

NeASFAA Association Business Meeting  
President's Report  
March 27, 2020

Key accomplishments by the NeASFAA Board during 2019-2020:

- All meetings were held with me leading over Zoom and most of the remaining participants at a common location; it worked well and it paves the way for others to serve from a distance
- Finalized and ratified the Strategic Directions Document
- Contracted with Divots Conference Center, Norfolk, NE, for 2021 NeASFAA Spring Conference, March 24-26, 2021
- Addressed the question of member definition and officer eligibility. Since some financial aid offices are being restructured to have a one-stop shop, some employees are working with financial aid but aren't directly reporting to the financial aid office. Based on the association's bylaws and P&P, the Association Governance committee determined that elected positions on the board must meet some definition of financial aid administrator. As long as the individual is involved in some capacity in financial aid as part of their day-to-day duties, they are eligible to run and hold office. No revision to the bylaws or P&P was required.
- Evaluated a proposal to add a Treasurer-Elect position to the elected offices and restructuring the current Treasurer position, similar to RMAFSA and other states in our regions. A task force looked at this and determined it wasn't a sustainable model for the size of our association. It did add some language to the board and committee timelines to ensure the incoming Treasurer receives proper support and training.
- Tackled the issue of COVID-19 and our spring conference, ultimately canceling the conference and credentialing. The association incurred no financial obligation with the conference center as a result of the cancellation and the speaker fee paid will be applied to next year's fee. Please thank PDRC for all their hard work and Divot's Conference Center when we're there next year!

Other President activities throughout the year:

- Attended NASFAA Conference June 24-27 in Orlando
  - Certified Financial Aid Administrator program was rolled out. Consider getting certified!
  - The resources NASFAA provides state leaders are invaluable
- Attended RMAFSA meetings and conference in Billings, October 19-23
  - New RMAFSA website and logo unveiled!
  - State delegates to work on handbook
  - Emphasis on transparency with regard to budget and finances
- Attended RMAFSA winter board meeting in Denver, February 20-21
  - Don't forget to activate your account on the new website!
  - RMAFSA 2021 conference in Sheridan, Wyoming
  - State delegates prepared plan for handbook and will commence with monthly Zoom meetings
- RMAFSA 2020 Conference in Omaha, October 18-21
  - Chairing registration committee and creating new registration form and guide for future committees
  - Contact Becca Dobry to [dobryrd@unk.edu](mailto:dobryrd@unk.edu) to volunteer. Let's show our Nebraska pride!

Respectfully submitted,  
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