



**VASFAA Business Meeting**  
**June 8, 2021**  
**11am – 12am via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

Active Members

(Quorum requires minimum of ½ of Active Membership)

Bennington	Not in Attendance
Castleton	Teresa McCormack, Nikiah Viger, Matt Couture, Joann Larson
CCV	Ryan Dulude, Tanner Matchus, Mike Griffith, Tricia Kent, Kyla McClanahan
Champlain	Greg Davis
Goddard	Beverly, Shannon
Middlebury	Not in Attendance
Norwich	Not in Attendance
NVU	Kim Goodell
O'Briens	Emily, Debra Glerum
SIT	Not in Attendance
SMC	Not in Attendance
Sterling	Not in Attendance
UVM	Martha Hinchman, Marie Johnson, Lynda Ossola, Renee Blanchard
VSAC	Melaney Wald, Marcia Corey, Deborah Lessor,
VTC	Cathy McCullough, Jeanne Stella-Devani, Liz Whooley

**Associate Members**

Campus Logic	Not in Attendance
Citizens	Donna Shelby
College Ave	Not in Attendance
Discover	Not in Attendance
Earnest	Ben Loya
Ed America	Y
Ed Financial	Not in Attendance
Edvestinu	Not in Attendance
General Revenue	Not in Attendance
Inceptia	Not in Attendance
Iron Bridges	Amy
Ocelot	Not in Attendance
Sallie Mae	Not in Attendance
SOFI	Lisa



**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 11:15am by Interim President Melaney Wald  
**Quorum** Yes, by Melaney

**VASFAA Board (Board):**

President: Ryan Dulude  
Treasurer: Martha Hinchman  
Secretary: Lisa Cummings  
EASFAA State Rep (if different than President): Greg Davis

**President's Update:**

- Thank you Melaney for being a steady force in VASFAA.
- Congratulations to Marie and Judy.
- Thank you for voting me (Ryan) in.

Ways we can bring organization together.

- Short list
- We along with the students we serve. VASFAA as an organization needs to state DEI.
- Strong inclusion statement to be developed by June '22
- At least 4 times, virtual shop talks.
  - o Common growth
  - o Policy
  - o Timely

Additional topics could include:

- HEERF 3
- Implicit bias
- Free college movement
- Demographic cliff
- FAFSA/methodology statements.

By Fall vote By-Laws changes: we hope to have included

- Institutional members (neighboring states)
- Sponsor memberships
- Retiree membership
- Volunteers on By Laws committee, and welcome feedback send to [president@vasfaavt.org](mailto:president@vasfaavt.org)

Propose Director calls 2x per year:

- Opportunity for those at the Director level and above to discuss challenges facing their particular organization as well as Higher Ed in general
- Partnership with VASFAA for FAFSA completion

Additional thoughts:

- Each includes a key ingredient... you



- Can see Conference committee took a lot of work.
- Many hands make light work.

VASFAA Awards: two this year.

Volunteer of the year: Chris Barry

Special Recognition: Melaney Wald

**EASFAA Council Update:**

Thank you, Greg, for being our rep.. Retreat scheduled for next week.

**Treasurer Update:**

Martha

- Proposed budget we are looking at actual conference for 2022 \$15,600
- Expense of \$12k for summer conference

A few clarifying items:

- Presidents Elect for the incoming year typically attends the NASFAA Leadership Conference Marie and Ryan have attended. Could have another board member, Secretary/Treasurer attend.
- Need to plan conference schedule 1 or 2 day – In the Fall decide what Spring conference will look like
- Need to update the signers to the checking account.
- President -Ryan Dulude and Treasurer- Martha Hinchman , President Elect - Marie Johnson agreed will be signers

Motion to Approve by	Marie Johnson
Second by	Greg Davis
All voted	All
Any Discussion	None
No abstentions	None

**Secretary Update:**

Business Meeting Minutes have been sent out

-any requests for changes? None

Motion to Approve by	Greg Davis
Second by	Marie Johnson
All voted	All



Any Discussion	none
No abstentions	none

**New Business:**

- Melaney suggested Judy Buxton should attend the leadership conference.
- There is a need to have an election for a Treasurer Elect – should take place in the next few weeks.
- It should be a representative from a different institution vs UVM

Motion to Approve by	Tanner Matchas
Second by	Marilyn Cargill
All voted	All
Any Discussion	none
No abstentions	none

**Committee Update:**

**Old Business:**

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:47**  
**Minutes Documented by Melaney Wald & Judy Buxton**