



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE STUDENT GRANT AND AID PROGRAMS
Executive Committee Meeting – Monthly Conference Call
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – 12 p.m. PST/1 p.m. MST/2:00 p.m. CST/3 p.m. EST

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MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- *Jennifer Rogers, MS – President
- *Elizabeth McDuffie, NC – Past President
- *Todd Brown, IA – President Elect
- *Leroy Wade, MO – Treasurer
- *Jennifer Lanphear, ME – Secretary
- *Deena Lager, AZ – Member-At-Large (year 2)
- *Renee Davis, NV – Member-At-Large (year 1)
- *Katie Harrison, SC – Membership
- *Donna Thomas, MD – Ed Technical Forms
- *Elizabeth McCloud, PA – Federal Relations
- *Ritchie Morrow – NASSGAP Website
- *Frank Ballmann, NY – Director/Federal Relations

Michael Solomon is not a member of the Executive Committee but will report on invitation.

II. Review and Approve Minutes from February 19, 2020

Todd moved we approve the minutes. Leroy seconded. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

III. Review and Approve Minutes from March 18, 2020

Elizabeth McD moved to table approval of minutes until April. Deena seconded. The minutes were provided only moments before the meeting so we will vote next meeting. Unanimous approval.

IV. Officer Reports

- a. President – *Jennifer R.*
 - i. May EC Meeting – informed them we probably will not be able to come in May.
 - ii. October Annual Conference – what is the impact of COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic on conference attendance? The contract has an impossibility clause stating no penalties to organization or hotel. Jennifer R. is concerned travel bans will still exist, state budgets will not allow for travel. How long should we wait to determine cancellation date? There are several factors to consider

including safety issues. We may not know until September. We could supersize our scholarship to encourage people to come. If we have trouble getting speakers, state roll call could fill the time. Some spring conferences were held via Zoom.

- iii. Donna Thomas, MD shared her organization has frozen expenditures on memberships at this time. We may wish to survey NASSGAP membership.
- iv. We will convert the May EC meeting to either a single or series of virtual Zoom meetings.
- b. Past-President – *Elizabeth McD*
 - i. According to the By-laws the Executive Committee appoints the nomination committee. The following people are interested in participating: Todd Brown, Jennifer Brown, Rachelle Sharpe, Leroy Wade, and Elizabeth McDuffie.
 - ii. Committee Chair will present the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee by mid-May.
 - iii. Elizabeth McDuffie motions the EC appoint the interested people; Renee Davis seconded.
 - iv. We need to fill President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer elect, and Member-at-Large
- c. President Elect – *Todd*
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Treasurer – *Leroy*
 - i. Treasurers report provided in advance of the call
 - ii. Leroy has access to Treasury Direct
 - iii. We have plenty of funds to use for conference scholarships
- e. Secretary – *Jennifer L.*
 - i. Thank-you for approval of the February minutes and your patience with the late delivery of the March minutes.
 - ii. To add a new staff person to the listserv, member organization can register the new staff person via the NASSGAP website or can email Katie directly.
- f. Members at Large (Conference) – *Deena & Renee*
 - i. Should we still send out the May Save the Date? For now let's continue with normal course of business but add language recognizing the reality of the current travel bans.
 - ii. Deena agrees we should move forward while not ignoring current reality.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Web – *Ritchie*
 - i. *Web is set-up for Katie to send out membership registration requests.*
 - ii. *Irala has been removed as Treasurer and Leroy added*
- b. Membership – *Katie*
 - i. *We will table discussion about by-laws for the next meeting.*
- c. Ed Technical – *Donna*
 - i. FSA wants feedback by end of day today about messaging on their website:
Changes to Your Family's Financial Situation
If your family's financial situation has changed dramatically since you and/or your parents filed taxes, complete the FAFSA questions as required, submit the FAFSA form, then contact the school you plan to attend and discuss your situation with the financial aid office.
- d. Federal Relations – *Elizabeth McC & Frank*

- i. Frank provided the federal update.
- ii. NCAN is concerned about low FAFSA completion rates and inquired about state aid deadlines.
- iii. States may wish to consider impact of spring changes on fall state grants and aid if follow Federal SAP guidelines.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjourn Motion to adjourn Elizabeth McD; Todd B seconded. All in favor.