

**NYSFAAA EXEC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2005**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE @ HAUPPAGUE, LONG ISLAND**  
**(Official)**

Present: ♦ Sue Aldrich, Maria Barlaam, Anne Barton, Carolyn Corcoran, Gail Drapala, Sharon Karwowski, Judi Miladin, Kevin Ryan, Earl Tretheway, Samantha Veeder, Joan Warren, Mike Williams

Guests: ♦ Rachel Barker, Dave Canaski, Angela Van Dekker, Brenda Wright

Not Present: ♦ Clair Jacobi, John Smith

I. ♦ Judi Miladin announced that Karen Price-Scott had tendered her resignation. ♦ Judi asked Maria Barlaam to consider taking VP position and Maria agreed, pending Council approval.

**MOTION: ♦ To appoint Maria Barlaam as V.P. for Professional Development; ♦ Karwowski/Tretheway. ♦ MOTION APPROVED.**

II. ♦ Discussion on the Direction of Statewide Training.

- Region 5 felt that the two hot topics are COD and Tax Return Analysis/Comprehension
- Region 3 asked if there was a way to have a clearinghouse on the website that would list ALL training ALL over the State
- Dave Canaski asked if philosophically we want more statewide OR regional training and consensus from group was ♦ we want more of both! ♦
- Earl Tretheway suggested that we have anyone offering training funnel the event information to him as Communications Chair; consensus was to only post events that have ♦ open ♦ access
- Anne Barton mentioned biggest complaint has been we haven't done two annual events; this where/why we may want to consider using different formats (video/tele-distance). ♦ Anne also mentioned that members acquaint training with what we get for our dues
- Sam Veeder commented that more intermediate training is needed and it the group agreed with this
- Kevin Ryan commented that annual conference sessions need to be put on the website as NASFAA sessions are
- Angela VanDekker offered that web training needs to be explored
- Extensive Discussion followed
- Judi stressed that large part of VP Professional Development job is communicating with regions and using the website for communication
- Maria Barlaam encouraged regions to let her know of any dynamic/effective training that they have in their region (so Maria could see if other regions want access to it)
- Joan suggested each region should designate a training coordinator and then Maria could set them up as a Training Committee (these persons should be paid members!). ♦ Discussion ended here.

**MOTION: ♦ To approve minutes of September 2005 Council meeting; ♦ Barlaam/Barton. ♦ MOTION APPROVED.**

Final Reminders: ♦ December 2005 Council Meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Arena in Binghamton ♦ and the January Council Meeting will be January 29, 30, 31<sup>st</sup> at Holiday Inn Express on Western Avenue in Albany.