



VASFAA Business Meeting June 11, 2019
VASFAA Summer Conference
Killington Grand Hotel
Killington, VT

3:07 pm Call to order by Melaney Wald, Interim VASFAA President

VASFAA Institutions at attendance: 8 needed for a Quorum

- 1. Castleton**
Kathy O'Meara, Teresa McCormack, Joann Larson and Nikiah Viger
- 2. Champlain College**
Greg Davis, John Lanzetta and Mary Miller
- 3. Community College of Vermont**
Ryan Dulude, Michaela George and Justin Bourdeau
- 4. Northern Vermont University**
Kimberly Godell and Dotty Dearborn
- 5. Norwich**
Jodi Sibley
- 6. University of Vermont**
Renee Blanchett, Donna Stevens, Marie Johnson and Martha Hinchman
- 7. Vermont Student Assistance Corporation**
Deborah Lessor, Pam Sevigny, Marilyn Cargill, Marcia Corey, Miranda Roth, Linda Thatcher and Melaney Wald
- 8. Vermont Technical College**
Catherine McCullough



VASFAA Board:

Melaney Wald, Interim President (VSAC)
Laurie Fay, Treasurer (UVM)
Martha Hinchman, Treasurer-Elect (UVM)
Lisa Cummings, Secretary (SMC)
Ryan Delude, Vermont Delegate for EASFAA Council (CCV)

Presidential Update

- Welcome to this years' conference with the Roots and Wings theme honoring our past, engaging our present, soaring into our future! Kudos to committee organizers:
 - Miranda Roth, co-chair (VSAC)
 - Renee Blanchet, co-chair (UVM)
 - Laurie Fay (UVM)
 - Donna Stevens (UVM)
 - Marilyn Cargill (VSAC)
 - Chris Barry (SMC)
 - Jon Walsh (UVM)
 - Melaney Wald (VSAC)
- VASFAA is in need of volunteers to serve as President and help serve on committees
- Proposed a special election to elect a president for 1 year only during next VASFAA conference in hopes a shorter term will be more enticing.
- We need to increase the diversity of our members including the increased attendance by technical colleges; missing Vermont Colleges;
 - Advanced Welding Institute
 - Burlington Technical College
 - Center for Cartoon Studies
 - Landmark College
 - O'Brien's Aveda Institute
 - New England Culinary Institute
- Discussion of Dues and whether to have individual membership vs institutional membership.



VASFAA: What's next?

How do we address dwindling patronage?

- Offer more services to members; training/reference information.
 - Update to VASFAA website: Ryan Gates and Lynda Ossola, both from University of Vermont will take on the challenge of helping us transform our VASFAA website into something more useful for its members and perhaps offer some advertising to our vendors at the same time.
- Financial aid director meeting to determine what resources they need
- Take turns hosting a training event and store on VASFAA web
- What are other states/regions doing?
 - NH is not interested in joining with us.
 - Offered VASFAA to attend their conference.
 - Maine is moving toward a model similar to VASFAA with committees
 - Rocky Mountain and SASFAA have the same format as VASFAA

Committees

- Discussion about eliminating some committees that have lacked volunteers for several years.
 - To be looked at by the By-Laws Committee
- Joann Larson offered to serve on the Training Committee
- Greg Davis offered to serve on a committee specializing in By-Laws and Procedures
- Ryan Dulude's EASFAA role is the federal relations chair and hopes to advocate and leverage for us.

Conferences

- Discussion regarding the future need of a 2-day conference in June in lieu of a single day conference hosted by a member location to save money.

Treasurer Update

- Actual 2019 Budget will be sent to members in the fall after the conference expenses and income are calculated.



As an organization we need to vote to make the following updates to the VASFAA bank accounts' authorized signers;

- Remove Jon Walsh, former VASFAA President, from the VASFAA bank account,
- Add current Interim VASFAA President, Melaney Wald
- Add current Treasurer Elect, Martha Hinchman

Vote to approve the above changes to VASFAA's bank account authorized signers:

Motion to approve Joann Larson, Castleton State University

Second Renee Blanchett, University of Vermont

All voted to approve

No abstentions motion passed

Secretary Update

Vote to approve spring meeting minutes

Motion to approve Martha Hinchman, University of Vermont

Second Marie Johnson, University of Vermont

All voted to approve

No abstentions motion passed

Meeting adjourned 4:15pm

Meeting Minutes documented by Martha Hinchman, UVM