

**Sharon Oliver**  
**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY**  
**National Chair-Elect**

I am truly honored to be nominated for the esteemed position of NASFAA National Chair-Elect. I do not take this nomination lightly, and it is with deep gratitude and genuine enthusiasm that I express my interest in serving in this important role. I would like to be elected to the NASFAA Chair-Elect position because I deeply believe in the mission and core values that have guided and supported me throughout my career as a Financial Aid Director. For more than 30 years, NASFAA has played an instrumental role in my professional growth—providing advocacy, training, and professional development opportunities that have allowed me to learn, lead, and excel in this ever-evolving field.

As a first-generation college graduate, I understand firsthand the transformative power of access to higher education and the critical role financial aid plays in changing lives. The tools, board experiences, and lifelong connections I have gained through NASFAA have shaped not only my career but also my commitment to serving students and advancing our profession.

I now seek to give back to the association that has invested so deeply in my development. I am passionate about continuing NASFAA's mission to advocate for increased federal grant support, the doubling of the Pell Grant, the elimination of unnecessary barriers to college access, and the removal of loan fees that burden our students. I want to use my breadth of experience to support my colleagues across the nation, ensuring that together, we continue to strengthen our profession and expand educational opportunity for all.

I bring a high level of commitment, dedication, innovation, and organization to uphold and advance NASFAA's mission, goals, and values. Serving as Chair of the NASFAA Search Committee provided me with an in-depth understanding of the association's operations, structure, and support systems. This experience allowed me to fully appreciate the complexity of leading a member-driven organization that represents more than 29,000 financial aid professionals nationwide.

Over the past five years, I have had the privilege of serving on the NASFAA Board in various capacities, which has deepened my knowledge of the association's advocacy efforts, governance, financial stewardship, and commitment to professional development. As Past President of both SASFAA and NCASFAA and continuous serving my region and state, I have gained firsthand experience in managing regional initiatives, responding to federal and state policy changes, and ensuring that member voices are heard and valued.

I view NASFAA as a leading advocate and guiding force for the financial aid profession. Its mission to promote access, equity, and affordability in higher education strongly aligns with my personal and professional values. NASFAA not only advances sound federal and state policies but also empowers financial aid professionals to serve students with excellence, compassion, and integrity.

As a nominee for the National Chair-Elect position, I fully embrace and will uphold NASFAA's mission by advocating for financial aid administrators to take full advantage of the association's robust tools and resources, such as the NASFAA Credentials, the FAAC designation, Today's New, Webinars, Conferences, and Congressional Hill Visits that have greatly enhanced my own professional growth. I am deeply committed to championing students' access to higher education and ensuring that the financial aid community remains informed, supported, and inspired. I welcome the opportunity to work with NASFAA's dedicated staff and members to advance our shared mission and strengthen the profession we proudly serve if elected to this role. Thank you for considering me for this role.

**NATIONAL CHAIR-ELECT RESUME**

**NAME:** Sharon Oliver

**REGION:** SASFAA

**CURRENT POSITION:** Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management

From: September 2023 North Carolina Central University

**PREVIOUS POSITONS:** Director of Scholarships and Student Aid/Financial Aid (1993 to 2023  
From: March 1989

Enrollment Manager and Director of Scholarships and Student Aid (2009-2012)

Director of Financial Aid (1993 to 1996)  
Shaw University

Bursar (1991 to 1993)  
Shaw University

Chief Accountant (1989 to 1991)  
Shaw University

**EDUCATION:** Doctor of Education, Education Leadership, Wingate University  
Masters Business Administration, Webster University  
Bachelor of Science, Accounting, South Carolina State University

**TYPE OF INSTITUTIONS:** Public 4-year, Private 4-year, HBCU

**SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

<b>NASFAA</b>	2024-2026	Board of Directors Diversity Officer
	2024-2025	Presidential Search Committee Chairperson
	2025	Meritorious Achievement Award Recipient
	2024-2026	Association Governance Committee
	2022-2024	Board of Directors Representative-At-Large
	2024	Leadership Award Recipient
	2021-2026	Policy Rapid Response Network Task Force
	2022	Satisfactory Academic Progress Credential
	2021-2022	Board of Directors
	2020	Leadership Conference Planning Committee
	2020-2025	NASFAA Leadership & Legislative Attendee
	2019	NASFAA Leadership & Legislative Expo Panelists
	2019	Nominations and Elections Committee
	2022-2026	Diversity Leadership Program Mentor
	2018	Board of Directors Voting Member
	2018	Nominations and Elections Committee
	2018	Diversity Leadership Mentor
	2018	Board of Directors Observer
	2017	Administrative Capability Credential
	2017	Return of Title IV Credential
	2017	Professional Judgment Credential

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<b>SASFAA</b>	2025-26	Membership Chair	
	2025-26	Leadership Symposium Committee Member	
	2020	Distinguished Service Award Recipient	
	2020	Leadership Symposium Committee	
	2020	Professional Development Committee	
	2019	CFAA Exam	
	2019	President's Guide Book Task Force, Chair	
	2019	Governance and Planning Committee, Chair	
	2019	Past-President	
	2018	President	
	2018	Annual Conference, Presenter	
	2018	Conference Committee, Member	
	2017	President-Elect	
	2014	Secretary	
	2013	Secretary	
	2012	Diversity Chair	
	2012	Conference Committee Member	
	2009	Vice President	
	2009	Leadership Symposium Chair	
	2008	Instructor, New Aid Officers Summer Workshop	
	2008	Newsletter Editor	
	2007	Participant, Leadership Symposium	
	2007	Newsletter Editor	
	2005	Voting Member of SASFAA Board	
	1993	Participant, New Aid Officer's Summer Workshop	
	<b>NCASFAA</b>	2023-2026	Budget Chairperson
		2021	Treasurer
2020		Treasurer, Fall and Annual Conference Committee	
2020		Eleanor Morris Distinguished Service Award	
2019		Presenter for Minority Serving Institutions Summit	
2019		Council of Past Presidents	
2019		Treasurer-Elect	
2018		NCASFAA Professional Recognition Committee	
2018		Fall Conference, Presenter	
2013-18		Middle School Enrichment Scholarship Committee	
2006		Immediate Past-President	
2005		President	
2005		Program Committee	
2004		President-Elect	
2003		Secretary	
2002		Support Staff Chairperson	
2001		Diversity Committee, Member	
2000	New Aid Officers, Instructor		
2000	Mentor		
<b>OTHER</b>	2022-24	BRIDGES Leadership Board Member	
	2012	College Board, Enrollment Leadership Academy	