RIASFAA Conference
June 15, 2016

Business meeting called to order at 9:14am by RIASFAA current President, Sandra Oliveria

Welcoming Remarks, Sandra Oliveria, President
- Thank you to conference committee
- Change to events moving forward – outreach, structure, etc
- Jack Reed Night in November 2015
- Thank you for support staff workshop put on earlier in the year
- What are other states doing, and what do we want to get out of RIASFAA

Treasurer’s Report, Stacey Pettella, Treasurer
- June report and ending balance
- Member dues statements will be sent in July
- Motion: To approve budget and treasurer’s report
- Vote: Motion carried

Secretary’s report, Melissa Donahue
- Motion: To approve minutes from October 2016 conference
- Vote: Motion carried

New Members
- Introduction of all attending members to familiarize members with each other

RI Office of Post Secondary Commissioner, Michael Joyce
- Pending legislation that eliminated RIHEAA passed
- 529 Plan to the Office of the General Treasurer
- RI Scholarship and grant program
  - Administer DCYF, Academic Promise, Crusade
  - RI State Scholarship will include in state privates for 16/17

EASFAA update, Wynette Zuppardi, EASFAA President
- Thank you RIASFAA presidents for EASFAA participation
- Information about EASFAA
  - 13 states including Puerto Rico
  - 11 committees and 2 ad hoc committees
  - EASFAA conference 2016 May 7 – 10, Burlington V
- Training topics for the coming year
  - Finaid 101 for other offices
  - Federal relations
  - Gainful employment
  - PPY
Diversity and inclusion  
NASFAA Credential training

• Hill Visits in spring 2017

Nominations Committee
• One nominee for president elect, Shannon Gallagher elected president elect
• All members of the nominations committee are stepping down, need committee members
• Recommendation to the RIASFAA board
  o Have past president chair nominations committee, and at least one past board member serve as well

New Business
• What more can we do as a RIASFAA group
  o Francesca, JWU
    ▪ Lender relations and process of apply for loans from perspective of a family
  o Shannon, RISD
    ▪ General alternative loan training process
  o Technology that other schools use
  o Social media in financial aid
• Scholarship announcement
  o Pell and Amaral Scholarships
    ▪ Morgan Zonfrillo, Salve Regina University
    ▪ Kaitlyn Colello, New England Institute of Technology
  o Silent Auction in 2015 raised $687

Old Business
• By laws updated
  o Proposal of having a bylaws committee

Business meeting adjourned at 10:00am by current President, Sandra Oliveira

Federal Update, Zachary Goodwin, FSA Trainer
• Perkins Loan update
• V6 verification group update
• Verification update for 2017-2018
• Prior-Prior Year

Event adjourned