



NYSFAAA Executive Council
June 11-12, 2015
Buffalo, New York

Call to Order & Roll Call

President Kerrie Cooper
1st VP- Jan Scheutzow
2nd VP- Howard Leslie- remote
Secretary-Kathy Flaherty
Treasurer- Kerry Lubold
Past-President – Scott Atkinson
Past-Treasurer –Pat Johnson -remote
Region 1- Sean Hudson
Region 2- Melissa Casselman
Region 3- Darrin Rooker
Region 4-Kristina Delbridge-remote
Region 5- Roberta Daskin
Region 6- Lucy Villaquiran
Region 7- Gene Rogers- excused
Region 8- Todd Moravec
Lisa Simpson – HESC Liaison –remote
Jeanine Murphy – Region 7 Proxy

Guests: Rob Zasso
Susan Godreau-incoming Budget Chair
Tami Gilbeaux

Kerrie Cooper called the meeting to order at 12:38 pm with a quorum of Executive Council present.

Approval of April 15, 2015 Minutes

A clarification was made to the Get on Your Feet income threshold. The eligibility is for those making less than \$50,000 per year.

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Atkinson, seconded by Darrin Rooker to approve the minutes as corrected. There was no discussion. The motion was passed with all in favor, no oppositions and no abstentions.

President's Report- Kerrie Cooper

- Kerrie attended the HESC Board of Directors meeting on May 6th
 - AIMS (New York Achievement and Investment in Merit) and Get on Your Feet needed emergency legislation to get started.
 - Kerrie requested FACT Sheet on the Get on Your Feet Program. AIMS is moving ahead with some controversy. Students are sending in copies of their award letters to HESC where they will be reviewed. Students can send only one letter from a school they plan to attend. Awards are being given to students attending different types of schools in proportion to the types of schools the

applications are received from. Deadline is approaching. Schools are not holding back on advertising the program at this time since clarification is needed.

- EASFAA Meeting
 - Kelly Morrissey is new President for 2015-2016, holding a one year term
 - Looking to add AMEX to credit card options
 - 50th Anniversary Task Force in place
 - 2016 Conference will be in Atlantic City, NJ
 - 2017 Conference in Burlington, VT
 - 2018 Conference has Delaware and New Hampshire as possibilities
 - May discuss several centralized locations and rotate (13 different areas participate)
 - Bill Cheetham, Irv Bodofsky and Larry Chambers are on Task Force
- Perkins Loan advocacy: Maria Livolsi shared new resolution and is looking for co-sponsors. Elise Stefanik is looking at it in detail. Pat Ziegler (Federal Governance Committee) is drafting letter on behalf of NYSFAAA and looking for sponsorship
- Troy Martin, Annual Conference Committee to Executive Council: consider being session moderator. Executive Council response: will fill slots assigned to them
- Congressman Tonko from Capitol district met during advocacy day and was very interested in listening; listened for 2 hours
 - Congressman was told he had largest Perkins portfolio and was impressed with information

Past-President's Report- Scott Atkinson

- Long Range Plan- review and discussion deferred to later in the meeting
- Policy & Procedure: A change was proposed in the wording to clarify who the EASFAA representative will be:
 - Current Policy wording: The immediate Past President or President will assume the position of New York representative to EASFAA at the June EASFAA retreat (approved April 2006, February 2012)
 - Proposed Policy wording: The NYSFAAA President during the first year of office will assume the position of the New York representative to EASFAA at the June EASFAA retreat. This term shall be for a two year period as NYSFAAA President and Immediate Past President until a new NYSFAAA President has taken office and is available to assume the position the following June.
 - Discussion: Serving as the EASFAA delegate during second year as President and as Past President aligns NYSFAAA with other states. Presidents will exchange roles at the June EASFAA retreat.

Motion: A motion was made by Roberta Daskin, seconded by Jeanine Murphy to update the NYSFAAA representative to EASFAA role as suggested in the proposed policy wording. The motion was passed with all approving, no oppositions and no abstentions.

- Election Committee
 - 265 members voted, which is typical
 - Results:
 - Darrin Rooker is President -Elect
 - Rob Zasso is Treasurer-Elect

Motion: A motion was made by Jan Scheutzow, seconded by Roberta Daskin to destroy the ballots. The motion was passed with all approving, no oppositions and no abstentions.

Second Vice-President- Kristina Delbridge for Howard Leslie

- State-Wide Training
 - Goal was one webinar per month which has been exceeded
 - Last webinar for this season will be June 25: Ask a Fed
 - Confidential questions have been submitted
 - Next webinar is scheduled for September
 - Looking for new committee members, especially to help with Q and A. Time commitment is about 2.5 hours per webinar and a few hours prior to webinar. Howard schedules speakers and sets up webinars. Request to regional representatives to recruit.
 - The number of those attending webinars this past year were good
 - Working on the details for the next state-wide training (date and time)
- Intermediate Training – Kerrie
 - Jane and Howard will be planning

First Vice-President- Jan Scheutzow

- Membership:
 - For 2014-2015: 1311 members
 - Goal was 1380 so 95% was reached
 - Exceeded income goal \$76,075 (over the \$74,000 goal)
 - 56 outstanding invoices: most are from April/May
- Discussion:
 - With a healthy membership, why do so few come to regional meetings?
 - Maybe there should be 3 main training events per year rather than monthly meetings.
 - Suggested format might be morning webinars and afternoon meetings.
 - Should the membership be surveyed for a preferred format. This was done recently and timing was an issue to many.

Secretary – Kathy Flaherty

- School Outreach
 - All College Goal New York events have wrapped up
 - 37 events were held across the State
 - Thank you to all the NYSFAAA volunteers who helped make these events successful
 - Effective October 1, 2015, the National College Access Network (NCAN) will administer College Goal New York. NCAN is seeking 3 site coordinators nationwide to sit on the CGS National Steering Committee. Wayne Harewood has applied for one of the positions
 - HESC has provided funding for the CGNY award from the College Access Challenge Grant. That fund is now depleted and will not be available for 2016 events.
 - College Goal Sunday (CGS) Forum will be held in Washington, DC in May. Wayne Harewood will represent New York
 - NY GEARUP

- School sites will be: St John's University, Long Island University, CUNY Lehman, RIT, SUNY Farmingdale, SUNY Buffalo, Nassau Community College and the Urban League of Rochester
- The Outreach Committee will form a subcommittee of volunteers to help with GEAR-UP
- Gene Rogers has introduced himself to the point people at Long Island University and Nassau Community College
- Raymond Cummings, HESC, will lead the program

As always, School Outreach seeks new members

- Technology, Innovation and Communication Committee
 - Ajana Wilkinsin, Kingsborough Community College (Region 7) and Megan Kennerkinecht, SUNY Geneseo (Region2) have joined this committee.
 - Ongoing work on Empire Chat, encouraging members to write blogs
 - Ongoing work on review of the effectiveness of the website design. Looking for regional feedback
 - Ongoing work to keep web up-to-date
 - Birthday greeting message is now active
 - Working with the Conference Committee on QR codes, social media, tweeting, mini training on technology
 - Ongoing work on investigating new technologies

Treasurer – Kerry Lubold

- Treasurer efforts
 - Budget vs. Actual: Quickbooks does not have a report format to facilitate reporting outside of budget year
 - Filed Form Char 990 charitable form (Need more information from Regions1,4,6,8)
 - Have not had a valid tax exempt state tax form for 4.5 years. Kerry has contacted numerous times with no response. Will continue to pursue
 - Revenue sharing checks out this month
 - Getting Morgan Stanley information monthly; About every 4 years an investment committee was created to meet with investors on a more detailed basis.
 - Also gets insurance notices when changes occur
 - Discussion:
 - Would it be helpful to have a budget advisory committee composed of some budget committee members
 - How much do we pay for insurance; reply: most groups carry \$1 M in coverage
 - Finalized paying for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 audits
 - incurred higher professional services
- Scholarship Committee
 - Looking at NYSFAAA cookbook fundraiser
 - Looking for regions to submit multiple raffle baskets
- Development Committee – Tami Gilbeaux
 - Sonya Griggs working with her and others
 - Using Foundation Directory on line and learning about this
 - Some groups will provide grants for operating expenses

- Many need Letter of Intent and explanation of how you will sustain this when the grant does not exist
- Back-end reporting is extremely important
- Her recommendation is to subscribe to this Foundation annually (campuses probably already have a subscription) Membership is \$400 - \$2000/year depending on level of access.
- Shared a draft of letter of intent

Discussion: (Scott)

- function like Budget Committee to solicit funding requests from membership then look for outside funding to cover the requests
- Example of sustainability: apply for \$2500 for a training series and then continued funding would be provided with dues or Novice funding.
- must be documented in budget
- Does any other organization, (EASFAA, etc) do this.
- College Goal replacement funding is a possible request; conference speakers are more costly

Budget Presentation – Rob Zasso

- Budget requests were reviewed
- Discussion:
 - Regional budget requests were rejected as these are funded with revenue sharing
 - College Goal forum was not funded
 - Questions about the cookbook fund raiser were referred back to the Scholarship committee for clarification

Motion: A motion was made by Todd Moravec, seconded by Howard Leslie to move to Executive Session. Session was opened at 3:00pm. Meeting resumed at 3:20 pm

- Budget discussion continued:
 - What would a regular audit cost without the extra services?
 - Reduce organization phone lines to 1 to save
 - Mentoring conference registrations not being used
 - Add funding for Intermediate Training and Federal Government Relations, Outreach
 - Not feasible to raise Conference registration fee
 - Raise dues based on added value of training?

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Atkinson, seconded by Darrin Rooker: in order to make scholarships self-sufficient, \$13,500 in funds should be taken from the scholarship investment account.

A friendly amendment was proposed: For the 2015-2016 budget year, the Scholarship Committee will use fund raising revenue and up to \$13,500 from the NYSFAAA scholarship accounts to balance the scholarship budget.

A vote was called with 11 in favor, 2 opposed and no abstentions.

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Atkinson, seconded by Jan Scheutzow to increase Active and Associate membership dues to \$70/per member per year effective July 1, 2015.

Friendly amendments were made to add active and associate; per member. The motion was passed with all in favor, no oppositions and, no abstentions.

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Atkinson, seconded by Melissa Casselman to approve the 2015-2016 budget.

There was no discussion

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

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Atkinson, seconded by Darrin Rooker to use cash reserves to reconcile the 2014-2015 budget.

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

Past-Treasurer – Pat Johnson

Quarterly reports are in order

Day 1 of the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm, June 11 2015

Day 2 reconvened at 8:25 am, June 12 2015

New attendees: Lisa Simpson (remote)

Anne Barton

Lisa Papke

Howard (remote) joined at 9:45 am

Scott opened with a motion

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Atkinson, seconded by Sean Hudson to move to new conference phone line: free conference call.com

The motion was passed with all in favor, no oppositions and no abstentions

Novice – Lisa Papke

- Celebrating the 45th year of training in 2015
- Dates: May 30 – June 4 2015 at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry
- Shortened by 1 day
- Staff of 21 trained 90 novices
- This completes the 3rd year of training at Mercy College
- Lisa Simpson and Lisa Papke have stepped down as co-chairs
 - Lisa Papke will continue to assist with registration, etc depending on location
 - Ask Lisa P for a staff thank you
 - Theresa Weimer will replace as Novice Chair
- Kerrie Cooper offered Lisa Simpson and Lisa Papke a huge thank you on behalf of NYSFAAA for leading so many successful Novice programs

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Atkinson, seconded by Darrin Rooker to offer a formal resolution recognizing Lisa Simpson for 15 years and Lisa Papke for 8 years of service to NYSFAA as Novice leaders.

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

- For the future: a call for bids to host Novice will go out mid-July to mid-August. The applications will be rated and sites will be visited.

HESC Update- Lisa Simpson

- Personnel in constant change
- 2013-2014 TAP closeout is June 15th; after that only decertification will be accepted
- 2015-2016 summer TAP prepayment percentages are on website
- IVP is run every Friday

- Student status listings are out
- 2014-2015 processes are running
- Budget was passed on time in April
- New programs: Fact Sheets are on the web
 - NY Achievement and Investment in Merit Scholarship (AIMS)
 - \$500 per 4-5 years of Undergraduate study (5 years, if required)
 - Based on Cost of Attendance rather than tuition only
 - Criteria sent to schools and High School counselors to identify and encourage students to apply
 - Must graduate from and attend New York school
 - 3.3 GPA, or honors/regent diploma
 - Top 15%
 - Score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP exams
 - 5000 awards
 - Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness
 - Recent college grads from NY college on or after 14-15 Aid Year
 - Undergraduate only
 - Student must be in income based repayment or pay as you earn plan
 - Less than \$50,000 income
 - NY residents
 - Working and living in New York
 - Pay up to 24 months of payments for them
 - Applications will be live soon
 - Must use program within 2 years of graduating
 - SAP chart for ADA students should be posted soon
 - Additional family members in college reinterpreted
 - HESC has clarified regulation
 - First thought must be attending NY college
 - Process will stay the same as in the past
 - Does not have to be a New York State school
 - Funded through 2016-2017
 - Applications available in May
 - Masters in Education Incentive Scholarship
 - Lead to career in public elementary or secondary education
 - Agree to teach full-time in public schools for 5 years
 - 500 awards annually, covering up to 2 years of full-time study
 - Tuition charged at SUNY school or less

Discussion:

For Get on Your Feet:

- can they be unemployed
- Answer: if payment was based on income for last year, now unemployed, they would now be on a payment plan
- How many are projected to qualify?
- There will be a fact sheet and an application link with an online signature
- \$50,000 household income is the AGI (single or joint depending on how they file taxes)
- If they start a grad degree, but don't finish should be eligible
- Must document continued eligibility every 12 months.

Old Business:

o Banners for regions:

- Some regions do not have banners
- Replacement banner would be \$229 each
- Regions would be responsible for the cost

Scott could recommend provider

Scott will send information to regional council representatives and they can share

o Operational calendar

- Request new credit cards (treasurer)
- Committees should set goals for next year

New Business:

- o Kristina requested that Region 4 be approved to allow members a 2 drink maximum for their June 25th webinar and luncheon meeting. Members will monitor compliance.

Motion: A motion was made by Todd Moravec, seconded by Scott Atkinson to approve Region 4's use of regional funds to purchase alcohol with a limit of 2 drinks per member which will be monitored by regional membership.

Discussion: regional meeting attendance has been low, but improving

The February 12th webinar brought many new people to their meeting

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

- o It would be helpful for Executive Council members to share cell phone numbers
- o The Historian position has been approved. Scott Atkinson was the only person with an interest in this position at this time.

Motion: A motion was made by Todd Moravec, seconded by Sean Hudson to approve the appointment of Scott Atkinson as NYSFAAA Historian.

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

HESC questions:

- o A suggestion to consider: since HESC is a unique situation providing a service to all 8 regions they should be able to pay one membership and be given access to all regions lists. Jan will research how to do this

Assessment – Scott

- o Assessment of NYSFAAA in relation to Long Range Plan
- o Went from 5 year to 3 year plan; approved and adopted at last conference
- o Document of analysis provided
- o Evaluation of what we are doing with respect to the Long Range Plan
- o Many means of feedback used: consultation with individuals, regional discussions, reports, etc
- o Analysis by section:
 - Communications and Technology
 - Search bar tool can be improved
 - ATAC could provide usage information
 - Can Development provide funding for upgrade
 - Updating one topic should update that item sitewide.
 - Option for Google update from NYSFAAA to personal calendar
 - Mobile friendly app
 - Strength: invite membership to meetings when held in area
 - Fiscal Stability

- Low grade due to grant writing just starting but not in place at this time
- Use of Investment advisement committee
- Grade was a little severe given that Development is the lacking area and other areas are much improved. Response: grades were given in light of the Long Range Plan.
- Committee should have representative from every region.
- Advocacy and Public Policy
 - Region 4 because it is small would have difficulty being the main outreach for state advocacy. Rephrase this so that it could be region 4's contribution to NYSFAAA.
 - Should regions support advocacy to reduce cost to NYSFAAA. Carpooling is option, train ticket, no overnight, no meals.
 - Committee felt it was area of strength in the last year
 - Getting students involved from your campus (could be goal/objective)
- Training and Development
 - Webinars going well
 - Getting increased membership participation through webinars; but difficult to get members to in-person meetings
 - Holding a webinar at region meeting speaks to this issue in creating a balance between training remotely and in-person meeting
 - Suggestion to have "What is NYSFAAA" as a formal Conference session.
 - Information is presented at the New Member reception.
 - Committees could have reserved tables at a meal for information sessions
 - Use of "The Heart of Leadership" book by Mark Outreach no comments at this time

Conference 2015 Report – Laura Worley

- Facilities are set; had walk-through
- Next meeting on June 23rd
- Tuesday will feature a Buffalo Buffet with Buffalo wings, kimmelweck , etc
- AV: working on details
- Parking: ample parking nearby
- Keynote speakers booked
- Mini site will go out first for hotels

Conference 2016 – Scott Atkinson

- Meeting at Turning Stone on June 26th

Webinar Additional Update – Howard Leslie

- Set date for regional statewide webinar
 - Looking for a fall and spring dates
 - Week of November 16 is possible (Friday, Nov 20). Possible topic: federal training
 - Week of Feb 22 for spring (Friday, Feb 26): possible topic NASFAA training or State training on new programs
- Ask a Fed has produced interest in some topics such as bbay, 150%, audit, disbursement rules, citizenship, modules
- State award letter update – nothing new
- Concern:
 - Is shopping sheet template required for veterans

- Current letter does not separate out full and part time aid depending on enrollment
- HESC is not Agency working with this

Regional Reports

Individual reports are attached to the Minutes.

Region 5 question: Can an officer continue to serve if they move and work outside of the region? The decision is up to the region, with the exception of the Executive Council representative.

Future Meetings

- August 19: Remote meeting 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- October 26 at Conference

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Scott Atkinson, seconded by Todd Moravec to adjourn. The motion was passed with all in favor, no oppositions and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 11: 42am

Region 1 Report

NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting

June 11-12, 2015

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

A. March 12, 2015 – Daemen College

Attendees = 11

Topics and Training details: Conference Update, Review of Statewide Training that was held February 12th, HESC Update, Announcement about Novice and Requests for candidates for open regional positions.

B. April 9, 2015 – Hilbert College

Attendees = 23

Topics and Training details: Detailed Conference Update, HESC Update, Review of National College Fair that was held at the Buffalo Convention Center, Training topics for future meetings discussed, Push for registrations for Novice, Requests for candidates for Treasure & Exec Council Rep, and Discussed summer outing ideas.

C. May 14, 2015 – Medaille College

Attendees = 24

Topics and Training details: BJ Revill, Director of Financial Aid, University of Rochester, School of Medicine Dentistry gave a presentation on Income Driven Repayment Plans & Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

2. **Other Training events that Region was involved in:** Statewide Training with Curt presenting from our location and The National College Fair (NYSFAAA table)
3. **Treasury update:** As of May 14, 2015 we have a balance of \$7334.26.
4. **Committee Reports:** 2015 Conference Committee has met several times; individual committees have also met separate. The Program Committee is making great progress and recently solicited ideas from the membership.
5. **Conference news (If your region is involved in Conference planning):** See Above

6. **Upcoming meetings and events:** Summer Outing will be held June 26th. We will be taking a narrated boat tour of the Buffalo River then having lunch at (716) Restaurant in the HarborCenter.
7. **Regional comments/Recommendations (If you region has a pressing issues that needs to be brought to the attention of Council):** None

Region # 2 Report
NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting
June 10, 2015

Submitted by Melissa Casselman Nazareth College, Rochester, NY

1 MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

One Meeting: Date and Location: April 17, 2015, Genesee Community College

Membership update: 137 members, includes all member types: Associate level, Retiree level, and Member level.

Lenders update: PNC Bank - Through their PNConCampus.com - there will be two drawings for a \$2000 scholarship. Drawings will be in June and December 2015. Entrant does not need to be a borrower to enter.

2 Other Training events that Region members were or will be involved in:

The Region 2 meeting had a Policy and Procedure Presentation at its' April meeting with 16 members in attendance.

Cindy Kohlman and Leigh Bove gave a PowerPoint presentation on Policy and Procedure manuals followed by a Best Practices session amongst Region 2 members which was well received.

Brockport provided a great example of how to put together a manual.

Lisa Simpson called into the meeting and updated Region 2 on the new NYS programs; 'Get on your Feet', a grant for ~~Graduate~~ UnderGrad students and the NYAims program. Lisa updated the group on Income verification information at HESC.

3 Treasury update:

As of April 17th, 2015, \$1477.72 balance.

4 Committee Reports – n/a

5 Conference news – n/a

Region 2 Exec Council Report continued

6 Upcoming meetings and events:

September 25th, 2015 at Genesee Community College.
2015-2016 calendar will be set at the fall meeting.

7 Regional comments/Recommendations:

Held election for next Executive Council person for Region 2. There were 2 candidates on the ballot; Laura George, Alfred State and Margaret Christian, University of Rochester School of Medicine. The result is Margaret Christian will be the next Executive Council person for Region 2. She will take over her duties at the October Executive Council meeting that precedes the annual conference.

Region 3 Report

NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting

June 11, 2015

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Location:

March 13th - Tompkins Cortland Community College

May 1st - Cayuga Community College

Attendees:

March 13th (19)

May 1st (12)

Topics and Training details:

HESC Updates (conference call with Lisa Simpson at HESC)

NYSFAAA 2015 Conference Update (Laura Worley, chair of conference)

Executive Council Update (Darrin Rooker)

CDR Review (Tami Gilbeaux)

-Review from recent webinar on CDR -Tool kit created (template-able to pull slides that benefit the school): -goals -CDR equation -snapshot of CDR with school -comparison charts -visual charts (open cohort years) -default prevention strategy -costs associated with strategies -impact of CDR (on shopping sheet) -recommendations -CDR benefits

Roundtable Discussion

Congressional Federal Budget and Reauthorization proposals

-revised repay pay as you earn.

-Republicans agree on spending plan to cut aid (Pell reduction and elimination of all subsidized loans)-Reauthorization

2 Other Training events that Region was involved in :

Support Staff Update (Kevin Shults)

- Has been held at Le Moyne College in late May last few years.
- 33 attendees last year
- Looking at changing date to fall and not have it held on a college campus.
- Kevin will do research for pricing and possible new venue.

3 Treasury update: (Danielle Griggs)

- \$4974.70 starting balance

4 Committee Reports: (Pat Johnson)

- Elections
- Region elections being conducted now.

5 Upcoming meetings and events:

- September - Oswego

6 Regional comments/Recommendations (If you region has a pressing issues that needs to be brought to the attention of Council)

Region IV Report

NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting

June 11, 2015

1. Meetings:

- a. **February 12. Regional meeting to view Statewide training together at Excelsior College- we had a regional meeting during lunch. This was our first “well-attended” meeting in a very long time.**

2 **May 7. Guest Speaker Rep. Paul Tonko. 12 attendees including a student from UAlbany. Discussion of Perkins funding and his priorities in regard to higher education, particularly as they relate to financial aid and other funding mechanisms which will be considered through Reauthorization.**

3 **Other Training events that Region was involved in :**

- a. **none**

4 **Treasury update: \$8,401.73**

5 **Committee Reports**

- a. **Membership: 121 Associate, Affiliate, Retired and Life Member; 88 active.**

- b. **New officers as follows:**

- **Executive Council: Michelle Fountaine, Assistant Director for Financial Aid, SUNY Empire State College**
- **Chairs: Meredith Tower, Associate Director of Financial Aid, Union College and Nicole Hoyt, Financial Aid Advisor, SUNY Empire State College**
- **Secretary: Stephanie Stock, Director of Business Development, Sallie Mae**
- **Treasurer: Randi Moore, Financial Aid Coordinator, Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing**
- **Non-elected positions:**
 - **Membership: Rochelle Filler, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**
 - **Government Relations: Patrick Zeigler from Wells Fargo**

6 **Conference news**

- a. **None-our Region IV is not hosting the 2015 conference and therefore no information needs to be presented.**

7 **Upcoming meetings and events**

- a. **June 25 holding a regional meeting and viewing the training together at SUNY Empire State College.**

8 **Regional comments/Recommendations:**

a. Strategic Long Range Plan goals:

- i. ADVOCACY:** We would like to increase advocacy efforts of Region IV members due to our location. Over the next year we would like to continue to incorporate guests from state legislature, SED, OSC and HESC into our meetings in order to strengthen our relationships with those agencies.
- ii. LEADERSHIP and DEVELOPMENT:** Over the next year we will encourage other members to attend Executive Council meetings so that they can have an opportunity to learn more about NYSFAAA. This will provide a targeted mentoring opportunity for those who may be interested in becoming future leaders within NYSFAAA.

Region #5 Report
NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting
Date June 11, 2015

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Location: None

Attendees = ##

Topics and Training details:

2 Other Training events that Region was involved in :

Example – CGNY, Guidance Counselor workshop?

3 Treasury update: Unchanged, from last report.

4 Committee Reports

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

6 Upcoming meetings and events Elections. Perry and Tami will continue as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

7 Regional comments/Recommendations (If you region has a pressing issues that needs to be brought to the attention of Council)

8 Our chair, Jarrett, has moved to a new job outside region 5. He is organizing elections, but I doubt anything else will happen before a new chair is in place.

Region 7 report- submitted by Gene Rogers (regional rep)

Past Meetings

Meeting. 3/20/15- Suny Farmingdale- 31 attendees

Presentation on processing of VA benefits - Dr. Richard Robitaille, Associate Vice President of Military and Veteran Affairs at Berkeley College-

Updates from the scholarship committee- possible cookbook (with contributions from NYSFAAA members) – Deb Evans

Ex Council-outreach update- Gearup news-

A planning team for summer outing (June 19th) was assigned

Meeting- May 15th- Five town college – 25 attendees

1. Call for nominations for upcoming Region 7 elections
2. HESC update: Mike Turner
3. Plus loan news- Zach Goodwin- US DOE
4. Financial Literacy presentation- Donna Miller- Igrad
5. Follow up on summer outing (will be combined outing with Region 6)..agenda plans to focus on

Upcoming meetings: June 19th

Summer outing- Belmont part (along with Region 6)

11:30- Registration

12:00- 1:00pm- Ask HESC Open Forum- Michael Turner from HESC will be there to answer any questions you have about the new initiatives at HESC, including Grants and Scholarships. Please forward your questions in advance to Angie Esparza- angelica.esparza@stonybrook.edu

1:00-2:00pm- Lunch, Regional Updates, and Networking

2:00- 3:00pm- "The Big Picture" - Overview of FSA Information Systems (NSLDS, COD, New FSA ID process, & Q&A)

Regional news:

Region 7 was a strong presence at a recent advocacy event hosted by Suny Farmingdale. This event was to bring to light legislation that was proposed that would freeze Pell grant amounts for 10 years. All the attendees gave testament on how this would hurt students nationwide and we should do we can to make sure this does not happen.

Region 7 plans to hold elections at some point in late June.

Region 8 Report

NYSFAAA Exec Council Meeting

Date: 6/15/2015

1. MEETINGS SINCE LAST EXEC COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Location: We have had no meetings since the statewide training because our chair (Sue Merchant) accepted a new position and moved to Florida. Carolyn Corcoran has agreed to serve as the new regional chair.

Attendees = ##

Topics and Training details:

2 Other Training events that Region was involved in :

Example – CGNY, Guidance Counselor workshop?

3 Treasury update:

4 Committee Reports

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

6 Upcoming meetings and events

7 Regional comments/Recommendations (If you region has a pressing issues that needs to be brought to the attention of Council)