

FALL 2018 VASFAA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 5, 2018
Community College of Vermont
Montpelier Academic Center
660 Elm St., Montpelier, VT 05602

Attendees (Quorum)

1. Castleton University	Kathy O'Meara
2. Champlain College	John Lanzetta, Marianne Warner
3. Community College of Vermont	Pam Chisholm, Ryan Dulude, Michael Griffith, Tanner Matchus
4. Goddard College	Shannon Trainor
5. Middlebury College	Michelle Almeida
6. Northern Vermont University	Tanya Bradley
7. Norwich University	Meaghan Drumm, Stephanie Doherty
8. Saint Michael's College	Chris Barry, Lisa Cummings
9. SIT World Learning	Diane Robinson
10. Vermont Student Assistance Corp	Marilyn Cargill, Deborah Lessor, Miranda Roth, Linda Thatcher, Melaney Wald
11. University of Vermont	Renee Blanchet, Laurie Fay, Marie Johnson, Jill King, Kim Meilleur, Donna Stevens, Jon Walsh
12. Vermont Technical College	Cathy McCollough

Call to Order

Jon Walsh, VASFAA President, called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

Spring 2018 and Summer 2018 VASFAA Business Meeting Minutes

Approved without any updates.

Minutes Vote

Marilyn Cargill – motion to approve

Kathy O'Meara – seconded the motion

All members voted to approve the spring 2018 and summer 2018 VASFAA Business Meeting Minutes.

VASFAA FY19 Budget Discussion and Voting

- Proposed budget includes anticipated cost of holding a two-day conference at Killington in 2019.
- VASFAA's 50th Anniversary is 4/22/19. Suggestion to allocate extra money for added celebration.

Budget Vote

Ryan Dulude – motioned to approve

Renee Blanchet – seconded the motion

All members voted to approve the FY19 budget.

President's Update

Board Vacancies

- Melaney's term as VASFAA Secretary ends at the VASFAA Summer Conference 2019.
- Will need volunteers and election for VASFAA Secretary.
- President Elect vote needed next year. Position will be vacant for one year.
- Currently need volunteers to fill vacancies on all VASFAA committees.
 - Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jon directly.

NASFAA Leadership Conference

- Jon is attending in February 2019

NHASFAA Conference

- Jon attended Oct 25/26 in Mount Washington, NH
- 80 attendees, 32 organizations, 12 vendors, 5 breakout sessions, 3 general sessions
- Southern New Hampshire University presented on the graduating class of 2030.
 - 85% of the jobs haven't been invented yet.
- Keynote [Randy Pierce](#)'s speech was incredibly moving and inspiring.

VT/NH Joint Conference Discussion

- Jon discussed the possibility of alternating VT/NH conferences with the NHASFAA president, Ken Ferreira, was very interested in joining forces. When NH membership was surveyed, they were not in favor of combining organizations or conferences with VT.
- NHASFAA is very in favor of VASFAA membership attending next year's NHASFAA conference at Mt. Washington Oct 24/25.
- It was \$70 less expensive for the two-night stay for Jon at NHASFAA this year than it was for the VASFAA conference.
- Mt. Washington is an easy commute from Chittenden County.
- VASFAA members are welcome to present.
- NHASFAA holds their business meeting at the conference and would be willing to provide a room for the VASFAA business meeting.

Group Questions/Discussion/Concerns with combining forces with NHASFAA

- Question raised as to whether there would be profit sharing with NH if we were to join forces.
 - Jon wants a sense if membership wants to pursue this before digging too deeply.
- Concern it could cause a "snowball" effect as Maine experienced. If VASFAA is trying to get back to a conference, wouldn't be as passionate about sending big numbers of VASFAA members to NHASFAA.
- Would like to see NHASFAA members attend a VASFAA Conference before considering joining forces.
- NH will always have a conference and VT will always be invited, we should focus on rebuilding VASFAA this year instead of attending the NHASFAA Conference.

Conference General Comments

- We can't have 75% of the VASFAA conference attendees be from three entities as we did last year and lose money.
- CCV can send more people if there are not a lot of overnights.
- If the conference were held out of state, schools couldn't send as many people.
- A lot of interest in a 50th VASFAA anniversary celebration at the conference.
- The morning exercise strategizing on the future of VASFAA, generated a lot of positive energy. There is concern if we joined w/ NH, we may not meet the goals we've identified.
- "We can't read the tea leaves"
- We need to have a conference call with tri-state regarding how it works and how many attendees they get at conferences.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motion to Adjourn

Lisa Cummings – motioned

Ryan Dulude – seconded the motion

Meeting closed at 11:57 AM.

Meeting Minutes documented by Melaney Wald, VASFAA Secretary