



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE STUDENT GRANT AND AID PROGRAMS
Executive Committee Meeting – Monthly Conference Call
January 8, 2019 – 11 a.m. PST/2 p.m. EST
Conference Call: (888) 278-0296; Access Code: 4093491

Participating:

- *Elizabeth McDuffie, NC – President
- *Rachelle Sharpe, WA – Past President
- *Jennifer Rogers, MS – President Elect
- *Irala Magee, OK – Treasurer
- *Leroy Wade, MO – Treasurer Elect
- *Jennifer Lanphear, ME – Secretary
- *Erin Klarer, KY – Member-At-Large
- *Deena Lager, AZ – Member-At-Large
- *Todd Brown, IA – NASSGAP Website
- Katie Harrison, SC – Membership
- *Donna Thomas, MD – Ed Technical Forms
- *Elizabeth McCloud, PA – Federal Relations
- *Frank Ballmann, NY – Director/Federal Relations

**indicates member in attendance*

I. Call to Order at 2:03 p.m.

II. Review and Approval Minutes from December 11, 2018

- a. Delayed approval to the next meeting for edits to Federal Relations section. Historically Federal Relations just says “Frank provided a Federal Update.”

III. Officer Reports

- a. President – *Elizabeth*
 - i. May meeting: will send a doodle poll for availability in May: May 15-16 or the next week. Should we use the May meeting as an opportunity to scout a site for the following years’ fall meeting.
- b. Past-President – *Rachelle*
 - i. Todd asked for year-end president’s report for the website and JL sent president’s survey. Seems like there is a little duplication between the two. Drafted and will send. Todd: Annual president’s survey is in the history and President’s report is in a different section. We could consider doing one of them and not both.

- c. President Elect –Jennifer R. no work done on conference; presented survey findings. Recommended sites so far: Tulsa; somewhere warm; somewhere in NE with good weather; New Orleans; Nashville (twice); National Park; Seattle; and anywhere not on the banned list for California. Frank will forward NY list. Be sure we select a place that isn't on a banned list for a state. Consider states to encourage active participation. Places to consider: Ohio is not a member but they have a huge grant program. Delaware is a member but they don't attend conference. Louisiana is a member but they are not active.
- d. Treasurer – *Irala*
 - i. IRS update: we did hear back from IRS. Late on 2016 tax return. We appealed. Received letter that they weren't ready to make a decision and asked for an additional 60 days. IRS is closed right now.
- e. Secretary – *Jennifer L.* Nothing additional to report

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Members at Large/Conference –*Erin & Deena*
 - i. Request for volunteers
 1. Email last year's conference committee
 2. Frank agreed to be on the committee
 - ii. Deena: Jennifer will send 2017 documents and survey results; there is a to do list in the User Guide
 1. Elizabeth McDuffie will email User Guide to Erin & Deena.
 2. Frank and Rachelle have 2019 conference ideas
 3. Frank has recommendation for group dinner
- b. Ed Technical – *Donna*
 - i. Report on call with FSA in November. FSA was looking for feedback on mobile app and redesign of FAFSA website. Parents and students have seen redirect as SPAM so the group asked for some improved messaging.
 - ii. NASSGAP provided Donna with some questions about data for FSA. Donna needs to follow up with FSA because that the purpose of the November call was mobile app and redesign feedback only.
 - iii. Hope Pell tables will be available in the coming weeks. Original goal was end of 2018.
 - iv. The decline in API usage and pop up challenges were discussed.
 - v. Donna needs to follow up with FSA about FAFSA filing data and quarterly data.
 - vi. Donna will send out an email next week regarding 2020-2021 state deadlines. New this year is the way we will be gathering information from states about skip logic.
- c. Federal Relations – Frank provided a Federal Update. Elizabeth asked us to submit comments to Frank. Should we offer membership the opportunity to submit comments regarding the Students of Color letter.

d. Web – *Todd*

- i. Contact information on the site: pulled out direct contact information for Executive Committee and Sub Committees. Take a look and provide Todd with feedback. Membership directory: can be put behind the login. Only members with login credentials could access the membership directory. Erin recommended as selling this as a membership benefit. Todd will make this update.

e. *Membership (Placeholder--Katie will not be on the call)*

V. Old Business - non

VI. New Business

- a. February 12 call—Elizabeth McDuffie unavailable. Jennifer R. will run the call.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer R; Second by Jennifer L; unanimous to adjourn. Call adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Next call: February 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. EST