

VASFAA Business Meeting
4/17/2024
Zoom

Attendees:

Quorum Requires minimum of ½ of Active Membership

CCV – In attendance

Champlain – Not in attendance

Goddard - Not in attendance

Middlebury – In attendance

Norwich – In attendance

O'Briens – Not in attendance

SMC – In attendance

UVM – In attendance

VSAC – In attendance

VTSU – In attendance

Associate Members:

Citizen's Bank – Not in attendance

Earnest Student Loans – Not in attendance

Edfinancial-EDAMERICA – Not in attendance

Ellucian – Not in attendance

Inceptia – Not in attendance

Iron Bridge Resources – Not in attendance

KHESLC/KHEAA – Not in attendance

MEFA – Not in attendance

Sallie Mae – In attendance

Call to order: Tanner Matchus at 9:03am

Quorum counted by Chris.

VASFAA Board (Board):

President Tanner Matchus

Treasurer Miranda Roth

Treasurer Elect Jennifer Tosi

Secretary Chris Barry

President's Update: Thanks to all for joining and continuing to participate in VASFAA. Recognition of the experiences we're going through with the current financial aid climate/changes.

- Former president-elect has stepped down from Champlain College and will not be serving as President. The EC is exploring what options are available and once options and decisions are made, an update will be shared with the association.

- **Sad news about Goddard. We extend a note of thanks and appreciation for them and the work they've done.**
- **EC continued to meet monthly/regularly.**
- **Tanner hopes to see folks at the EASFAA conference coming up!**
- **Please consider volunteering for a VASFAA committee!**

Secretary Update: Reminder that voting is still opened for President-Elect and Associate Member Representative. Many votes in, a couple still outstanding.

Fall Business Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve by	Marie Johnson, UVM
Second by	Greg Davis, SMC
All voted	Approved.
Any Discussion	None.
No abstentions	None.

Treasurer Update: Reviewed current checking account and CD balances, we're in good shape. Miranda and Jennifer meeting soon for the hand off.

Committee Chair Updates:

- Conference Committee:
 - o June 12th. CCV Winooski.
 - o Theme: ISIRvived
 - o General Topics
 - Panel: Where we are, what's next?
 - Mental Health for Financial Aid Personnel

Keep watch for registration to open!
- Membership Engagement Committee:
 - o Slowly coming together, plans for a connection in May, more to come.
- Government Relations:
 - o CCV and VSAC have had good conversations with Sen. Sander's office and Ryan felt that they had a good grasp on where we are at.
 - o They've been responsive to what we have asked. We provided clear insight into the impact the FAFSA roll out has had on Vermont students.
 - o Engagements continue! A great two-way channel.

- A second letter is being drafted by EAFSAA's Government Relations committee, including Ryan D from CCV, to ED.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tanner shared that we've had a little fraud on our website. Miranda elaborated that it occurs through our Stripe account, funding was being *deposited* into our account. We've temporarily pulled down our online payment form. Additional efforts are being made to reduce these issues while exploring new ways to collect payments. More to come around Stripe and if other payment options will be considered.

Open Discussion: What kinds of things in the next 6 months would you like to see from the Membership Engagement Committee?

- Regional happy hours?
- Virtual happy hours?
- Is a partnership/joint gathering or meeting worthwhile around what's going on at schools?

Resounding agreement that some sort of social gathering is worthwhile.

Resounding agreement that credential training would be a great idea.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:41am by Tanner Matchus.

Minutes Documented by Chris Barry, VASFAA Secretary