RIASFAA Conference

June 19, 2019

Business meeting called to order at 9:04am by RIASFAA President, Anne McDermott

Welcoming remarks, Anne McDermott, RIAFSAA President

- Intro of executive council
  - Grace Cruz, Vice President
  - Joanna Nagelhout, Treasurer
  - Melissa Donahue, Secretary
- Thank you to the Conference Committee
  - Thank you Lisa Talbot for taking the lead on the conference committee!
- President’s report:
  - Conferences went from 2 to 1 for the year.
  - Updated by-laws
    - Conference language updated
    - Fiscal year updated
      - Thanks Francesca Savela and Matt Davis for their assistance in updating bylaws
  - Thanks so the people for their understanding on new fiscal year and dues changes
  - More consistent with EASFAA now
  - Development committee – worked on vendor outreach. We have more vendors and participants! Yay!
    - Thanks Donna Conorier (sp) for vendor outreach
  - Relationship between RIASFAA and the vendors is important – increased revenue for association and opportunity to get more info from our vendors and what they offer. Meeting with the vendors we have a relationship with, as well as meet new ones!
  - Scholarship committee – thanks! Particularly to Annette Cataldo
  - Updating policies and procedures so that people who take over the positions actually have some GUIDANCE on what to do.
    - Somewhere along the line, written procedures failed and became outdated.
    - Documented procedures for a lot of various committees and things are association does
  - Training opportunities
EASFAA credential trainings in April - 12 attendees.

- At least one person from each institution in attendance today?
  - No Lincoln tech

- Goals for the next year
  - Increase organization and continue to update the policies and procedures
    - Business meeting with current and past officers
  - Website update
    - Online payment option for schools and vendors?
  - One time fee for vendors?
  - Future conference sites – schools instead of a place that we pay for

- In closing – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!!!! GET INVOLVED!

**Treasurer’s Report**, Joanna Nagelhout, Treasurer

- No physical report – still waiting on payments for dues, vendors, etc.
- The report will be sent out when it is ready, and a vote will be taken at that time via email
- Thanks for patience with prorating member dues for this year
- Potential online payments in the future

**Secretary’s Report**, Melissa Donahue, Secretary

- Update the website!! Look for email from me to update your staff
- Minutes – motion to approve – Wynette from brown, seconded – Anne

**New member introduction**

- Several new members from several institutions

**Old business**

- Need to email a vote for the bylaws to the membership

**No new business**

**Scholarship announcements**, Annette Cataldo, Scholarship Committee

- Thanks to the other people on the committee – Anna Kelly, Pat, Gail Walker, Matt Davis
- Need to get more applications – 2 Amaral, less than 10 for Pell
  - Amaral – two winners
  - Bryant and JWU winners
  - Pell – two winners
  - URI and JWU winners
  - $500 each

**Nominations committee, Ed Maroney**

- Three people running for positions
- No one for president elect – Anne will stay on, Ed will help
- VP – Matt Davis
• Treasurer – Pat Simonelli
• Secretary – Francesca Savella

EASFAA, Marie Johnson, UVM, EASFAA President

• Enhance training and professional development opportunities
  o Continue the 4 training tracks
  o Hold EASFAA conference in NH May 3 – 6, 2020
  o Mentorship
  o Offer trainings relevant to offices that we collaborate with
    ▪ Admissions
    ▪ Bursar
    ▪ Registrar
  o More programming for graduate and professional schools

• Membership development
  o Make sure that all schools know that EASFAA exists...
  o Institutional membership instead of individual. Yay!

• Moving to a new host for EASFAA site

• Volunteer opportunities
  o Committees
    ▪ Conference, diversity & inclusion, federal relations, grad and prof school task force, institutional membership development, membership, tech and communications, EASFAA leads, EASFAA webinar series, NASFAA credentials

• EASFAA networking opportunities
  o More opportunities to connect members
  o Event at NASFAA
  o Maybe FSA

• Strengthen association
  o Strategic plan
  o Policies and procedures
  o New policies
    ▪ Listserv
    ▪ Conflict of interest
    ▪ Harassment
    ▪ Confidentiality
  o Increase state rep voting policies

• Upcoming conferences
  o 2020 – new Hampshire
  o 2021 – CT
  o 2022 – Baltimore
  o 2023 – Puerto rico

BREAK – 10:04am

- First Robert intros himself and his background
- Changes to the tax code is going to impact EFCs, Pell, etc. starting in 20/21.
  - Changes
    - Tax rates
    - Standard deductions
    - Personal exemptions
    - Child tax credit
    - New family credit
    - Revised form 1040
    - Taxes paid are going to go DOWN, so EFC is going to go UP
    - Need to train staffs regarding these changes and the conversations we will have with these families whose EFCs will increase
    - New single threshold for needing to file is $12,000
  - Impacts
    - If a non-filer makes more than $5, they need to file a tax return.
      - This will impact undocumented families the most
    - Credits replace exemptions
      - Child tax credit to expanded child tax credit
      - This could impact middle income families that may not have gotten the child tax credit in 2017
  - New form 1040
    - Difficult to interpret
    - 1040A and 1040EZ is gone
      - Have to come up with a new way to define auto-zero and the simplified formula – DOE
    - Sch. A
      - Because of the new deduction amount, there will be less itemizing and medical expenses
      - Medical spending

Federal update, Betsy Mayotte

- Negotiated rulemaking
  - Accreditation and Innovation was the priority
    - Distance learning
    - TEACH
    - Faith based entities...???

Lunch

Dealing with Difficult Conversations, Pam Heffernan

Silent Auction winners announced

Adjourn