

**VASFAA Business Meeting – Fall 2024**  
**October 28, 2024**  
**Zoom**

**Attendees:**

Champlain College

Community College of Vermont

Middlebury College

Norwich University

O'Brien's Aveda Institute

Saint Michael's College

The University of Vermont

Vermont State University

Vermont Student Assistance Corporation

Ascent Funding

CampusLogic

Citizens Bank

College Ave Student Loans

Earnest Student Loans

edamerica

General Revenue Corporation

Inceptia

Iron Bridge Resource

KHESLC Advantage Education Loan

Nelnet Student Loans

Sallie Mae

SoFi

**Call to order:** 9:32am by John 'Tanner' Mathus

**Quorum** counted by Chris Barry

**VASFAA Board (Board):** (list names)

President – John "Tanner" Matchus, CCV

President Elect – Matthew DeSorgher, UVM

Treasurer – Jennfier Tosi, Norwich

Treasurer Elect -

Secretary – Chris Barry, VSAC

**President's Update:**

We had a tough year, but we've all come together and powered through. We've all ventured ahead and remained here for each other.

Executive Committee has been holding regular monthly meetings. No new news to report, but we are remaining active (updates from these meetings will come during the committee updates later).

Conference Committee chairs have been appointed! Judy Buxton, UVM and Liz Studley, VSAC. Ryan Dulude has been making progress in his advocacy and government relations work.

Last week, he met with some members of Congress in DC (Welch and Balint, as well as Holley and Leuctameyer(sp?)). Conversations around loans and FAFSA experience.

Great recognition of Vermont's FAFSA completion efforts!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR VASFAA! 😊

**EASFAA Council Update:**

Strategic Plan for the next 5 years is being constructed. The regional council is meeting monthly and Tanner is happy to continue representing Vermont. EASFEE RFP went out, please consider presenting at EASFAA!

**Secretary Update:**

**Business Meeting Minutes – Approve Summer 2024**

Motion to Approve by	Melaney Wald, VSAC
Second by	Judy Buxton, UVM
All voted	All in Favor
Any Discussion	None
No abstentions	None

**Treasurer Update:**

Due notice went out, please pay. We thought about changing out payment platform but we did opt to remain who we're with at this time. Jennifer will continue to target non-payers so they can opt to pay before we turn off the credit card processing page.

\$31,489.54 checking balance

\$23,927.21, CD balance

\$55,416.75 – Total balance

**VASFAA Budget FY25**

Motion to Approve by	Matt DeSorgher, UVM
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Second by	Liz Studley, VSAC
All voted	All In Favor
Any Discussion	None
No abstentions	None

**Committee Chair Updates:**

Conference Committee Updates – Please join the committee! We have 6 volunteers; we’d love closer to 10 with a spread across all institutions. Site selection is underway, we’re hopeful for a space with breakout room capabilities.

Membership Engagement Committee – Committee has been busy! Marie Johnson UVM, Lynda Ossola UVM, Jeani Stella-Devani VTSU, Melanie Wald VSAC. Meeting monthly. Hopeful for 2 trainings/webinars each semester. Iron Bridge’s training was well attended; 24 VASFAA folks registered for all 3 sessions, 17 registered for the Vermont-only portion. Claire with Strada Education is delivering the next training and VSAFAA survey provided targeting content that we’d like to have her focus on. Plans are underway for Session #3, please submit ideas! Please volunteer!

**Old Business:**

Online payment system/website – To create a secure log-in for a member access portal, it would cost over \$50,000 but that was unreasonable. We explored a few other options, but their costs were rather prohibitive (~\$5,000). Our current plan is to keep our online payment form open only as much as needed.

**Open Discussion:**

None

**Meeting Adjourned** at 10:08am on 10/28/2024 by John “Tanner” Matchus

**Minutes Documented** by Chris Barry, VASFAA Secretary