



NYSFAAA Executive Council
August 15, 2018
Remote Meeting
2-4 pm

Call to Order & Roll Call

President – Darrin Rooker

President Elect – Howard Leslie

1st VP – Adrienne King

2nd VP – Howard Leslie

Secretary – Kelly Kelly

Treasurer – Robert Zasso

Treasurer Elect – Susan Godreau-not attended

Region 1 – Kathy Michalski

Region 2 – Shalena Clary

Region 3 – Kathy Flaherty on behalf of Patti Donahue

Region 4 – Michelle Fontaine

Region 5 – Joseph Weglarz-not attended

Region 6 – Ajana Wilkinson-not attended

Region 7 – Debra Evans

Region 8 – Stacey Hawkins

Guests: Tami Gilabeaux-2018 Conference

Kathy Flaherty-2018 Conference

Darrin Rooker called the meeting to order at 2:05pm with a quorum of Executive Council present.

MOTION: A motion was made by Howard Leslie, seconded by Adrienne King to approve the minutes from the June 18-19, 2018 meeting. Discussion was on a spelling update. A vote was called-the motion passed with a quorum in favor of the motion

President's Report – Darrin Rooker

- EASFAAA
 - Reported last EASFAAA meeting in the June EC meeting
 - Next meeting is Sept. 30th – Oct. 2nd in Albany, NY-Albany Hilton
 - Confirmed institutional bylaw change did pass
- HESC board meeting
 - Meeting held August 1st

- Board is more diverse when it comes to the major school sectors now being represented on the board compared to prior years.
- President of HESC report-started by playing a video of HESC and what it does as an agency. He then talked about how HESC administers 27 individual NY State financial aid programs.
- HESC wants to utilize more technology in the future. Possibly a State student aid app. for students to use when applying for aid, like the FAFSA app.
- Regulations were passed to clean up some of the language in previous regulations, and open up the definitions of “eligible” schools for the Enhanced Tuition Assistance program; in order to be inline with the new statutory language expanding the program.
- Leadership council members made their statements at the end of the meeting
 - Darrin made NYSFAAA’s statement
 - He focused on NYSFAAA’s Novice program and importance of HESC being a part of it, and thanking them for their support.
 - He strongly stressed the need for a comprehensive policy & procedure manual for the Excelsior and ETA programs, and stressed how vulnerable financial aid administrators feel right now while they are trying to administer these programs.
 - SUNYFAP made their statement demanding comprehensive guidance on the administration of the Excelsior program.
- Darrin stated he will continue to keep Council up to date as issues develop with the new State aid programs.
- Darrin stated that he is getting telephone calls from reporters concerning SUNYFAP’s and NYSFAAA’s comments made at the August 1st HESC board meeting. Darrin was quoted in Schenectady’s “The Daily Gazette” newspaper on his remarks made at the HESC board meeting.
 - Council has directed Darrin to respond “no further comment at this time” when responding to any reporter inquiries.
- Next HESC board meeting – December 12th
- Other
 - Attended Region 6 meeting-great meeting with good conservation

President Elect Report – Howard Lesli
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- Governance Committee – have not met since last meeting
- Statewide Training
 - Twice a year, NYSFAAA holds a state wide training for all regions

MOTION: A motion was made by Howard Leslie, seconded by Debra Evans that Statewide Training comes to regional meetings on Thursday, November 8th from 10am-12pm. A vote was called with all in favor, no oppositions, and not abstentions.

- Planning to design a highly interactive event, featuring several panelists representing multiple organizations who are actively implementing new technologies to reduce institutional barriers, improve retention, and increase accessibility

MOTION: A motion was made by Howard Leslie seconded by Debra Evans to have the topic be “New Technology Initiatives-with a focus on mobile Technology.” A vote was called with all in favor, no oppositions, and not abstentions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Howard Leslie, seconded by Adrienne King for the NYSFAAA Statewide Training annual FAFSA Application Training and TAP be available to all and membership not required. A vote was called with all in favor, no oppositions, and not abstentions.

- Fall program- booked presenters and confirmed the following dates and topics
 - Sept. 13th – Asset-Related Conflicting Information, Robert Weinerman
 - Oct. 4th – 19-20 FAFSA Application Training and TAP, LaSonya Griggs and Michael Turner
 - Nov. 8th – Fall 2018 Regional meeting
- New webinar two-part registration-software company changed their platform and it caused a change in the way we have to register
- TICC
 - Working with Conference 2018-created #NYSFAAA50
 - Promoting relationships between membership and mentors
 - Pod casts-president to do pod cast on NYSFAAA website to open more communication

First Vice President’s Report – Adrienne King
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- Membership update
 - Region 1
 - Region 2 Deidre Strutz
 - Region 3 Kevin Shultz
 - Region 4 Rochelle Filler
 - Region 5 Cindy Garvey
 - Region 6 Ben Loya
 - Region 7 Patricia Noren
 - Region 8 Patricia Farmer

2015-16 Membership	16-17 Membership Goal	8/15/18	<i>% of Goal</i>	2017-18 Goal *as of 8/15/18
Active 1162	1090	1136*		1136 1136
Associate 100	88	93*		100 93
Affiliate 68	50	51*		80 51
Retired 19	21	25*		23 25
Lifetime 8	9	11*		11 11
TOTAL 1357	TOTAL 1258	Total 1316	88%	Total 1350 1316

- Region breakdown (total is 1450 because some members belong to multiple regions)
 - Region 1 109
 - Region 2 152
 - Region 3 187
 - Region 4 98
 - Region 5 156
 - Region 6 438
 - Region 7 170
 - Region 8 59
- Transition with membership going well-still working on address change
- Let Adrienne or Lucy know of any changes to region membership reps
- Email sent out to those with outstanding invoices
- Awards Committee
 - Sending out nomination email this week

Secretary's Report – Kelly Kelly

- Annual Report preparation
 - 17/18 Organizational chart updated-waiting for update on NYSFAAA web page
 - Using organizational chart to contact the various chair committee members for their annual report
 - Report requests will go out by the end of the month
- Conference 2018 request

MOTION: A motion was made by Kelly Kelly, seconded by Howard Leslie for conference 2018 to allow one glass of wine at the gala dinner with no drink ticket. Marriott servers will limit the pour to one glass per person with entrée. There was no discussion. A vote was called with all in favor, no oppositions, and not abstentions.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Zasso
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- Gave handouts to review
- Sent out revenue checks sent out to regions in early July
- Transition of treasurer-elect to treasurer will happen at Conference 2018
- Investigated car insurance policy-will continue to look into and talk with our credit card company on their insurance
- Balance sheet-still working on June and July

Old Business

- Strategic Plan
 - Review of NYSFAA Best Practices/Ongoing Activities and Strategic Plan 2018-2020

MOTION: A motion was made by Howard Leslie, seconded by Debra Evans to accept the governance best practice and ongoing activities and strategic plan for 2018-2020. A vote was called with all in favor, no oppositions, and not abstentions.

- George Chin Award
 - Review of the new scholarship

MOTION: A motion was made by Rob Zasso, seconded by Howard Leslie to accept the new Mr. George Chin Award for Leadership. A vote was called with all in favor, no oppositions, and no abstentions.

- Began to review NYSFAAA goals and will continue at next executive council meeting
- Conference 2018
 - Co-chairs met this morning
 - Key note speaker selected
 - Concurrent sessions being created
 - Two pre-conference workshops: Grad symposium and Guidance Counselor Workshop
 - Facilities committee-finalizing food
 - Registration committee-working with Paula to get the registration out
 - Vendor committee-in process with getting vendors
 - Local members-working with Visit Syracuse
- Conference 2019
 - Currently working on budget
 - Working on promo piece to give a the 2018 Conference
 - Contract signed for venue

Regional Updates

- Not required for this meeting

Future Meetings

- October 22nd (Monday) starting at 8:00am – Marriott Syracuse Downtown, Syracuse, NY
 - New council members invited
- December 11th (Tuesday) 2:00-4:00 - Remote meeting (tentative)

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Kathy Michalski and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.