

NeASFAA Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday July 8, 2021  
Conducted via Zoom

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Justin Brown, Kimberly Vanosdall, Renee Besse, Lisa Gdowski, Erin Brown, Erika Kampschnieder, Susan Collins, Jodi Vanden Berge

**Committee Chairs/Members also in attendance:** Jeff Recker, Susan Frodyma, Matt Johnson, Diana Oglesby, Sarah Standley

**Not Present:** Sheila Pourier, Ritchie Morrow, Paula Kohles, Becca Dobry

**Call to order:** Justin called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Renee, second by Lisa. Motion carries.

**Business on the Table:**

**Investment Strategy:** Justin stated he and Lisa have been working on the investment strategy. They have a question out to the accountant because we need to provide something official for IRS 501(c)6 status and our NAICS code and they are not sure what that is. Once they receive the response they will continue set up with Lynx. Per Lisa, next CD comes due July 10<sup>th</sup>, which will be moved to checking to be ready to go to the investment account once set up. Susan Collins provided NAICS code 813920,8139 in chat.

**WyoBraska Sponsorship:** Matt discussed the WyoBraska sponsorship with Becca after the last board meeting. They came up with 2 options, possibly providing swag or a scholarship. Becca said that the only swag option would be to provide a bag for people to carry things around. The proposed scholarship would be in the amount of \$300 per person, which would pay for their registration and a little more. Matt would like to continue to explore scholarship option. An application will be needed, and it will need to be made available to members. Matt asked if the scholarship money would be sent to recipient's school or to the individual. Lisa said the recipients would have to fill out the reimbursement form and it will depend on documentation provided. Justin said the SI app could be used as a guide. Matt stated that he and Becca also discussed adding a requirement or suggestion of NeASFAA volunteerism or to have the recipient write up of what it meant to get the scholarship. Justin said that requirement could be part of the application. Justin said he would prefer the scholarship not go to a Board member. Renee said the SI app states they should be involved, and that this application could use the same wording. Renee asked for clarification on how this would go out, to the listserv or only to paid members. Erika stated the listserv is open to all so the application should specify only paid NeASFAA member are eligible.

**21-22 RMASFAA Delegate:** Justin emailed out what RMASFAA put together for their AG committee and reiterated that he would be NeASFAA delegate and RMASFAA VP at same time, so would hold 2 voting positions. Justin stated the RMASFAA Board has moved slowly, and their decision may not follow their bylaws. They are willing to accept the individual we nominate to serve as the NeASFAA delegate. Our action is to decide who that person would be. It will not be Justin. Justin asked who our board would nominate to serve as delegate to the RMASFAA board. This delegate would serve October 2021 through October 2022. Jodi asked who else from Nebraska is on the board. Lisa stated she thinks it should be someone who is active on NeASFAA Board. Renee stated she could stay on but pointed out that she

goes off the NeASFAA board in March so she would not be on NeASFAA board for full RMAFSA term. Renee continued that for continuity Kim might be best. Kim stated that she spoke with her director and Stacy is fine with Kim being chosen and Kim is also willing to do it. Justin stated if Renee was chosen, Kim could decide to ask Renee to continue to come to board meetings to stay informed. Jodi stated Renee may be good to continue what is going on. Renee stated Kim will be President, so will have her hands full and this would be one more thing on her plate. The RMAFSA commitment isn't a lot, but it's one more thing. Justin stated he would not suggest running for RMAFSA while in NeASFAA Board position. Justin asked if Renee and Kim should abstain from the vote on this matter. Renee stated that would make sense. Justin asked for a motion. Matt stated before the motion, he wanted to throw out that we may want to amend the P&P to have this situation covered if it comes up again. Justin stated it's really RMAFSA's rule and issue, so it doesn't necessarily make sense to change our P&P. We are handling it based on what RMAFSA has decided, we want to make a decision so that this person can be at the RMAFSA transition meeting in October. Justin will put together a letter for RMAFSA to review and decide on. Renee said she would write it up and they could send it together. Justin asked for a motion. Lisa made a motion that in the interim to replace Justin Brown as NE delegate for 21-22 year, we will have Renee Besse continue as delegate for that term. Susan Collins seconded. Justin asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. Justin asked for vote. Kim and Renee abstained. Motion passed. We will report to RMAFSA that we would like Renee to continue to serve as delegate for 21-22 year and leave it to Kim and the next NeASFAA Board to decide how to handle Renee's involvement.

**Fall event/activity:** Justin asked for a brief update and discussion on a Fall training event or activity from Matt or Diana and asked if they needed any guidance. Kim stated she feels like we should have some sort of training or event in the fall. Justin asked if it should be through PDRC or SFC and if there would be one event or a couple. Renee stated it would be PDRC that would set up the event. Justin explained that SFC has talked about a legislative event and suggested they work with PDRC. Lisa stated she'd like to see a neophyte training online. Justin proposed a training that would be a single day or part of a day for neophytes and include a possible legislative session. Lisa asked about online sector meetings. Renee clarified she asked sector reps to put those on last year. Matt asked about coffee break times continuing. Jeff stated yes, they are continuing and there are vendors are scheduled for rest of year. The coffee breaks will probably come to an end after this year since it was created as a way to gather during COVID. Attendance has really decreased, and they are coming to a natural end. Matt wondered if coffee break could be included to bring neophytes into the conversation. Matt asked for subject matter or topics and that he'd work on Zoom through a school to not have the purchase anything. Diana said she'd forward what SFC was thinking about. Matt asked about a charge for the training. Justin said if we don't have a cost to put it on, we shouldn't charge. Renee said we want to be careful that only paid members register for the training. Lisa said it might spark membership requests.

### **New Business:**

**Future Conference location:** Matt stated that the 2024 conference is what we want to start thinking about. The spring conference will be in Norfolk in 2022 and Grand Island in 2023. Normally this is talked about at a fall meeting, but there were notes to consider starting the discussion earlier, in July, because hotels were slow to get back with information. Renee said it's probably time to move back east, but Lincoln and Omaha are usually more expensive. Justin asked if we've done Omaha, Kim said we haven't done Omaha since before 2015. Justin asked if we want to consider Omaha. Kim said the food and beverage minimums that Omaha challenging. Erika suggested Papillion, Lavista, or Bellevue. Lisa asked about Fremont. Susan C said the only option in Fremont would be to be on campus at Midland. Erika asked about lodging. Susan said Fremont wouldn't have lodging and suggested the west Omaha metro area. Susan asked about a school sponsoring or hosting the event. Lisa stated that we would need

shuttle busses to lodging options. Justin stated UNL is putting a Marriot on campus and that may be an option. Susan asked about school comping conference space. Kim said hotels will do that too, so it's not necessarily cheaper to use a school. Matt will take the west Omaha area suggestion to his committee.

**Announcements/Reminders:**

Susan F wants to announce that audit is on 20<sup>th</sup>. She will go to Columbus.

Renee asked Justin to update agenda to show 11:30 start.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Kim, second by Lisa. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.

Next Board Meeting:  
October 2021 - Omaha