

NASSGAP

National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs

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To: NASSGAP Voting Membership
From: NASSGAP Secretary
Subject: 2008-09 Election

The NASSGAP Nominations Committee presents the following slate of nominees for 2008-09 executive committee offices. Members attending the Business Meeting at the Spring 2008 Conference were presented with the opportunity to nominate additional candidates. Voting members may also write-in another candidate when voting on the NASSGAP poll.

President- Elect - One year Term

Lois Hollis - Texas

Lois was born and raised in Texas and has worked in financial aid for over 25 years. From 2001 – 2007 she was the Assistant Commissioner for Student Services at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board where she oversaw all State financial aid programs, tuition exemptions and waivers as well as State residency issues and the ApplyTexas common admissions application. In September 2007 Lois became the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner of Business and Finance. In that role she advises the Deputy Commissioners and the Commissioner of Higher Education on State and Federal financial aid policy and assists in overseeing the State financial aid programs and other special projects. In both of these roles she works closely with the State Legislature on student financial aid issues. Lois serves on various State committees dealing with financial aid, admissions, outreach and other higher education issues.

She was the site chair for the fall 2004 NASSGAP conference, a member-at-large for 2006 and 2007 and was the program chair for the 2008 spring conference.

Lois earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin.

Secretary – Two Year Term

Stephanie Butler - Alaska

Stephanie Butler is the Director of Program Operations and Outreach at the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Stephanie Butler joined the Commission in 1997 as a program coordinator. In 1998, she was promoted to Director of Institutional Relations, and, in 2001, was appointed by the Executive Director to her current post. Prior to joining the Commission, she worked in various enrollment management related positions at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Stephanie has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Barry University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Boston University. She has additional graduate training in compliance and operational auditing and is a Certified Internal Auditor. Stephanie's team at

ACPE is responsible for ongoing financial aid operations, as well as development and implementation of statewide outreach services to make Alaskans aware of the life-long benefits of a postsecondary education.

Stephanie currently serves on the NASSGAP executive board as member-at-large and on the Federal Relations Committee. She was program chair for the NASSGAP 2007 spring conference.

Treasurer-Elect – One year term

Jamie Dushin - Montana

Jamie Dushin currently holds the position of Budget Analyst for the Accounting Department of the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program. Through this position he works with the Montana state grant and work study programs as well as the FFEL Program. Jamie began at MGSLP in 2001 as the Scholarship Specialist working mainly with the state's GEAR UP and Honor Scholarship programs.

Jamie authored the 2006 Examining LEAP report, served as site chair for the NASSGAP 2006 spring conference and currently serves on the Policy and Research Committee.

Jamie is a 2001 graduate of Montana State University – Bozeman in Business Finance. Jamie is married to a fellow Montana State University – Bozeman graduate and has two handsome young boys.

Member-at-Large – 2 year term

Julie Leeper - Iowa

Julie Leeper joined the Iowa College Student Aid Commission staff in 1982. Julie received her Bachelors degree from Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa, and was appointed Associate Director of Client Services in 1994. As Associate Director, she was instrumental in the development of a nationally-adopted procedures manual for the Federal Family Education Loan Program. In 1997, Julie was promoted to Director of Program Administration and administered the State's scholarship and grant programs, forgivable loan programs, and several federally-funded programs including LEAP/SLEAP and the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Program. Julie has recently been appointed to the position of Director of Legislative Services and Personnel and will be instrumental in assisting lawmakers in ensuring that Iowa's programs continue to provide needed benefits and services to Iowa students and their families.

Julie served as program chair for the NASSGAP 2007 fall conference and is a member of the Federal Relations Committee.

Voting Membership--Voting Membership shall be extended to a single agency from each state or territory which is legally responsible to administer an operational program of student aid which has been established by the legislature, designated by the Governor, or by some similar official manner and which is a funded state program. Such agency shall designate a single representative to exercise that voting privilege whether it be at meetings of the Association or on mail ballots and shall provide the name of that person to the Association Secretary.

Section 4. Officers shall be elected in the following manner:

- a. Prior to the fall annual meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of five voting members. This committee shall prepare a proposed slate of officers for the next fiscal year and will present that slate to the members at the next spring meeting. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible to be named on the proposed slate; however, a member may be nominated from the floor or included as a write-in candidate on a written ballot.**
- b. Voting Members present at the spring meeting may nominate eligible candidates for any office so provided by the parliamentary authority of Article VIII.**
- c. If a spring meeting is not held, the Nominating Committee chairman shall determine the slate by means of a committee meeting, or by communicating with the committee members by phone or by mail, and shall provide the names of the proposed candidates to the President no later than May 1 of the year following the fall annual meeting.**
- d. The President shall direct the Secretary to prepare written ballots which shall contain the names and a brief description of the experience and qualifications of each candidate nominated according to Sections 4 a and b of Article IV. The Secretary will also provide a space for write-in candidates for each office. The Secretary shall mail these written ballots to each eligible Voting Member by June 1 or within one (1) week of the constitution of the annual Spring Conference, whichever is later.**
- e. Voting members must return their written ballots as directed by the Secretary.**
- f. The person receiving the largest number of votes, whether or not a majority of the votes is cast, shall be elected.**
- g. The Secretary shall promptly notify the President and the members of the results of the election. This must be done prior to the next Fall meeting.**

The elected officers shall begin their terms at the conclusion of the fall business meeting.