



VASFAA Business Meeting
May 11, 2022
1pm to 2pm via ZOOM

Active Members

(Quorum requires minimum of ½ of Active Membership)

Bennington	Not in attendance
Castleton	Teresa McCormack, Nikiah Viger, Joann Larson
CCV	Ryan Dulude, Tanner Matchus, Mike Griffith
Champlain	Greg Davis
Goddard	Not in attendance
Middlebury	Not in attendance
Norwich	Sarah Harris, Jodi Sibley
NVU	Kimberly Goodell, Dottie Dearborn
O'Briens	Debra Glerum
SIT	Not in attendance
SMC	Diane Corbett
Sterling	Not in attendance
UVM	Marth Hinchman, Marie Johnson, Renee Howard, Matt Desorgher
VSAC	Melaney Wald, Marilyn Cargill, Marcia Corey, Linda Jaycox Thatcher
VTC	Not in attendance

Associate Members

Campus Logic	Not in attendance
Citizens Bank	Not in attendance
College Ave	Not in attendance
Discover	Not in attendance
Earnest	Not in attendance
Ed America	Not in attendance
Ed Financial	Not in attendance
Edvestinu	Not in attendance
General Revenue	Not in attendance
Inceptia	Not in attendance
Iron Bridges	Not in attendance
Ocelot	Not in attendance
Sallie Mae	Not in attendance
SOFI	Not in attendance



Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 1:04pm by President Ryan Dulude

Quorum Yes, by Ryan

VASFAA Board (Board):

President: Ryan Dulude

Treasurer: Martha Hinchman

Secretary: Judy Buxton

EASFAA State Rep (if different than President): Greg Davis

President's Update:

- Want to acknowledge it has been a very busy year with the changes in the Vermont State school system
- Held three successful Director group meetings this year with College board participating in one meeting. A fourth is schedule for late May.
 - Opportunity to collaborate
- By-Laws have been reworked with a lens on new direction for the association is exciting and a positive step forward
 - Thanks to Greg and the By-Laws committee in general for helping craft and advancing the proposed changes for review
- Looking forward to in-person conference this summer
- We would have liked to have had more events off the ground this year but looking forward to planning future events that have a tie in with EASFAA
 - Connecting with and collaborating with state organizations
 - Partnering on training events
 - All with an understanding volunteerism is challenging

VASFAA Conference – Tanner Matchus, Linda Jaycox Thatcher

- Looking forward to in-person get together in Killington
- June 7/8
- Acknowledging conference attendees will have varied levels of comfort being in a group-in person setting, possibly for the first time.
- Agenda to follow with topics

By-Laws discussion: Greg Davis

- Thanks to the following who helped craft the proposed By-Law changes
 - Matt Desorgher
 - Greg Davis
 - Marsha Corey
 - Sarah Harris
 - Tanner Matchus
- Going from two to three classifications to include retirees



- Those that are interested in participating in Financial aid events and can share their knowledge experience it is worth offering the opportunity to stay connected
- Update to associate members to include post-secondary institutions
 - Example is an online college which did not have a base in Vermont could not participate
 - They can join to be able to benefit from discussions during our meetings
- Proposal to add an officer to give a voice to associate members to discuss topics with the overall members and give a vote on executive council. Associate members would be voting on the officer every year.
- Summer meeting/conference has been reworked to be a July to June timeframe
- Removed procedural language as it has more to do with policy and procedures
- Summarized committee language – idea is for us to recognize we have limited participation on the part of VASFAA members right now. Allows those who would like to join the core committees the ability to do so while continuing to move our organization forward.
- Added language to acknowledge we communicate electronically
- Changed from Roberts Rules of Order to Roberta's Rules of Order
- Questions:
 - Marilyn Cargill-is the change to associate member a trend in other organizations? Ryan Dulude: it is a trend and as an organization we are looking to diversify voices on the executive committee
 - Diane Corbett- will associate members be voting? Ryan: the associate member will vote for the associate members as a whole, one voice.
 - Melaney Ward- likes the changes and is curious about pricing for retirees. Ryan: will be discussed when working on budgets
 - Renee Howard- does a representative need to be an active member? Ryan: yes, they have to be active members as outlined in the By-Laws.
 - Marilyn- who will vote for or nominate the associate member to serve on the counsel? Ryan: we will need to review and it will be part of our Policy and procedures moving forward.
 - Renee- have we considered having the associate officer be required or optional? Marie Johnson: it is a good point; Ryan: we will work on how it should be worded as well as setting with possible amended language. Most likely will be resolved in the Policy and Procedures for the organization.

Treasurer Update:

- FY22 Budget/Actuals
- Presented report
- Review of 6-month CD and checking account



- Ryan- noted that the conference is where we will see the most activity related to revenue and expenses
 - Need to record NASFAA conference attendance

Secretary Update:

- Approval of Spring 21 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve by	Ryan Dulude
Second by	Marie Johnson
All voted	Yes
Any Discussion	none
No abstentions	none

New Business

- **None**

Other Discussions:

- Ryan asked Marie to review the difference between Roberts Rules vs Roberta's Rules
- Marie will follow up with the group at a later date

Meeting Adjourned Martha Hinchman
Minutes Documented by Judy Buxton