NYSFAAA Region 1 Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2022

Via Zoom

Attendance: Lea Nuwer-Buffalo State, Kathy Michalski – NCCC, Nicole Griffo – Hilbert College, Melony Ohalek-Sallie Mae, Mike Turner- HESC, Lisa Simpson- HESC, Katie Kocsis-Niagara University, Margaret Loops- Buffalo State, Tami Gilbeaux-Inceptia, Maggie Killian- Daemen College, Terri Adamczyk-Trocaire College, Dan Hunter-Buffalo State retired, Tom Dalton-Edamerica, Laura Worley-Student Choice, Yvonne Nagel-Buffalo State, Chris Barto-LIM, Donna Gurnett-APC Colleges.

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** current balance $3,536.85

**Committee Updates**:

* Election Committee: will be holding region 1 elections for Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Watch for more information via the listserv in March. NYSFAAA holding elections for 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary.
1. **School and Vendor News:**
* Inceptia holding a webinar: Understanding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on February 16, 2022 head to their website for more information. <https://www.inceptia.org/resource-center/webinars/>
* Sallie Mae Scholarship Information:
* **The Completing the Dream Scholarship:** The Sallie Mae Fund will award (185) gap scholarships worth up to $2,500 each to minority students and those from underserved communities who are on track to graduate but are at-risk of not completing due to financial emergency or unpaid school bill. Students can apply **NOW** for the Completing the Dream Scholarship at:  [**www.salliemae.com/landing/completing-the-dream**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.salliemae.com%2Flanding%2Fcompleting-the-dream&data=04%7C01%7Clworley%40studentchoice.org%7Cf6219788d7714c7c767a08d9ea46ab00%7C68d372adaafa4b72bd09b500ba7f202e%7C1%7C0%7C637798411520209612%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=F%2B6CGNBsdNiJ%2FivAqYwiO2dZRsCnqZjVxhrlg1tOBkg%3D&reserved=0)
* **The Bridging the Dream Scholarship for High School Seniors:** The Sallie Mae Fund will award (25) $10,000 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to enroll in a two- or four-year degree professional certificate, or vocational training program. Seniors who excel inside and outside of the classroom and demonstrate financial need can apply **NOW** through Feb. 28 at:  [**www.salliemae.com/landing/bridging-the-dream**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.salliemae.com%2Flanding%2Fbridging-the-dream&data=04%7C01%7Clworley%40studentchoice.org%7Cf6219788d7714c7c767a08d9ea46ab00%7C68d372adaafa4b72bd09b500ba7f202e%7C1%7C0%7C637798411520209612%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=SJFaZ9pXEi3Z961ySLxeW%2FpFs8KfYr3lXmEbVP5xRYI%3D&reserved=0).
1. **HESC Update**: See attachment from Mike Turner
2. **Government Relationships Committee**: Chris Barto, LIM and Donna Gurnett, APC Colleges
* Described the activities of the committee, who to meet with, and the five topics of current legislation concerns. See attachments.
* Offered to join region 1 on meeting with local senators and legislators.
* Upcoming appointment: February 9th 2 10:30, February 14th at 1:00pm. Reach out to Chris or Donna if you would like to join the meeting(s). Cbarto@limcollege.edu or Dgurnett@apc-colleges.org
1. Next meeting: May 5, 2022 at Scoob’s Village Grille, Central Ave, Lancaster NY. 11:00am start, lunch at noon. Watch for more information and menu selections coming soon.
2. Discussion: Pros/Cons of electronic signature software. Software identified in discussion: Adobe Sign, Dynamic Forms, Campus Logic.