

State and Federal Relations Committee (SFRC)  
Year-end Report  
March 2021

This committee is charged with monitoring federal and state legislation and submitting letters or testimony based on positions determined by the Board. Due to Covid-19 protocols this year the Nebraska Legislature requested limited in-person testimony, so all of NeASFAA's positions were submitted as written testimony.

The committee submitted a letter of congratulations to Sen Lynne Walz who was elected Chair of the Education Committee, and letter on LBs529 and 62 which both addressed how to disburse lottery funds over the next five years. We also submitted a letter to our Congressional representatives encouraging them to support additional funding to postsecondary institutions to help cover financial losses due to Covid.

Members of the committee this year were:

J. Ritchie Morrow, Chair, CCPE  
Diana Oglesby, Vice Chair, SCC  
Stacy Dieckman, NECC  
Paula Kohles, UNMC  
Vicki Kucera, CCC  
Beth Sisk, CSM  
Doug Watson, Midland  
Renee Besse, ex-officio, UNK  
Justin Chase Brown, ex-officio UNL  
Jackie Cottom, ex-officio, NASFAA