

2025 VASFAA Spring Business Meeting
4/17/2025
Zoom

Attendees:

Champlain College – Katrina Bennett,
Community College of Vermont – Tanner Matchus, Jade Leighty, Mike Griffith, Ryan Dulude,
Goddard College -
Middlebury College -
Norwich University – Jennifer Tosi, Sarah Harris,
O'Brien's Aveda Institute -
Saint Michael's College – Greg Davis, Heather Brothers,
The University of Vermont – Marie Johnson, Matt DeSorgher, Alissa Carberry, Jan Hennes,
Renee Howard, Sarina Garcia,
Vermont State University – Matthew Couture, Nikiah Viger,
Vermont Student Assistance Corporation – Chris Barry, Melaney Wald, Deb Lessor, Linda
Thatcher, Liz Studley,

Sallie Mae – Lisa Talbot,
Inceptia – Joe Jovel,

Call to order: 9:05am by Chris Barry

Quorum counted by Chris Barry – Quorum Achieved.

VASFAA Board (Board):

President – John “Tanner” Matchus. CCV
President-Elect – Matt DeSorgher, UVM
Treasurer – Jennifer Tosi, Norwich
Treasurer Elect – N/A
Secretary – Chris Barry, VSAC
Associate Member Representative – Lisa Talbot, Sallie Mae

President’s Update:

- Acknowledge that it’s a hard time to be an FAA and a note of thanks. VASFAA is here to come together and support one another.
- Note of thanks to the membership engagement committee for all they’ve done! It really prompted great cross-state collaboration including folks from RI and CT.
 - o Credential training soon, thanks, Marie for helping to pull that together!
 - o Matt thanks Tanner for presenting, Tanner thanks Matt for presentation, Marie thanks them both!
- Conference Committee lost a Co-Chair so Tanner will be working closely with Liz to execute the conference with the rest of the committee.
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Elections

Underway! Please vote, many have but a few outliers. Three positions open with one excellent candidate for each plus the opportunity for write-ins.

EASFAA Council Update:

EASFAA has been hard at work working on a strategic plan for EASFAA and they're now in the home stretch with plans to unveil that at their conference in May.

Secretary Update:**Business Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Approve by	Ryan Dulude, CCV
Second by	Greg Davis, SMC
All voted	All Voted - Approved
Any Discussion	None
No abstentions	None

Treasurer Update:**VASFAA Budget (FY26)**

Motion to Approve by	N/A
Second by	N/A
All voted	N/A
Any Discussion	
No abstentions	(or document if there are)

Overview of income and projections from the conference as well as expenses to date (sent Matt to the leadership conference, Zoom, insurance, etc.).

Committee Chair Updates:

- Conference Committee
 - Everything is progressing well. Hosting at SMC this year!
 - Breakout sessions are back (pending a final commitment by all the presenters).
 - Thanks for everyone's feedback!

- Good food is in the works!
- YES! There is guest wi-fi and parking available.
- Session Sneak Peek: R2T4 and Modules

- Membership Engagement Committee
 - We've had a great group! Thanks to Melaney Wald, Marie Johnson, Lynda Osolla, Jeani Stella-Devani!
 - Kicked off last webinar on March 20th with over 75 people in attendance!
 - Keep ideas and suggestions coming!
 - Credential Training next week (4/22/25) with a lot of people registered to attend from Vermont, New York, DC, and a couple from Dartmouth.
 - Light refreshments available!
 - Parking passes sent out, please let Marie know if you are NOT going to use it.
 - It's been 2 years and Marie is ready to pass off the reigns of this committee. Please get involved! But it's in good hands for the time being.

- Government Relations Committee
 - FA Directors have had preliminary conversations around what's coming from Congress and overview of what's of concern, GRAD/PLUS, Pell formula, etc.
 - Pulling together talking points.

Old Business:

Please volunteer! Let any member of the EC know if you have any questions!

New Business:

Greg is departing SMC soon; we look forward to working with him as an associate member!

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42am by John "Tanner" Matchus
Minutes Documented by Chris Barry, VASFAA Secretary