

President's Report
NeASFAA March 2016 Annual Business Meeting

As President, I attended the RMASFAA conference last October in Westminster, CO and participated in the RMASFAA Board of Directors transitional meeting. I also recently attended the RMASFAA winter board meeting, held March 4-5, 2016 in Denver, CO. Some items of interest from the BOD meeting was discussion about the upgrades that NASFAA is planning to their Compliance module (which will allow online assignment of P & P sections to staff and completion reminders), update on the annual conference, approval of the October 2018 conference in Fargo, ND, the success of RMASFAA's first-ever webinar training and the revamping of the Leadership Pipeline. Changes to the Vice President and Treasurer positions were discussed. The proposal for Vice President was to change the position (currently under-utilized) to be a two-year position, where the Vice President-elect would serve as vice-chair of Finance and Audit and the Vice President would serve as chair of Finance and Audit. It was also proposed to make the Treasurer a two-year position, where the Treasurer-elect would assume responsibility for accounts receivable and the Treasurer would mentor the Treasurer-elect and retain responsibility for accounts payable. Both proposals would require changes to the Bylaws and approval by the membership. Another proposed action was to revise the membership dues structure to be based on institution size. This proposal would be distributed to the membership for review/discussion at least 30 days before a vote by the BOD.

One initiative that I started this year was to investigate the use of the NASFAA Credentialing Training (NASFAA University Bootcamp). At last year's NASFAA Leadership Conference, I learned that the state associations could purchase this for one year at a greatly reduced cost. PRDC surveyed member institutions to gauge interest and the results indicated there was sufficient interest to add this to our training schedule for next year.

NeASFAA had a very good turnout this past year at the revamped Fall Training. The elimination of the Support Staff workshop and introduction of a two day Fall Training with the first day focused on neophyte training and the second day on training for experienced professionals was very successful.

Three committees, Association Governance, Membership Connections and Professional Development & Recognition also completed (hopefully!) the process begun last year by Matt of streamlining our committee structure – they have worked through the issues of combining committees and making final Policies and Procedure changes.

I would like to thank all the members of the board for their hard work this past year!

Respectfully Submitted

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