

2020 NeASFAA President Elect Annual Report

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1. 19-20 NeASFAA Committees were finalized May 2, 2019 Thanks to all who agreed to serve as chairs, vice-chairs and members.
2. Actively engaged as an ex-officio on the Association Governance Committee, State and Federal Relations Committee, Professional Development and Recognition Committee and Audit and Finance Committee
3. Brought forward several recommendations including:
 - a. Updates to Policies and Procedures to match what Bylaws state.
 - b. Updates to the Bylaws to reflect accurately stating what type of 501 C corporation NeASFAA is as well as updating language to be more reflective of current business practices.
 - c. Changing the structure of the Treasurer's position to a treasurer elect/treasurer position. A task force was put together to research this change and the task force found that this change was not right for NeASFAA.
 - d. Suggested clarifying language in the Policies and Procedures manual indicating what NeASFAA will pay for as President-Elect, President and Past President as it relates to conferences.
4. Completed the slate of candidates for the 20-21 NeASFAA Board of Directors and held the election. Many thanks to all those who stepped up and were willing to serve NeASFAA.
 1. President-Elect Justin Brown
 2. Treasurer- Lisa Gdowski
 3. Private Sector Rep-Fallon Watts
 4. Associate Sector Rep – Jodi Vandenberg
 - 87% Voting Return by Institutions
 - 20% Voting Return by Associate Sector
5. Began laying the ground work for 20-21 when I become President of NeASFAA
 - a. I researched, with the help of Lisa Gdowski, moving NeASFAA to Quick Books Online. Lisa also volunteered to register for a class at her college to learn Quick Books Online. At this time, I am awaiting budget approval from the Board to move forward.
 - b. I researched having an external audit performed. I contacted several accountants in Columbus and was told they do not do audits. I contacted an accountant in Kearney and they do not perform audits either. After a discussion with the accountant he indicated it is cost prohibitive for his firm to do audits, especially on 'small' associations like us. He did guesstimate that it would cost between \$2000-\$4000 for an audit and they probably would not find anything wrong. So best course of action would be to strengthen internal controls.
 - c. I have asked Mary Sommers, Director University of Nebraska at Kearney, to lead a task force with the goal of defining what training looks like for NeASFAA in 2020 and beyond.
 - d. I will hold a Board Orientation Meeting in conjunction with Justin Brown prior to my first official Board Meeting. I will also have Brenda Hick's, NASFAA National Chair Elect, come to the second Board Meeting in order to help with 'goal setting'.