**WVASFAA Business Meeting**

**November 4, 2022**

1. **Call to Order-** Candi Frazier, President, called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes-** The minutes from the April 7, 2022, Virtual Business Meeting were provided. Laura Helmich said that her last name was misspelled on page 3. Ed Cole moved, and Lake Tackett seconded, to approve the minutes with the name correction. The motion passed.
3. **Review of Treasurer’s Report-** A current general ledger was provided. Stephany Amos said the checking account balance is $43,000 and the CD value is $16,000.
4. **Reports:**

**President’s Report-** Candi discussed her goals for this year, including:

-**Increase volunteerism and networking at the state, national, and regional level:** Candi encouraged members to get involved with our association, MASFAA, and NASFAA since all are looking for volunteers. For the MASFAA State Exchange Candi will be attending the Ohio conference March 15-17, 2023. The Wisconsin President, Mandy Slowinski, will attend our Spring Conference. Aaron Staats from WVU will attend the NASFAA Leadership & Expo February 8-10, 2023, in Washington, DC. James Buchanan from WVU will represent WV on MASFAA’s Nominations & Elections Committee.

 -**Hold high quality training opportunities for members to learn, grow, and network**:

 Candi thanked everyone for assisting with the Fall conference.

 -**Continue to train school counselors on financial aid activities and programs**:

Karen said seven workshops were held (six in person and one remote), there were 313 participants, and the feedback was positive. She said she looked forward to continuing the momentum considering all upcoming changes for the 2324 7 2425 aid years.

**Committee Reports:**

**2022 Fall Conference Program and Local Arrangements**- Laura Helmich thanked Amy and her staff from the Wingate for all their assistance with the conference.

**Sector Meeting Updates-**

**-Associate & Auxiliary:** Chester Priest said everyone liked the flow in the exhibitor area and foot traffic was good. They also enjoyed vendor game and he said there were no negatives, Laura Helmich said everyone made the business partners feel welcome.

**-4-year Public:** Cody Call said the following issues were discussed:

**\*Aggregate loan limits:** Aaron’s presentation was helpful when working with loan limits.

**\*Audits:** the audit process for this year was smoother than those in the past, especially when it came to HEERF funds.

**\*Training:** decision at Executive Committee meeting to have a shortened Spring 2023 conference, a one day training in Fall 2023, and a full Spring 2024 conference was well- received. A suggestion was made to have a conference session on best practices for automated processes (budgeting and packaging).

**\*State Aid:**  A suggestion was made to change the Promise Scholarship renewal requirement from 30 to 24 hours.

**\*Department of Education:** Schools are seeing an increase in students selected for V4 & V5 verification.

**-Community & Technical:** Katherine McCarthy said the following issues were discussed:

**\*Meetings:**  They would love to start a CPOS group initiative and resume the monthly CTC

zoom meetings for aid officers.

**\*Department of Education:** Schools are frustrated with how the FAFSA website is lagging and wish the loan forgiveness would be on a separate website.

Katherine said members discussed the relationship between FAA’s and business officers and

how important it is.

**-Proprietary/Clock Hour:** Consuela Phillips said 90/10 issues were discussed. Dianne Clothier said there are concerns with the state’s new education policy which dictates course content. She said the value of a vocational education is important and that Amendment in the upcoming election is crucial.

**-Private:** Christie Tomczyk said we need to increase conference registration for the private institutions.

1. **Old Business-**none
2. **New Business-**

**\*Archives-** Bethany Hirst and Cody Call are researching Google Drive and Microsoft One Drive for the association.

**\*MASFAA Conference 2024-** the conference will not be held in WV due to financial concerns MASFAA has regarding their reserves. MASFAA is also changing the state rotation and skipping WV and Iowa for now.

**\*How do we increase volunteerism and involvement in WVASFAA sponsored trainings?**

**-HEPC scheduled call with FA directors:** Candi has asked Brian Weingart to set up a call to discuss training needs.

 **-New volunteer form:** If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the form.

**-WVASFAA Survey:** If you have not completed the survey please do so and return to Stephany.

-**Conference schedule:**  Candi does not feel the Fall and Spring Conferences does not satisfy the association’s training needs. Time away from office and what it takes to put on a conference are big considerations. Novice and leadership tracks were discussed.

James read the motion approved at the Executive Committee meeting: “we will have a shortened spring 2023 conference, a one day training in fall 2023, and a full spring 2024 conference.” Candi will need volunteers for the Spring 2023 conference.

Suggestions included: offering a couple of different trainings (1/2 days); a southern and northern training and alternate locations; videotape and post online; hybrid option with zoom links; Molly Daniels (West Liberty) and Jacob Witt (Shepherd) volunteered to host a training on their campuses.

Candi asked Chester to have Matt Nettleton poll the business partners for one day training sponsorships. Candi said the NASFAA Core belt recipients will be recognized at the Spring conference. Karen announced the institutions she has belts for and asked someone to take them back.

**\*Institutional Membership-**. Lake and Buck will do research regarding staff size, not institution size. Candi said they will provide an update at the next conference.

1. **Adjournment-** Candi adjourned the meeting at 10:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

James Buchanan

Secretary