NYSFAAA Region 1 Meeting Minutes

December 16. 2021

Attendance: Lea Nuwer Buffalo State College, Laura Worley Student Choice, Kathy Michalski NCCC, Nicole Griffo Hilbert College, Terry Adamczyk Trocaire College, Margaret Loops Buffalo State College, Katie Kocsis Niagara University, Mike Turner HESC, Jennifer Garey Niagara University, Lisa Rivera Niagara University, Melony Ohalek Sallie Mae, Christine La Presta Niagara University, Julie Almendinger Canisius College, Tom Dalton Edamerica, Yvonne Nagel Buffalo State College, Tracy McVeigh Buffalo State College

Treasurer’s Report – Kathy Michalski - $3,536.85

HESC Update - Mike Turner – See attachment

Executive Council Update – Nicole Griffo – See attachment

For your interest:

EASFAA Conference is May 15 – 18, 2022 at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor

Closed Facebook page for NYSFAAA members: NYSFAAA Discussion Board, ask to join, requires approval

Next Executive Council Meeting is January 31, 2022

NASFAA Leadership Conference is February 14 – 16, 2022

Karen McMahon, New York State Representative from the 146th Assembly District (Village of Williamsville, Town of Amherst, Town of Pendleton) is a member of the Committee for Higher Education. Will consider inviting her to a Region 1 Meeting to discuss higher education state issues and funding needs.

Discussion on the FSA Conference.

* Difficult not having the opportunity to ask questions during the sessions
* The changes to the SAI that will not allow for additional siblings in college and how that impacts the award package and Pell eligibility. It’s going to be difficult for those students who now receive that benefit in the calculations to lose it. Also, the change for divorced/separated households moving to who provides the most monetary support rather than the household in which the student lives.

Next Region 1 Meeting will be in person at a local restaurant, looking at February 17th or 18th. Stay tuned.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Worley

2 attachments