

NASSGAP Executive Committee  
Meeting – 2/19/2015 - Phone

Participating:

- \*Diane Lindeman, KS - President
- \*Stephanie Butler, AK – President Elect
- \*Chris Zuzack, PA – Past President
- \*David Hughes, UT – Treasurer
- Mark French, CT – Treasurer Elect
- \*Todd Brown, IA – Secretary
- \*Rachelle Sharpe, WA – Member-at-Large
- \*Elizabeth McDuffie, NC – Member-at-Large/Conference Committee
- Marilyn Cargill, VT – Membership
- \*Jennifer Rogers, MS - Membership
- Susan Degen, OR – Ed Technical Forms
- \*Jason Chavez, NJ – Ed Technical Forms
- \*Julie Leeper, IA – NASSGAP Website
- Mike Solomon, IL – NASSGAP Website
- \*Ritchie Morrow, NE – Federal Relations
- \*Frank Ballmann, NY – Federal Relations

*\*indicates member in attendance*

1. Call to order – 2:04PM pm CST
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve made by Elizabeth McDuffie; seconded by David Hughes; approved unanimously.
3. Officer's Reports
  - a. President – Diane Lindeman: Almost to the point of signing the contract with Embassy Suites for the Executive Committee Meeting. Will send details when final. Rate is \$169 per night plus tax. Dates are set for April 29 – May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Past-President – Chris Zuzack: No report.
  - c. President-Elect – Stephanie Butler: No report.
  - d. Treasurer – David Hughes: Received a bill for Committee for Education Funding (CEF) membership. CEF membership fees were included in the NASSGAP budget; executive committee was in favor of paying the fee.
  - e. Secretary – Todd Brown: No report.
  - f. Members-at-Large – Rachelle Sharpe/Elizabeth McDuffie: No report.

#### 4. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – Marilyn Cargill/Jennifer Rogers: The membership committee wants to generate ideas about ways to engage NASSGAP members outside of the Executive Committee and the annual conference. David Hughes – A quarterly federal update would be interesting. Elizabeth McDuffie – Possibly include different views on reauthorization. If there are any other ideas, please send to Jennifer. Jennifer will draft a message to members; Frank thought the week of March 10 could work to have the first quarterly update conference call. A date will be finalized in future discussions.
- b. Ed Technical – Susan Degen/Jason Chavez: The FAFSA design team is meeting on March 10. The Ed Technical Committee will collect state deadline information early this year. Question for the Executive Committee: The FAFSA currently allows 10 schools on FAFSA – should there be more than 10 options? Exec committee determined that 10 was enough. Question for the Executive Committee: Should a state have access to a student’s ISIR information if the student didn’t include an in-state institution on the FAFSA and the student is not a state resident? It would give a state access to any ISIR transaction, not just those that include an in-state institution or a student declared legal residency in the state. Following considerable discussion, it was suggested that this question may have been asked before, possibly driven by Marilyn Cargill\*. Jason will check with Marilyn\* on this request.
- c. Web – Julie Leeper: Julie will request that all polls contain date references in the future. This will allow older polls to be inactivated. Julie is planning to send a survey to get feedback from membership on the most important parts of the website, and additional information that is needed. The NASSGAP website was down for a few days last week, but is operational now.
- d. Conference – Elizabeth McDuffie/Rachelle Sharpe: Elizabeth will establish a poll to get feedback on topics of interest. Rachelle will be talking with Canadian administrators tomorrow about their possible attendance at the conference.
- e. Federal Relations – Frank Ballmann/Ritchie Morrow: Ritchie – The North Dakota financial aid association requested information about FAFSA simplification – Frank provided the information. Frank – 2015-16 Pell Grant max is 5775. No guidance has been established by the Department of Education regarding retroactive Pell and Stafford eligibility for students in career pathways programs. Frank provided an update on FAFSA simplification. Frank provided an update on two conferences he was invited to attend. Frank discussed the PASS ACT. Frank was interviewed by Inside Higher Ed in regard to FAFSA simplification. The Administration is planning new SAP requirements relating to Pell eligibility – details not yet released. Spoke with NCAN about the potentially new SAP standards and the FAFSA Completion Initiative.

5. Old Business – none.
6. New Business – Briefly discussed the potential future of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
  - a. Other business –
8. Adjournment – 3:05pm CST

Next Meeting: Date 3/18/2015, 2pm CST.

To-do list – highlighted in grey

*\*the reference to Marilyn Cargill should have been Chris Zuzack.*