

West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
Business Meeting  
Comfort Suites  
Mineral Wells, WV  
October 8, 2009

Meeting called to order at 4:40pm

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Sharon Howard makes motion to accept minutes as written, Jan Ruge seconded, motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report is in the packets. No comments or questions. Sandra Oerly-Bennett made motion to accept Treasurer's report. James Buchanan seconded. Motion passed.

**AWARDS**

Awards will be presented after dinner tonight.

**ARCHIVES**

We have a photobucket account set up. Website is [www.photobucket.com](http://www.photobucket.com). Username: wvasfaa, password: wvasfaa.

**P&P AND CONSTITUTION**

No report

**NOMINATIONS**

We had an election in spring at Canaan. Sharon Howard moves that we destroy the ballots from the last election. Jan Ruge seconded, motion carried.

**NEWSLETTER**

We are considering elimination of the newsletter in favor of email blasts through the listserv.

**MEMBERSHIP**

We have 138 members. We will have more concrete numbers by next conference after we get numbers from this conference.

**AWARENESS AND COUNSELOR'S WORKSHOP**

We have 11 sites set up for counselor's workshops. We also have College Goal Sunday for February 21, 2010. They are looking for financial aid experts to volunteer for those sites. Contact Jack Toney at HEPC or Angela Holley at Marshall if you would like to volunteer.

## GOVERNMENT ISSUES

We have many issues right now with Legislation from HEOA and the possible elimination of FFELP. Kaye Widney is not with us today. We will continue this position for this committee and continue to provide update to the membership on government issues.

## WEBPAGE AND DIRECTORY

Karen Lay is not present but has spent a lot of time updating the website and eliminating non- current information.

## LONG RANGE PLANNING

Spring 2010 will be at Pipesten April 7-9. Fall will be at Canaan Oct 27-29. Future sites we are looking at are Oglbee and Morgantown. If anyone has any suggestions let Trish Harmon know and she will check them out.

## NASFAA TRAINER

NASFAA training usually occurs in October for the trainers and this year it is being delayed until the end of December. The material will not be available until January. We need to decide if we want a trainer and pay the \$400 fee for the training for the trainer. The plus side is that we can order the materials at a discounted rate if we have a trainer go through the training. We need feedback of whether we want to do the training this time. Training would not probably be until Feb. or March. The training is on the new HEOA information and we are not sure if it would be timely information. If the institutions are willing to pay for the materials it may make a difference in our decision. Jan Ruge believes we could afford to train someone, but the question is, is the information timely. Discounted rate for materials are \$50. Jan Ruge feels that considering what we pay for NASFAA dues that amount is still too much. Sandra Oerly-Bennett says we need to take action on this as soon as possible. Jan Ruge suggests that we go ahead and send someone to training and then play it by ear to see if we want the materials. Tresa Weimer says that when you register, you order the materials so that would not be an option. Sharon Howard asked if most of the information in HEOA was already in place. They have not been specific about what is going to be included. Nina Morton asks if we know what the DOE will be training on in the spring. Can we check into that and use it instead of NASFAA training. Buck Eagle stated that it is not the same thing. Sharon Howard says that if we do training in Feb. or March then less people will come to the conference. Tresa Weimer states that the last couple of times we have been doing the training at the conference. She has to register by the end of the month. Jan feels like our money would be better spent on training on conversion from FFELP to DL if that happens.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER ISSUES

No report

## RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

We have 17 new members registered for this conference. Jean Ann Bevans will try to get a feel of why the new members from spring did not return to this conference. For the

spring conference we would like to have a newcomer's reception for all the new people from this past spring and this fall conference.

#### FALL 2009 CONFERENCE

Evaluation forms in the packet need to be completed tomorrow and left on your table. We use it to decide on sites and session recommendations.

#### SPRING 2010 CONFERENCE

Spring conference will be at Pipestem. Same report from exec committee meeting on October 6, 2009.

#### Sector meetings:

Public: we answered some questions for each other but we did not have any issues

Private: talked about schools that got extra work study money. They felt that having the tech folks from HEPC was a great idea and it was very helpful.

Vocational: reviewed a new software program. Had 3 new members present. They have Faye Wagoner representing the technical schools on the exec comm.

Associate: talked about what may be happening in the senate with loans going to DL. Concerns were job loss and transitions for the school since it is now going to be December before we know. There are 1300 DL schools and 76% of the loan volume is originated by FFELP schools. Everyone needs to be concerned about that transition for schools. Pennsylvania has written a letter to the senators to ask if they are going to do this, at least don't do it this year and wait until 2011 to give schools time to transition. If everyone goes to DL the competition will be lost. About 35,000 people will lose their jobs. Mary Bryan has letters from other associations and they don't necessarily take a side but say that it is not in the best interest of the school or the student. They are just asking if consideration is being given to the chaos that this will create. Mary Bryan says that they need to hear from the schools because they have no idea how this affects the schools. Sharon Howard says that we did make a motion that we would do a letter taking a stand that we did not support the elimination of FFELP because we wanted to leave the choice up to the school. Buck Eagle says that we still don't want to take a side for or against. If it's going to happen then we need some say on the implementation date. Jan Ruge says that we need to reiterate what we said in April and we need to add that the implementation timeframe is unacceptable for students and families. Jan Ruge moves that we resend the same message that we sent in April and add that if it happens we ask that it be delayed until July 2011. Linda Barker seconded. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

**NEW BUSINESS**

We had \$50 donated for the Janis Winkfield scholarship fund as of now.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Sharon made motion to adjourn at 5:25pm.