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 Vandenber
   • 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 and 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 guestimate 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’.