC reps◆ and at Novice and other events.

HESC Update ◆ Mike Williams (see attached)

Mike Williams began by indicating that HESC will have the Financial Aid Wall Chart ready by State Fair time and he acknowledged John Smith for coordinating all the CAAN-related items.◆ The Wall Chart is the most-requested document by state legislators

Patti Ronan, Director of Corporate Initiatives in the Office of the President at HESC, gave us an update on the newly created document tracking system.◆ Patti answered questions and took suggestions/recommendations from the EC.

Lisa Simpson gave an update on the Empire EFT Disbursement process at HESC; a detailed presentation will be offered to all members at the Conference.

Novice Update ◆ Lisa Simpson

The 2004 Novice Workshop was held at Manhattanville College with 98 participants.◆ Lisa proposed a total cost of \$580 for to include the \$35 NYSFAAA membership.◆ She hopes to do registration for next year◆s workshop on the Website and do more Web interaction with registrants.

MOTION:◆ To accept the cost for Novice participation for 2005 to be \$580, which would include annual NYSFAAA membership dues.

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President-Elect Report- Judi Miladin

The December 2004 meeting will be held in either White Plains or NYC area.

The February 2005 meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Albany.

College Goal Sunday- we◆ have been contacted by Ambrose Price (USA Funds) about participating.◆ It is generally held the Sunday after the Superbowl.◆ The program includes a \$25000 grant over 3 years from the Lumina Foundation.◆ There◆s also a \$◆ exploratory grant (start-up grant).◆ Once◆ grant funding is over, the association would have to be ready to fund the event. Judi spoke with an Ohio association member who said that after the 3 years, they had a◆ cost overrun◆.◆◆◆ Discussion place.◆ The general consensus seemed to be that the grant money didn◆t seem to be a lot, considering the potential media for the program.◆ Discussion ended with no motion made.

CAAN Update ◆ John Smith

The Wall Chart is now available.◆ The Wrapper is being printed now and will be available for School Counselor Workshops; next year the Wrapper should be available for the State Fair (the Wrappers◆s readiness depends on when sponsor support is read Anne asked John to bring a Wrapper sample to the December meeting.

Regional Reports

Verbal reports were given by each regional representative.◆ Most◆ discussed their region◆s concern with low school membership turnout at regional meetings and some regions discussed strategies for hopefully remedying this.◆ Most regions submitted a hardcopy report to the Secretary.◆ Region 7◆s Gail Drapala mentioned that the 2005 Conference hotel on Long Island has undergone a name change.◆ It is now called the Hyatt Regency Windwatch.◆ The hotel is being renovated currently and the hotel contact is Mark Purdue.◆ Region 8 members indicated that preliminary conference planning for Conference 2006 is underway.

Conference 2004 Update ◆ John Smith

Anne raised the issue of EC members sharing rooms at EC meetings. ♦ Short discussion followed.

MOTION: ♦ That NYSFAAA Executive Council members be allowed to have single rooms at meetings.

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TAP CUNY Portal Issue- Mike Williams indicated that ♦ Anytime TAP on the Web ♦ will be unveiled at the Conference but bas students will be able to change their college code but will be also able to file TAP on the WEB if have a valid FAFSA filed, so therefore no access to CUNY site should be necessary for 0506.

Gear Up Grant proposal- ♦ We ♦ are now in the 5th year of the grant. ♦ Participants of the first grant should be college freshr the fall of 2005. HESC and NYSFAAA will need to continue to work together on using Gear Up funds to their fullest potential. ♦ Council will meet at the Conference to discuss this more.

MOTION: ♦ To adjourn the meeting at 11:35 am.

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