

WVASFAA NEWS

West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

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Yes, it's true! From October 16th – 19th, financial aid professionals from the nine states in MASFAA will be invading Charleston for a few days of intensive educational sessions coupled with West Virginia hospitality.

As we are not having a WVASFAA conference this fall, attendance at the MASFAA conference is your best local opportunity for the latest financial aid information. An up-to-date program is now available for review at www.masfaaweb.org. As you will see, the important issues scheduled make the conference well worth the cost of attendance.

Speaking of cost, this year the MASFAA Executive Council has made conference attendance very affordable. The conference registration fee is \$225, and that includes 05-06 MASFAA membership. You can pay your registration fee by sending a check or online with Visa and MasterCard.

Most meals are also included in the registration fee, so other than any room costs you may have, the \$225.00 will pretty much get you through the conference.

The conference registration form and additional information are also at www.masfaaweb.org.

Our WVASFAA Local Arrangements team has worked very hard to ensure that this conference represents the best of West Virginia and WVASFAA. All we need now is everyone's support in attending the conference!!

S.S. MASFAA CRUZING INTO CHARLESTON

The S.S. MASFAA will be temporarily docked at the Port Charleston Civic Center for a lavish surf and turf dinner on Monday, October 17th. Following will be our evening's entertainment, the Santa Cruz band for your listening and dancing pleasure.

What would a tropical evening be without the ever-popular limbo contest and a little volley ball.

Appropriate attire for the evening is tropical casual so don't pack up your summer shorts and shirts just yet! If you don't have a Hawaiian shirt, feel free to contact Buck Eagle for a wardrobe consultation.

THANKS TO KAREN LAY

We would like to extend special thanks to Karen Lay for her leadership during her tenure as President.

Her dedication to her students and our association is outstanding and greatly appreciated.

Nina Morton Joins AES

Nina Morton, Past President of WV Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and former Director of Financial Aid at WVU Institute of Technology joined the AES-WV team on August 1.

Nina is filling the position of Administrative Officer, a position formerly held by Merle Brown who retired due to illness.

Nina brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in financial aid. She was employed by WVUIT and worked in financial aid for twenty nine years with sixteen of the most recent years as Director; she has extensive experience with the SCT Banner financial aid management system (FAMS); she is well known and respected within West Virginia state government and the WV education community; and she works with the financial aid professional community on all levels.

Nina has served and continues to serve on state, regional and national levels, which includes holding the office of President of the West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in 1998-99.

WVASFAA has bestowed upon her the association's highest awards for her service. Nina was the recipient of the WVASFAA "President's Award" for the 2000-2001 and 2003-2004 award year; and in for 1999-2000 she was the recipient of the "Neil E. Bolyard Meritorious Service Award".

She is currently the chairperson of the WVASFAA Recruitment and Retention Committee and is the chairperson on the local arrangement committee for food and entertainment for the MASFAA '05 conference.

Nina is married to Roger Morton and they have a wonderful daughter name Brianna who will be fifteen this month. *Happy Birthday Brianna!!*

Needless to say, Nina brings lots of energy and enthusiasm to AES. We are very fortunate to have someone of Nina's skills and reputation on staff to serve the WV community.

If you have a moment send her an e-mail at:

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Or give her a call at:

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Elaine M Chiles, Director, AES-WV Office

2005 NASFAA TRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY: CAMPUS-WIDE COMPLIANCE

On Friday, December 2nd, WVASFAA is sponsoring a one-day training session at the Flatwoods Days Inn on the subject of Administrative Compliance and the implications for the entire campus—not just for Financial Aid. We encourage you to bring people from the Business and Registrar's office to this training session with you.

We will start the training at 10:00 am and finish by 3:15 pm with a working lunch included in registration.

This training is free for WVASFAA members who have paid their 05-06 membership fees. If you are not paid for 05-06, then the fee for training (including materials and lunch) is \$30.00. This charge will also pay your 05-06 membership fee.

More detailed information and registration forms will be sent out soon.

A Letter from our President

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Yesterday a lost and confused freshman rushed into my office. She had two minutes to get to class, had lost her class schedule and hadn't a clue where she needed to be. I printed a copy of her schedule and as she ran out the door, she shouted: "Thank you. You are awesome!!" I shouted back: "Thanks. You just made my day."

In the crunch of the beginning of the new term, we sometimes forget that the little things can make such a difference to our students: holding open the door for someone with a load of books, a quick smile, a hearty laugh when someone comes to your door and says with all innocence: "Are you busy?". In that student's eyes, you have now earned your very own tiara. We will, once again, make it through the mad rush that defines the opening of the school year.

I look forward to my year of service to WVASFAA as your president. We shall show the region that WE ROCK in October, we will learn together at our one-day fall conference in December and renew ourselves next April at our spring conference.

Until we gather together in Charleston at MASFAA: work hard, play hard, and take time for random acts of kindness.

Jan Ruge

WVASFAA ON THE WEB

If you have not been to the WVASFAA website recently you are in for a big surprise!

Our website has been totally updated to reflect our commitment to providing the best services to our members and our students. Soon you will even be able to access directory information, complete membership forms, and register for conferences through the site.

Please take a look and see what's happening in WVASFAA today at www.wvasfaa.org

2005-2006 WVASFAA OFFICERS

On June 24, 2005 a meeting was held to transfer leadership roles to the 2005-2006 officers. The incoming officers are:

President	Janet Ruge
Secretary	Sue Pack
Treasurer	Susanne Duranti
Past President	Karen Lay
President-Elect	Lake Tackett

Please contact any of these people any time you have a question or concern relating to WVASFAA issues in particular or financial aid in general. If we don't know, we will try to point you in the right direction for assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKE PLANS NOW!

MASFAA CONFERENCE

October 16-19, 2005

Charleston Civic Center

NASFAA TRAINING

December 2, 2005

Flatwoods Days Inn

WVASFAA SPRING CONFERENCE

April 5-7, 2006

Morgantown

Radisson Waterfront

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