



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE STUDENT GRANT AND AID PROGRAMS
Executive Committee Meeting – Monthly Conference Call
April 9, 2019 – 11 a.m. PST/2 p.m. EST
Conference Call: (888) 278-0296; Access Code: 4093491

I. Call to Order 2:01 pm

ROLL CALL:

- *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
- Michael Solomon

*indicates member in attendance

Gray highlights denotes an action item

II. Review and Approval Minutes from March 12, 2019

Jennifer R motion to approve; Leroy seconded. Unanimous approval. Please announce yourself when speaking during a telephone meeting particularly when making a motion.

III. Officer Reports

- a. President – *Elizabeth*
 - i. May meeting in Durham, NC.

- ii. NiKeasha Nunn, Elizabeth's Assistant, will try to coordinate transportation from the airport so please provide Elizabeth and NiKeasha with your flight arrangements
 - iii. Dinner at 6 or 6:30 flight dependent
 - iv. Meeting to begin in the morning at the hotel
 - v. May EC Meeting Agenda – please send agenda items to Elizabeth
 - 1. Discuss combining committees
 - 2. Review by-laws: EC and committee members should review before the May meeting.
 - 3. Distinguished service awards and Friends of NASSGAP processes
 - vi. Rachelle, Mike S, Elizabeth McCloud are unable to attend but are willing to call in to participate
- b. Past-President – *Rachelle*
- i. Distinguished service award and process for identifying Friends of NASSGAP
 - ii. Order more hats for speakers and new members? Do we want to continue offering a choice between hats and visors? Visors have old logo. Frank thinks he still has visors. Frank will provide a count for us via email. Hats are for speakers and new members. EC agrees we should order more hats. Frank will dispose of black visors if group agrees we no longer need visors. We gave out all of the 50th anniversary hats. Rachelle will order more of the new logo hats.
- c. President Elect –*Jennifer R.*
- i. Confirmed states we cannot visit.
 - ii. Focused on Cincinnati and a hotel located in Cincinnati. Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn and Suites in the same building used to be Cincinnati Inquirer Building on National Historic Registry. Great location. Has requested information from both hotels. Hopefully we will have contract available to review in May.
 - iii. Exploring week of October 12, 2020 because the following week Katie Harrison cannot attend. EC agrees to maintain the Tuesday – Friday conference schedule.
 - iv. Once we have a contract, Jennifer R. will reach out to encourage Ohio to attend.

- v. Reviewed NASFAA calendar of regional FA events to ensure week does not have any conflicts and it does not at this time.
- d. Treasurer – *Irala*
 - i. No news to report.
- e. Secretary – *Jennifer L.*
 - i. Thank-you for approving the minutes.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Members at Large/Conference – *Deena*
 - i. There's a Save the Date on the NASSGAP website. Does a Save the Date need to be sent out soon? Jennifer L. shared the Save the Date on the website was included in the October Conference Program. Conference Timeline and action items are listed in the NASSGAP Guidelines. Typically we send monthly reminders to listserv.
 - ii. Listserv only includes full members; associate members are not on the Listserv. Jennifer R. reminded us we can use Mailchimp through the NASSGAP website and can download associate member list, non-member list. Katie H. and Deena will work together to get Save the Date to listserv, associate members, and non-member list.
 - iii. Frank is going to start sending invitations to Hill Staffers, NASFAA, etc.
 - iv. Irala reminded the group that paid members and paid conference attendees are in Google docs.
 - v. Deena asked if there are thematic requirements. NASSGAP has a style guide. Mailchimp has templates that match the style guide. **Katie will send mailchimp procedures guide and style guide to Deena.**
- b. Ed Technical – *Donna*
 - i. Now that work for state deadlines has passed, there is nothing to report at this time.
- c. Federal Relations – *Elizabeth McC and Frank*
 - i. Elizabeth McCloud advised the group that the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee is having a Reauthorization Hearing tomorrow.

- ii. Frank provided additional Federal Update. Frank circulated the new FAFSA. Does NASSGAP want to comment or leave it to the states?
 - 1. Discussion ensued about students use of the high school search within the FAFSA. If the student's do not use the search function, a generic high school code is generated that can impede the FAFSA completion project and/or state residency verification process. PA has seen a 250% jump in high school code issues over last year so they will include a comment about this in their FAFSA comments.
 - 2. LEAP participation could be a good discussion in May.
 - 3. Make time for Hill visits at conference on Tuesday. When people do Hill visits as a group they often wear t-shirts, so we could wear NASSGAP hats.
- d. *Web – Todd*
 - i. FreshySites took a look at speed; they fixed what they can for the time being to improve speed.
- e. *Membership – Katie*
 - i. With Todd's help removed 18-19 membership application process on the website; 19-20 membership application is up and going
 - ii. GBPI sent in membership already; completed process online for 19-20 so we have our first 19-20 member
 - iii. Renewal notices will be sent May 1 to give people an opportunity to renew in this fiscal year instead of next
 - iv. Potential New Associate Member, Attain LLC – product similar to GBPI and Nelnet. They asked if they could be an associate member. They are supposed to deliver more detailed information about who they are and what they offer. Historically we present potential new associate members to the EC.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Adjourn

Jennifer Rogers moves to adjourn. Jennifer Lanphear second. Unanimous to adjourn at 3:00 pm.