

**OASFAA Board Meeting
East Central University
Ada, OK
July 15, 2019**

Meeting Attendance

Voting Members Present: Becky Isaacs, Melinda Simpson, Alicia Smith, Charly Smith, Melanie Rinehart

Non-voting Members Present: Laura Coponiti, Jonna Raney

Call to Order

Becky Isaacs, Present, called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

Announcements

It was noted that we need to re-order Karen's OASFAA President's plaque and Melinda was given the info. Also noted that at the next meeting in the city that we need to go to the bank and have Tracy added on the account.

Review of Minutes

- 5/14/19 meeting

A motion to approve minutes was made and seconded. All approved.

Year End Treasurer's Report

– 6/30/19 Report

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and seconded. All approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory – Melinda Simpson – nothing to report

Membership – Lori Boyd – not present

Electronic Initiatives – Mendy Schmerer – not present. Becky reported that we are moving website to Wild Apricot in Oct.

Finance – Dustin Davidson – not present

Legislative – Jonna Raney

Federal stuff -

1. A bill was introduced earlier this week to eliminate Orig fees for student stafford loans. It's a bipartisan bill so there is some hope it could move through the process. NASFAA reached out to schools to encourage us to advocate for this bill on behalf of our students.
2. The Republicans and Democrats that we spoke with both agree that they will not reach an agreement on the HEA reauthorization this year.

3. Senator Alexander (retiring at the end of his term) wants to include major by major (program by program) reporting for all schools programs (title IV eligible programs).

4. PLUS Loans are a bad investment for the government as the loans are made to many borrowers that have a low ability to pay and that ability doesn't generally improve because their student completes their program. It was stated that many believe the PLUS loan program should go away and those borrowers be pushed to the private market.

State Stuff:

1. There are no major changes to OK programs.

2. There was discussion about how students who are over the \$100K limit for OK Promise one year but under the limit (and therefore eligible for OK promise) will be caught. UPDATE: I spoke with Carol Alexander and she said they are discussing how this will be resolved and will let us know as soon as a process is determined.

3. Discussion about how the hours should be counted so that the 129 cap can be implemented in the fairest way for students. It was noted that if a school cannot award the full OK Promise award to a student because of COA limits, the claim should indicate the number of hours for which they are being paid.

Long Range Planning – Andrew Hammontree – not present

Historian – Mendy Schmerer – not present

Training – Diana Sanders – not present. Becky asked about having fall and spring training. It was decided that everyone liked to stay with just Spring training. The calendar is too full. Will also keep the one day training before the conference.

Conference – Karen Jeffers – not present

Program – Audra and Melinda – contacted Kevin Campbell already. Asking about Gov Stitt speaking. Will do the NASFAA request. Noted that we have volunteer forms and will need to engage committee members.

Local Arrangements – Lori D., Lori B. and Charly – nothing to report

Entertainment – Lori Deardorff – not present – Becky noted she was going to add one of the volunteers as a co-chair.

Corporate Relations – Michelle Enriquez – not present

Nominations and Elections – Alicia Smith – Jonna reminded that the committee has to be comprised of members from certain sectors.

Site Selection – Laura Coponiti and Brad Barnett (possible co-chair) – nothing to report. Melanie reminded Laura to reach out to the Tulsa CVB for help.

SWASFAA Update –

Conference Nov. 12 – 15

Webinar coming up this Thursday

Logan Ware Scholarship Application available

OLD BUSINESS

Membership surveys – Mendy brought it to Becky’s attention that we have not done a membership survey since 2013. Becky would like for us to send out membership surveys at least once a year.

Email from Insurance – there is a change in the new and old policies. Becky is going to go over the information and send out a report to everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

19-20 Budget was discussed

- Laura noted that membership dues might fluctuate with the conference being in Tulsa.
- Jonna mentioned that the \$1000 sponsorship from MWC CVB under conference income.
- Decided to leave in decentralized training.
- Looking at splitting out vendor sponsorships under income. Need information from Michelle.
- Reviewed all other line items
- Motion was made to accept with the adjustments noted. Motion was seconded. All approved.

Next meeting – September 12th or the 19th. Becky will send out dates to get a consensus.

There was no further business, so the motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All approved. Motion to adjourn passed at 11:12am.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Rinehart
2019-2020 OASFAA Secretary