West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

WVASFAA Business Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2019 – Stonewall Jackson Resort

Call to Order – President Consuela Phillips called Meeting to order at 9:02am.

Secretary Report - Minutes were provided in the packets from the November 7, 2018. Jeff Scott motioned we accept the minutes as presented James Buchanan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Stephany Harper provided reports in yours packets. General Ledger balance presently is $50,359.39. Proceeds from the November 2018 conference with Tri-State at Rocky Gap, Maryland showed a profit of $4,844.62. Monies collected previously from the WVASFAA Gear for our Scholarship fund was $685. Shirts sold at this conference of $280 brings are total to $965.

Sector Reports

Awards – Chester Priest

2-Year – Alicia Frey reported that Brian Weingart attended their session to report on the WV Invests Grant and its impact on the community colleges. There was discussion about Banner 9/Degree Works/Chrome working more cohesively. Those in attendance were Southern WV Community and Technical College, WV University at Parkersburg, WV Northern Community College, and Eastern WV Community and Technical College.

Privates – Brian Caukins reported that discussion surrounded FAMS; rounding up – rounding down; Degree Works audits. Those in attendance were Alderson Broaddus University, University of Charleston, and Davis and Elkins College

Clock Hours – Charlotte Lake reported that they discussed how WV Invests Grant might hurt their enrollment. Those in attendance were Huntington Junior College, United Technical Center, Fred Eberly Career and Technical Center, Ben Franklin Career and Technical Center, Carver Career and Technical Center, Ralph R. Willis Career and Technical Center.

4-Year – Gwendolyn Bausley reported that they talked about the course program study, Banner vs. Degree Works; verifying dependency status; head of household tax filing issues, increase of parents defaulting on loans. Those in attendance were Glenville State College, WV University, Marshall University, WV State University

Business Partners - Carla Strawn reported stating that they were pleased with the location of their booth space here at Stonewall. They had wonderful response. They whole-heartedly agreed on their new name as Business Partners instead of vendors.
Website – Johanna Doebling reported that ATAC our present website vendor was going out of business at the end of November 30, 2019. The Executive Committee has chosen Wild Apricot to host our website in the future and agreed to pre-pay for the next 2 years at a discount. A committee has been formed of Johanna Doebling, Candi Frazier, Carla Strawn, Stephany Harper, Alisha Nickolich, and Karen Martin. They will begin working to transfer all prior data from the old website to the new over the next few months.

Old Business – None

New Business – Consuela professed her gratitude and was blessed with the pleasure of serving over the last year. It was a great challenge and thanked the Executive Committee for all their support and encouragement. Kudo’s from the Conference Committee she had no idea how much goes into organizing a conference and it was great learning experience. Belonging to WVASFAA is a great way to gain professional development, make contacts. She truly appreciates everyone from the bottom of her heart. Passing the Torch – the gavel – at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of WVASFAA will be a memory she will hold dear. Lake Tackett came forward to present Consuela with a Passing the Torch Plaque and Consuela ceremoniously passing the gavel to Lake. Lake Tacket as President Elect stated her theme for the coming year, “Turn on the Light” compliments of Professor Dumbledore carries through with the Passing of the Torch. In preparing the program, Karen contacted Lake about her logo and she said she would take a stab at it. Little did Karen know that the quote was from Harry Potter and round glasses and all he looks just like Harry Potter. Lake hopes to concentrate on our students, our school, and on ourselves. She wants to keep a WVASFAA Facebook awareness throughout the year. Her plans are to keep the present Executive Committee and to propose a mentoring program to bring new people along to be able to serve in leadership positions. Giving more people opportunity to become more involved and have more input into decisions as they are made. First, will be the website conversion checking for accuracy as we migrate away from ATAC. Consuela as past president will be handling the elections for Fall and encourage people to become involved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin
Secretary