

West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
Business Meeting
Snowshoe Mountain Resort-Snowshoe, WV
October 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Brian Weingart at 8:35am.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the March 30, 2007 business meeting were included in the conference packets. Sharon moved and Lake seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A current ledger was included in the conference packets. Vicki moved and Susanne seconded to approve the report. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Susanne discussed the report that was included in the conference packets.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented at the spring 2008 conference. Please notify Carla of any potential retirees.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES/CONSTITUTION:

Candi has made the approved changes since our last meeting. Items from the Executive Committee meeting will be sent out for approval.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR WORKSHOPS:

The dates for the workshops are November 5-27, 2007. Packets were mailed out on October 5, 2007 from AES. The deadline for registering is October 26, 2007. There are eleven workshops this year.

NEWSLETTER:

Patricia and James will get the fall newsletter out after this conference. Please send any items to either of them.

AWARENESS:

Nina and Judy got a list of WV counties with no state application and low college going rates and plan to target those specific areas. Anyone interested in the list can get a copy from Judy. They will be sending a mass message to all students that need to complete the common application. Brian reminded everyone to let Nina know about any upcoming financial aid night activities.

ARCHIVES:

Kaye got quotes for what it would cost to scan our archives. Data Image Group, which Shepherd University uses, will charge \$1035. This includes \$360 for 2700 pages (secretary's info; treasurer's info; programs; indexing; prep time; cd) and \$675 for 1500 photos. Kaye has a staff member that is also a photographer that will charge \$.40 per picture. Kaye recommended using Data Image Group.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES:

Brian discussed state and federal issues affecting financial aid, including: negotiated rulemaking effective 7/1/08 that will be out on 11/1/07 (which covers general provisions, loan issues, and ACG/SMART grants) and the College Cost Reduction Act; mandatory funding for Pell Grant; increase maximum pell award; TEACH Grant; changes to needs analysis (effective 7/1/09); teacher loan repayment. Reauthorization has passed the Senate but House Democrats have yet to respond. The appropriations bill passed the House and is on the Senate floor with a threat from President Bush.

NASFAA TRAINER:

Training will be held on December 10, 2007 at WV State University and on December 17, 2007 at WV University College of Law. The topic will be "Counseling Students and Families-Tackling Financial Issues. Tresa Weimer from WVU will be the trainer.

There is no cost to attend the training and you do not have to be a paid WVASFAA member. One set of training materials will be provided to each institution.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

The spring 2008 conference will be held at Glade Springs Resort March 27-28, 2008. Room rates will be \$99 single/double. Vicki is looking at Parkersburg and Clarksburg for future conference sites.

PROMOTION:

Buck reminded everyone of the "Ask WVASFAA" feature on the website. He will forward any emails to a staff member that is closest to the person that sent the email. Brian reminded everyone about the four association scholarships and to mention them at your financial aid nights

OLD BUSINESS:

No issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

No issues.

SECTOR MEETINGS:

PUBLIC:

Vicki Saunders said there was discussion about:

*having Brian and Buck send a letter to Chancellor Noland and Chancellor Skidmore about scheduling a meeting with the chairs of the House and Senate Education committees. They would like Jack Toney to be included as well to make sure everyone is on the same page when it comes to financial aid issues.

*making sure the association has a table at Higher Education Day

PRIVATE:

No report.

TECHNIAL/PROPRIETARY:

No report.

ASSOCIATE:

No report.

Diane Fleming and Betsy Johnson thanked everyone for their hospitality during the conference. Brian reminded everyone to fill out the conference evaluation that was included in the conference packet.

Sharon moved and Margaret seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:58am.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Buchanan
Secretary