

Sandy Neel
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY
Representative-at-Large

Improving access and affordability to higher education is a top priority for those in higher education and the expertise that financial aid professionals bring to the table is so important to accomplishing that goal. Collectively, as financial aid professionals, we bring a unique prospective to the table as we advocate for funding and ease of processes for our students at the state, regional, and national levels. As a first-generation college student, I know first-hand how daunting the financial aid process can be, advocating for simplification and increased funding is very important to me. More than ever it is important to stay on top of critical issues that impact our students and to be their voice. With that in mind, I want to continue to engage with NASFAA to advocate for our students, my fellow financial aid administrators and the colleges for which we work. Through serving my associations and through advocacy I am able to give back to a profession that has given me so many opportunities that I would not have otherwise had. With that in mind, I humbly submit my candidacy for Representative-at -large.

REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE RESUME

NAME: Sandy Neel

REGION: SASFAA

CURRENT POSITION: Associate Director of Financial Aid
From: March 2020 Spalding University, KY

PREVIOUS POSITION: Director of Financial Aid
From: June 2005 University of Louisville, KY

EDUCATION: M.Ed., Higher Education Administration with a in Concentration College
Student Personnel Services
University of Louisville
Louisville, KY - May 2004

B.S., Education Counseling Psychology
University of Louisville
Louisville, KY – May 1995

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Private, 4-year Liberal Arts

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

NASFAA	2021	Diversity Mentor Program
	2017 & 2018	Association Governance Committee
	2017	Conference Mentor Task Force, Chair
	2017	Resource Group
	2015	Task Force on Innovative Learning Models
	2013 & 2014	Nominations & Elections Committee
	2009-2011	NASFAA Board of Directors
	2010	Awards Committee

SASFAA	Various Yrs	Governance and Planning Committee
	2019	State Presidents Liaison
	2019	leadership Symposium Chair
	2017	SASFAA Legacy Think Tank
	2016	Long Range Plan, Chair
	2004-06, 16	Secretary & Articles and By-Laws Chair
	2011	President
	2009	Annual Conference Chair
	2007	Vice President
	2003-07, 13	New Aid Instructor
	2008, 14, 15	New Aid Curriculum Coordinator
	2003	Newsletter Editor
	Various	Conference Presenter

KASFAA	2021-22	Vice President
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2020	Long Range Plan, Chair
2000, 02, 18	Conference Chair
2016-18	Vendor Sponsor Chair
2002	President
1996-98	Secretary
Various years	KET Call-in Talk Show presenter
Various years	Conference Presenter, Trainer for KASFAA on the road, NASFAA Credentialed Test Preparation Presenter, Various topics Several other Committees and Chairs over the years
TASFAA-TN	
2006	Conference Chair
2005	Newsletter Editor
Various	Conference Presenter
Awards	
2017	SASFAA Distinguished Service Award
2014	NASFAA Leadership Award
	KASFAA Herb Vescio Award for Distinguished Service
2005	KAFSAA Honorary Lifetime Membership
Other	
Various	NASFAA U On-line course instructor
Various	NASFAA U Credentials
2020	Staff Advisory Council
2020	Taskforce on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
2016 -19	Budget and Finance Chair, German American Club