

VASFAA Business Meeting Thursday, November 19, 2020

Castleton

Teresa McCormack
Nikiah Viger
Joann Larson
Matthew Couture

CCV

Tanner Machus
Ryan Dulude
Becky Divelbliss

Champlain

Greg Davis
Marianne Warner

Goddard

Shannon Trainor

Norwich

Sarah Harris

NVU

Kim Goodell
Jody Garfield
Tanya Bradley
Dottie Dearborn

Saint Michael's College

Zack Goodwin
Lisa Cummings
Tammy Underwood

UVM

Jill King
Laurie Fay
Martha Hinchman
Marie Johnson
Lynda Ossola
Donna Stevens
Matt Desorgher

VTC

Jeanie Stella-Devani
Cathy McCullough
Liz Whooley

VSAC

Melaney Wald
Marilyn Cargill
Deborah Lessor

Linda Thatcher
Scott Giles

Citizens

Donna Shelby

Ed Financial

Tom Dalton

Discover

Heather Ward

Sallie Mae

Lisa Talbot

Conference update provided by Chris Barry

Chairs:

Lisa Talbot-SLMA / Jeanie Stella-Devani-VTC/ Chris Barry-VSAC

- 2020 cancelled by COVID
- Conference Committee met yesterday.
 - Looking to have a conference, leaning toward virtual component. Want it to be interactive and fun.
 - VASFAA exec meeting with conf committee to cover back end stuff will happen soon.
 - Will also send a survey to membership w/ in a week or so.
- No contract in place for 2021.
 - Killington still has our deposit; we can still get a full refund if we need it.
 - We haven't requested it yet until we know for sure the plan.
 - Killington has been very willing to work with us.
 - Would Killington hold our deposit until 2022? Chris hasn't asked them yet, can reach out and ask.
- We will have a conference either virtual or in person.

Treasurer Update: Martha Hinchman

- Moved expenses for leadership conferences/ food etc.
- Left in \$12k for summer conference.
- 21k income for upcoming
- 14k expenses
- She will send out an attachment.
- Membership dues received from all except one associate member.
- One college membership not received: Springfield College, closing VT campus in May.

Marie Johnson/UVM motion to accept Treasure Budget

Marilyn Cargill/ VSAC 2nd Motion

Open for discussion

Approve: all

Deny: none

Abstain: none

It shall be recorded as accepted

Secretary Update: We didn't have any official meeting minutes for spring meeting.

General Discussion VASFAA

Types of Membership

- Allene has asked to be an associate member.
 - By-Laws state Associate Members need to be providing a direct service to VT schools.
 - Looking for creative ways she is doing this:
 - She is an EASFAA/NASFAA Credential trainer.
 - If we can't allow her as an Associate member, can we create a new category of membership "friends" Retirees,
- Tammy/ SMC: from another group she was in they would have: Past Members were Members at large.
 - Done by vote
- At Large category could provide more opportunities for inclusion.
- We had a PA school request to be on the listserv and we said no. Just a point of interest.
- Zack proposes that we have an At Large category.
- In other states they allow Retirees to participate without fees.
- Small group to look at the by-laws and put together the proposal.
- Nothing in the by-laws about restricting listserv access.

Introduction of a new discussion

- Talks with some members, VASFAA, where we are, who we want to be.
- This has been an ongoing discussion.
- Changing landscape for us.
- We're in a difficult spot w/ few schools and few members.
- Makes programming more difficult
- Other EASFAA's NASFAA's pushing training.
 - With virtual and many of us virtual they seem to have us covered.

- Even when back in person, worthy of discussion what training we need as an individual state association.
 - Unclear to Zack what the value of training, etc. is to us.
- Loud and clear VASFAA needs to exist, just wants to frame how we continue.
- We are each other's greatest resources.
- Keep discussions going to make sure members are getting what we need from VASFAA.
- Trying to hold forums, surveys, on what we want next.

- NH didn't want to combine associations with VT
 - They have a robust membership.
- NY has regions, programing all year, whether we could take care of our programming and we do our own VT thing.

- Nothing else to add from Greg, Ryan, Melaney, other than virtual format has allowed more of us to participate.

Tom Dalton Comments:

- May not be the right thing to join with another state but could partner with specific events. NYSFAAA for years has had NYSFAAA sure NY would welcome training.
- Always felt gets as much from a conference in the networking as the conference itself.

Ryan D

- Members of VASFAA have provided large contributions to EASFA, so we're in a unique role, Marie, Kristie, national board, Zack, VT strong!

NASFAA would like to see people involved in their state organization before going to NASFAA level. All are great serving opportunities.

New business:

- Jill King will retire from UVM April 1. Started March 31, 1986
- Laurie Fay is also retiring April 1
- UVM Business manager is leaving end of January
- UNH 9 people retiring in June.
- Kristi Jovell is leaving Champlain for Middlebury going to be Director of SFS communication/operations.

Motion to close the meeting: Melaney Wald/VSAC

Second: Martha Hinchman/UVM

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 by Zack