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## **NASSGAP Business Meeting**

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## **Nomination Slate of Officers for Membership Elections**

### **President-Elect**

### **Marilyn Cargill – VT**

Marilyn Cargill has worked for the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) for the past 22 years. She has been the Director of Financial Aid, Delivery and Operations since 2004 which includes the administration of the Grant and Scholarship division.

Marilyn is currently the NASSGAP Secretary and has been a member of the NASSGAP Technical Form Committee since 2002. At the state level, she has held the position of Secretary, Chair of Training, and served on the Conference Committee for the VASFAA for the past 8 years. At the regional level, Marilyn served on the EASFAA Spring 2006 Conference Committee held in Burlington, Vermont.

### **Secretary**

### **Vicki Merkel – OR**

Vicki Merkel came to work at the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) in 1998 to design and implement the ASPIRE program. She started with a three-page concept paper and currently the program has over 800 volunteers mentoring more than 6,000 students about postsecondary education. In January 2004, Vicki was promoted to the position of Grants & Scholarships Division Director, and oversaw ASPIRE, Scholarship Services, the Oregon Opportunity Grant and numerous special programs such as Jobs Plus and Rural Health loan repayment program. The agency downsized in 2005 with the demise of the loan guarantee program. The Grants and Scholarships Division has been renamed the Scholarship and Access Programs. Prior to OSAC, Vicki worked for 20 plus years in Social Services. She worked for several years doing direct services such as case management and then began managing programs.

Vicki is an active member of NASSGAP, and served as the program chair for the fall 2005 conference. Her work in social services, her personal experience as a first-generation college graduate, and spending five years traveling the state to implement ASPIRE has led to a passion for increasing college access.

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**Member-at-Large****Stephanie Butler - AK**

Stephanie Butler is the Director of Program Operations and Outreach at the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE). She joined ACPE in 1997, after having worked for the Enrollment Services Division of University of Alaska Anchorage from 1990 to 1997. She is an IIA Certified Internal Auditor and also holds certification as a Government Auditing Professional (CGAP).

Stephanie has been an active NASSGAP member for four years. She graduated from Barry University with a Bachelor of Arts in English, and from Boston University where she earned her Master's degree in business administration.

**Treasurer-Elect****J. Ritchie Morrow - NE**

Ritchie Morrow is the Financial Aid Coordinator at the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. He has been in this role since September 2003. Prior to that, he spent another decade as a financial aid counselor and director gaining experience in postsecondary institutions in both Indiana and Nebraska.

Ritchie has been an active member of NASSGAP for three years and will serve as program chair for the fall 2006 conference. His bachelor's degree from University of Nebraska at Kearney is in Business Education and he holds a Masters of Education degree in College Student Personnel Administration from Indiana University-Bloomington.