NYSFAAAA Region 8 Meeting ~ September 16, 2022
at High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid ~ 10 am – 4 pm

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Region 8 Meeting

- Secretary’s Report of Minutes – Stacey Hawkins
- Treasurer’s Report – Nicole Adner
- HESC Update – Lisa Simpson or Mike Turner
- Executive Council Update – Sonya Stein
- Awards Update – Nicole Adner
- Government Relations Update – Todd Moravec
- Membership Update – Elyse Relyea
- Mentoring Update – VACANT
- Nominations and Elections Update – Hannah Parker
- Novice Update – Courtney Rust
- SWT Update – Abigail DeCastro
- TIC & Website Update – Sonya Stein
- Diversity Committee – Todd Moravec
- Development Update – Mary Ellen Chamberlain
- Old Business - Region 8 Positions/Committees

Conference Planning Meeting

- Chairs – Stacey Hawkins and Sonya Stein
- Facilities – Nicole Adner
- Program – Kerry Lubold
- Registration – Heather Adner
- Entertainment – Abby DeCastro
- Publicity – Kelly Crosbie and Courtney Rust
- Transportation – Jennifer Trauman
- Technology – Erin Stevens and Ray Sykes
- Vendor – Chris Earnshaw and Stephanie Stock
Minutes of NYSFAAA Region VIII Meeting  
September 16, 2022  
High Peaks Resort- Lake Placid, NY

Meeting was called to order at 10:11 am by Kerry Lubold

In Attendance: In person: Sonya Stein- Paul Smith's College; Kerry Lubold- SUNY Plattsburgh; Susan Godreau-SUNY Potsdam-Retired; Abby DeCastro- SUNY Potsdam; Nicole Adner- Clarkson University; Carolyn Corcoran-SUNY Potsdam-Retired; Chris Earnshaw- Sallie Mae; Jesse Decoste- SUNY Plattsburgh,

Online: Robyn Rhinner-JCC, Stacey Hawkins-SUNY Canton; ; Mary LaPierre-Clinton CC; Andrea McGrath- JCC? Heather Adner- SUNY Canton; Mary Ellen Chamberlin- NCCC; Jenn Trauman-; Tami Gilbeaux- Inceptia; Laura Worley- Student Choice; Lisa Simpson- HESC

Secretary’s Report/Minutes: Minutes of the June 10, 2022, meeting were posted on the NYSFAAA listserv on August 10, 2022. Regional meeting minutes will be posted online as soon as available for review. If anyone notices something incorrect, please let Stacey know upon your review.

Treasurer’s Report: Nicole Adner reported 3160.18 in the account. Lunch will be purchased by the region today for regional/ conference planning @ HP. The region will have a scholarship for a member who otherwise would not have been able to attend.

HESC Update: Lisa Simpson provided the update:

- 9/13/22- Winter/Spring 22-23 prepay percentages were sent out
- Nurses for our Future scholarship- 1000 students chosen to participate in a RN 2 or 4 year program. Working with SNY to get the logistics.
  - Question on if new selections will be made for those deemed not eligible. Per Lisa she does not believe so as they have 3 years to enroll so they may not have enrolled this year but maybe later.
- COVID Vaccine scholarships are working with Administrations
- Both noted programs above although funneled through HESC are not HESC programs but state programs.
- Fall excelsior program is closed and HESC is working on credits and contracts
  - Please be sure to get credit files in so they can process
- Will be meeting with SUNY this Tuesday and the hope is to provide a FAO fact sheet
- HESC is providing more outreach for those missing items as they want everything to be wrapped up before any possible spring application could open. No confirmation or denial as to on if a spring application period will open.
- The 23-24 TAP application will be available and ready to go with the start of the opening of the fafsa on 10/1/22
• They do plan to do statewide fafsa completion events in virtual form so they will be reaching out of volunteers
• Partnership with NYSFAAA to hold a virtual High School Counselor event in November
• Residency and Citizenship are behind
• HESC modernization roll out will be launched at the annual Conference
  o Would like a conference Q&A ahead of time to be prepared

Executive Council Update: Sonya Stein

• Updated organizational chart- See attached page

Awards Update: Nicole Adner is our Rep. Kerry L apologized for not updating the statewide committee and believes Nicole has not received anything due to that. She did provide her name to the state chair, so we anticipate an update for next time.

Government Relations Update: Kerry Lubold provided per Todd Moravec there is no update

Membership Update: No updated provided as Alyse Relyea is our rep and was not in attendance.

Mentoring Update: No update

Nominations and Elections Update: Hannah Parker was unable to attend and there was no update per email received from T. Russell at SLU.

NOVICE Update- No update at this time. C. Rust was not in attendance

SWT Update- Abigail DeCastro provided update

• 2022 training scheduled has started
  o Having Fun with Taxes 1- 9/22/22
  o Dept Relief and Fresh start initiatives 10/4/22
  o 23-24 FAFSA/TAP training open to all 10/7/22
  o Having Fun with Taxes 2 – 11/3/22
• Trainings always are recorded and archived
• If you have any training topics, please let Abby know

TIC and Website Update- Provided by Sonya Stein. Chair and Co-Chair have stepped down and they anticipate it to start back up in October/November

Diversity Committee- Kerry Lubold provided from Todd Moravec there was no update. They do have sessions on the state conference at this time.

Development Update- Mary Ellen Chamberlain- No updated provided.
Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:
  • Regional Raffle Basket
    o Monetary or goods donations are appreciated. Please let Stacey Hawkins know if you wish to donate. hawkins@canton.edu
    o Stacey will purchase an handmade Amish basket to put the items in
  • Regional Raffle Scholarship for Conf. registration
    o Discussed at Exec. Council the idea each region supporting a member who otherwise may not be able to attend.
    o Motion was made by Stacey Hawkins on 9/5/22 that stated:

      “Motion for region 8 to financially sponsor a 2022 NYSFAAA conference registration, cost up to $375.00, for one individual in our region who is eligible for NYSFAAA membership.”

      Seconded by Kerry Lubold and open for discussion on 9/5/22

      The motion was open for discussion on 9/5/22 and discussion via email was welcomed until 5pm on Wednesday September 7th.

      Assuming no unanswered questions exist as of Thursday morning, I will request an electronic vote at that time.

      If the motion passes, a fillable form will be made available for individuals to submit their interest.

      9/8/22 the e-voting began.
      We had 10 votes of which 9 were yes, 1 was no, and 0 abstained- Attachment #2- voting results
    o Kerry Lubold request for what other institutions maybe doing or if they received notification on the DOE Colburn award from 21-22 and the request from their lawyer to return the funds conflicting with the excelsior program and how are they handling it.
      ▪ No others in attendance were aware of such request.
      ▪ Discussion on best practice and proper documentation
    o Kerry Lubold asked if anyone had a PT Tap process and the marketing of who is eligible for PT Tap.
      ▪ Heather Adner noted SICAS was coming out with a patch
        • She has also sent emails to student marked PT and Dean’s office to ensure they are aware of changes
    o Question regarding any news on annual Audits asked by Robyn Rhinner- JCC. Seem to be all HEERF based @ Community Colleges. Some have heard but not actually seen anything come their way yet.
Sonya Stein noted a concern of Cyber Security and attacks and requested if anyone is aware of someone with Ed Express knowledge to please let her know

- Suggestion was to reach out to possible retirees and a few names were provided

Kerry Lubold took at entries into the scholarship raffle and tossed them up for the winner to be chosen by Carolyn Corcoran. WINNER is Kathy Parker- SUNY Canton. Kathy will need to register online and forward the invoice to Nicole Adner our Regional Treasurer.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2022, High Peaks Resort

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stacey Hawkins.
Attachment #2-

Responses are in no order below:
Yes

From: nysfaaa@memberclicks-mail.net <nysfaaa@memberclicks-mail.net> On Behalf Of Kerry Lubold
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 8:06 AM
To: Julie Brouse <JBrouse@boces.com>
Subject: Region8: Motion: E-Voting Commences

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Yes

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Mary Ellen Chamberlain, Director of Financial Aid
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From: nysfaaa@memberclicks-mail.net <nysfaaa@memberclicks-mail.net> On Behalf Of Kerry Lubold
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I vote yes!

Thanks, Kerry!

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Courtney

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Help us enhance One Stop! Please consider taking this brief survey to provide feedback.
I vote no.

Regards,
Nicole

Nicole Adner
Associate Director of Financial Aid

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On Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 11:27 AM Susan Godreau <Region8ListServ@nysfaaa.memberclicks.net> wrote:
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From: nysfaaa@memberclicks-mail.net <nysfaaa@memberclicks-mail.net> On Behalf Of Sonya Stein  
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 9:19 AM  
To: Robyn Rhyner <RRhyner@sunyjefferson.edu>  
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YES

On Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 8:07 AM Kerry Lubold <Region8ListServ@nysfaaa.memberclicks.net> wrote:
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