

**VASFAA Summer Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2011**  
**Killington Grand Hotel, Killington, Vermont**

**Members and Associate Members in attendance:**

- ASA
- Burlington College
- Castleton State College
- CCV
- Champlain College
- College of St. Joseph
- ED Financial Services
- Goddard College
- Lyndon State College
- Marlboro
- University of Vermont
- VSAC

**Call to order: 3:05 pm**

Welcome and Introductions – Jill King, VASFAA President, UVM

**Officer Report:**

- Minutes from April (Spring) VASFAA session handed out and posted to website – no questions or changes
- Minutes were approved as submitted

**Secretary Report – Donna Stevens for Marie Johnson, University of Vermont**

**Treasurer Report – Lisa Cummings, Treasurer, Johnson State College**

- Review of the Treasurer's report
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Page of (Categories) breakdown by percentage of where expenses are going
- Conference Expense listed twice

**VSAC State Grant Update – Marilyn Cargill, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, Winooski, VT**

- High percentage of applications being completed on line – process is going very well
- Any feedback on GENESIS would be appreciated
- School Reports will be available by 6/22
- To date 2011-2012 has had the highest number of changes to the school listed on their Grant Application post their 2011-2012 award.
- VSAC will adjust hours in CR to 8: AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday due to the large staff departure (currently 255 staff). The hope is to maintain adequate coverage while maintain the staffing numbers.
- Pat Kaiser has given his notice – his departure date is July 15, 2011. Pat's position will not be replaced – staff that previously reported to Pat will now report to Scott Giles.

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### Committee Update:

- **Members**
  - Norm Craig – University of Vermont
  - Tanya Tanaro - ASA
  - Melanie Wald - VSAC
  - Meg Woolmington – Bennington College
  - Allene Begley Curto – Springfield College Financial Aid Services

### Check out the training calendar on our website:

- <http://vasfaavt.org/training-calendar.html>
- Info will be added to the calendar as we move into July through August
- There could be timing issues in keeping the website updated in a timely manner

### Potential options to review for fall meeting.

- Program Integrity
- Regulatory Issues
- Default Prevention
- Customer Service
- In person training via Webinar

### NASFAA Training Track – Jill King

- Survey to see which topics are important to our schools/staff
- Utilizing NASFAA tools
  - Verification
  - SAP

### Federal Relations:

- Need to budget for FY 12
- 11-12 PELL cuts to students
- 12-13 fall meeting – do we really want to have a fall meeting this year?
- MPR Marketplace – Community Colleges reported on how students were getting PELL Grant refunds to buy gifts for Christmas
- NASFAA and Federal Relations Committee conducted a recent survey for financial aid administrators regarding regulations. NASFAA has submitted to Congress to School Advisory Committee for us to comment on.

### VASFAA Conference Notes:

- We are competing with the RI Conference this year for Vendors. Some Vendors split between conferences
- Has everyone had the chance to look at our new website?
- Possible technical training over the website – any suggestions let us know.
- Utilizing and recognizing administrative skills:
  - *Gift certificates? (Chittenden County) Lunig's, NECI?*
  - Flower baskets?
  - *Yes to gift certificates*

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- Take a moment to recognize our volunteer awards
- Food Drive successful: Food will be delivered to Rutland Community Cupboard on Wednesday 6/16/11.

**EASFAA's Emerging Leaders – Report Out:**

- Leigh Bouffard (Champlain College) was selected as EASFAA's Emerging Leaders for 2011-2012 and was awarded a VASFAA Scholarship
- Leigh was very excited to receive the scholarship and to be able to attend EASFAA. Leigh advised she had met many other emerging leaders who were bright and savvy.
- It was a nice opportunity to discuss how other schools process aid etc.
- Allowed her to put things into perspective regarding the profession, operations
- The DOE training brought it all together for Leigh – she highly recommends EASFAA and she felt it was an amazing experience.

ADJOURNED – 4:15

Respectfully submitted, Donna Stevens, Secretary (for Marie Johnson) VASFAA