

West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
Business Meeting  
Friday, October 27, 2006  
The Mountaineer Racetrack & Gaming Resort-Chester, WV

The meeting called to order on October 27, 2006 by Lake Tackett at 9:10 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the April 7, 2006 business meeting were included in the conference packets. Buck moved and Karen seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A current ledger and 0607 sponsorship report were included in the conference packets. Candi moved and Diane seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AWARENESS:

Please contact Nina Morton-AES or Lake if interested in volunteering for future awareness activities.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR WORKSHOPS:

The dates for the 2006 workshops are November 13-17, 2006.

NEWSLETTER:

Please send any articles, information, changes in staff or anything else you would like included to Patricia or James at West Virginia State University.

PROMOTION OF WVASFAA:

Buck said that the association would be attending Higher Education Day at the capitol.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES:

An update regarding federal issues was included in the conference packets.

NASFAA TRAINING:

There are extra packets if anyone needs one.

MEMBERSHIP:

Susanne said we currently have 110 members.

NOMINATIONS:

Ballots were not sent out thirty days prior to the fall conference. A paper ballot will be mailed prior to the spring conference. A request for volunteers will be sent out for the following positions:

President Elect-elect; Secretary; Treasurer

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Karen welcomed first time attendees to the conference. The volunteer form will be put on website. Karen also asked Angie to do a one day NASFAA training session, possibly in Flatwoods-information will be forthcoming.

#### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION:

Kaye sent a letter to all college and university presidents urging them to support financial aid staff in terms of professional development and WVASFAA.

#### AWARDS:

Awards will be presented at the spring 2007 conference. Please notify Cindy Whitlock of any potential retirees..

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

Pat is looking forward to her tenure as associate member representative. She said that this was the best year for sponsorship and that everyone in attendance was here as a sponsor, not a vendor. Also, My Rich Uncle was not allowed to have a spot at this conference due to distributing negative press questioning the integrity of the financial aid profession. They did register and send their registration fee but it will be refunded after the conference.

Lake said that she may consider asking sponsors to do scholarships instead of door prizes future conferences.

#### CONSTITUTION/ARCHIVES:

Constitutional changes regarding electronic ballots and membership date changes will be on the next ballot. We are working with AES to store archival information.

#### POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

Recent changes have been updated and are on the website and in the directory. Contact Lake or Angie for any further issues.

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Vicki reminded everyone to fill out their evaluation forms and thanked everyone that brought their LCD projectors. The spring 2007 conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel-Huntington March 27-30, 2007. Room rates will be \$89 single/double. Please send any session ideas to Brian Weingart, who will be chairing the program committee. Jean Ann Bevans and Janice Winkfield from Marshall University will be chairing the site committee.

The fall 2007 conference will be held at Snowshoe Mountain Ski Resort October 23-26, 2007. Room rates are undecided at this time. Vicki is also looking at Glade Springs, Chief Logan, and Oglebey for future conference sites.

**DIRECTORY:**

Last spring was the last time a paper directory was printed. There are things that are in the paper directory that are not online. Candi said they are working on links for information.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No issues.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Karen asked everyone to review the website for any suggestions or changes.

**SECTOR MEETINGS:**

**PUBLIC:**

Nadine Hamrick said there was concern that HEPC had made staff changes and not notified the association. Robert Long, financial aid manager, dealing with HEAPS and the medical student loan program. Judy Kee, project coordinator-senior, will still be dealing with the grant and outreach programs. Nadine also said that members were pleased by Chancellor Brian Noland for his openness and willingness to be helpful to the association.

Candi suggested that Lake send a thank you letter from WVASFAA to the chancellor for his participation in the conference.

**PRIVATE:**

No report.

**TECHNICAL/PROPRIETARY:**

Lilly Cook said there were no concerns and those present discussed GEAR UP and HEPC issues.

**ASSOCIATE:**

Pat announced that Carla Strawn-PNC Bank was elected as associate member-elect representative.

Lake adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.