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INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 2016-17 National Chair Lisa Blazer opened the 2017 NASFAA Business Meeting and introduced the head table. She asked for a moment of silence to honor those financial aid colleagues who have passed away in the last year. She thanked and recognized a series of groups, including conference exhibitors, presenters and moderators, past presidents and national chairs, the NASFAA Board of Directors, NASFAA U credential earners, and the NASFAA staff.

Blazer then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual Business Meeting.

Motion/Action: Larry Chambers moved to approve the minutes and Dave Gelinas seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. No new business was brought before the body.

DIVERSITY OFFICER'S REPORT

2016-17 Diversity Officer Jim Brooks reported:

- It has been an uneasy year in our nation and on our campuses, as issues of diversity and inclusion continue to be at the forefront.
- NASFAA stands by its diversity statement "In support of its mission, NASFAA will pursue and promote, in principle and practice, the diversity and inclusion of its membership to represent the profession and the students we serve. NASFAA promotes a culture of diversity and inclusion by encouraging involvement and access regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, nationality, disability, appearance, geographic location, professional level or institution type."
- This year, we attempted to fill some of the gaps in our knowledge about our membership; we encourage the group to add demographic information to their MyNASFAA account.
- He requested that members volunteer to be part of our speaker's database and offer to speak about diversity of inclusion.
- We continue to increase our expertise on issues such as DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).
- Please feel free to reach out to Jim Brooks with feedback and ideas about NASFAA's diversity and inclusion efforts.

ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE REPORT

2016-17 Association Governance Committee (AGC) Chair and Past National Chair Dan Mann reported:

- 2017 NASFAA Election Results -
 - o National Chair-Elect - Lori Vedder, Director of Financial Aid, University of Michigan – Flint
 - o Representative-at-Large (two-year term)
 - o Rachelle Feldman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 - o Brenda Hicks, Southwestern College in Winfield, KS
 - o Thomas Dalton, formerly of Excelsior College. Since the election, Dalton has changed jobs and can no longer serve on the Board. The new Rep at Large will be Doug Levy, Macomb Community College
- Total NASFAA members for the 2016-17 year: 2,779
- Total number of NEW NASFAA members in the 2016-17 year: 48
- 2014-17 SLRP ended and the new 2017-20 SLRP accepted by the Board of Directors



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa Blazer gave this report on NASFAA's financial standing in lieu of NASFAA 2016-17 Treasurer Brad Barnett, who was out of the country:

- NASFAA's fiscal house is in good order. For the sixth year in a row NASFAA received a clean, unqualified clean audit.
- The association posted an operating surplus for the 2016-17 year, driven by membership package upgrades, higher than budgeted sales in NASFAA U online courses, and higher than budgeted attendance at our Washington D.C. 50th anniversary conference. NASFAA management also constrained expenses to come in under budget.
- The NASFAA board voted to hold membership dues steady for 2017-18.
- The NASFAA board approved funds for new offices at 1801 Pennsylvania Ave. If you are in DC, we invite you to reach out and arrange to stop by!

PAST NATIONAL CHAIR'S & PRESIDENT'S REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lisa Blazer announced that in honor of NASFAA's 50th Anniversary, NASFAA's Past Presidents and National Chairs made donations with the following criteria:

- Six \$2,750 scholarships, one per region, given to a deserving student, based on need
- Preference given to those currently working in the financial aid profession
- Each region selected its recipient in a manner appropriate to its membership
- Recipients are:
 - o EASFAA: Eric DeRise, Bachelors in Accounting/Finance, Northwestern University (Financial Aid Program Administrator, Culinary Institute of America)
 - o MASFAA: Keri Gilbert, Master of Public Affairs (Financial Aid Advisor, University of Missouri-Columbia)
 - o SASFAA: Jennifer Archer, Bachelors in Business Administration, East Carolina University (Financial Aid Technician, Catawba Valley Community College, Hickory, NC)
 - o SWASFAA: Elizabeth Amador, MBA at the University of New Mexico (Financial Aid Manager, University of New Mexico)
 - o RMASFAA: Christina Pirtle, Bachelors in Communications from Washburn University (Administrative Specialist - Financial Aid, Washburn University of Topeka, KS)
 - o WASFAA: Chantel McMahon, Masters of Education in Adult and Higher Education, Western Washington University (Financial Aid Manager – Operations, Western Washington University)

Blazer thanked the Past National Chairs and Presidents for their generosity, and congratulated the recipients.

AWARDS

Lisa Blazer presented the following 2017 awards:

- Regional Leadership Awards:
 - o EASFAA – Brian Lemma, associate director of financial aid, Georgetown University
 - o MASFAA – Paula Luff, associate vice president, enrollment services, DePaul University
 - o RMASFAA – Carolyn Halgerson, director of financial aid, South Dakota State University
 - o SASFAA – Jeffrey Dennis, director of financial aid, Greenville Technical College
 - o SWASFAA – Andrew Hammontree, director of financial aid, Francis Tuttle Technology Center
 - o WASFAA – Mindy Bergeron, director of financial aid, John F. Kennedy University



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- Gold Star Award:
 - The California Community College Chancellor's Office for "Financial Literacy Initiative."
 - California State University, Sacramento for "Financial Aid Meter for Students."
- Robert P. Huff Golden Quill Award:
 - Dr. Nicholas Hillman, associate professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Honorary Membership Award: Jeff Baker, director of the Policy, Liaison, and Implementation Staff, U.S. Department of Education.
- Meritorious Achievement:
 - Judith Lewis Logue, director of financial aid at the University of San Diego
 - Brett Lief, former president of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs and former assistant vice president for student aid and policy for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
- Lifetime Achievement Award:
 - George Chin (posthumously), former university director of student financial assistance for the City University of New York and senior federal policy consultant at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.
 - Dr. Laurie Wolf (retired), former executive dean of student services for the Des Moines Area Community College.
- Allan W. Purdy Distinguished Service Award:
 - Dr. Lisa Blazer, senior associate vice president for student affairs at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and 2016-17 NASFAA National Chair.

OUTGOING/INCOMING CHAIR'S REMARKS

Lisa Blazer then gave a closing address to the membership. "The beauty of servant leadership is that it fits perfectly with our profession. We serve students every day and build relationships, and we take that wherever we go," Blazer said. "This year was a great opportunity to do that—to see how we lead with integrity and from the heart. That is what we do as financial aid administrators. Every single one of you out there are part of my network now, and I deeply appreciate that." She urged members in the audience to volunteer, and said it would be a profoundly worthwhile and rewarding experience.

Chair Blazer then passed the gavel to 2017-18 National Chair Billie Jo Hamilton, from the University of South Florida.

Hamilton then bestowed upon Blazer the Allan W. Purdy Distinguished Service Award, asked for any new business and, hearing none, moved to adjourn the 2017 Business Meeting.

Motion/Action: A motion to close the meeting was made by Neville Brown and seconded by Pamela Fowler. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Maglione
Board Secretary, NASFAA

