RIASFAA Conference
October 17, 2018

Business meeting called to order at 9:30am by RIASFAA outgoing President, Shannon Gallagher

Welcoming Remarks, Shannon Gallagher, Outgoing President
- Thank you to Bonnie Saccucci and URI for hosting.
- Thank you to the conference committee.
- Reminder of the silent auction.
- Please be sure to review the RIASFAA website, email Melissa with updates to your staff.
- Call for introduction of any new staff or promotions in the membership.
- Board challenges
  - We need volunteers!!!
  - Small state associations are becoming less active, and we want to make sure we are giving the membership what they are looking for.
- Thank you to our vendors for being here today.
- Motion: To approve President’s report
- Vote: Motion carried

Treasurer’s Report, Joanna Nagelhout, Treasurer
- Proposed budget copies on tables
- Went over past budget and expenses
- Motion: To approve budget and treasurer’s report
- Vote: Motion carried

Secretary’s report, Melissa Donahue, Secretary
- Motion: To approve minutes from June 2018 conference
- Vote: Motion carried

EASFAA, Anne McDermott for EASFAA president Sam Veeder
- Call for volunteers
- Went over EASFAA Strategic plan
- EASFAA membership has been growing
- Going to be offering more trainings including NASFAA credentials
- Reminder of the EASFAA Conference in May 2019
- EASFAA will be adding an institutional membership option rather than just individual memberships.

Office of the Post Secondary Commissioner – Paula Szulc
- Key priorities
  - Attainment
Affordability
Adult Learners

College Planning Center, Noel Simpson
- Rhode Island was #7 in the nation of percentages of FAFSA completion
- #3 in the nation as far as growth year over year
- New initiative with employers like Lifespan and RISLA
- Discussed important upcoming dates

Installation of Officers
- Anne McDermott installed as president
  - Will serve as president & president elect
  - If Anne has to stay on as president for a second year, membership will have to vote because of by-laws regarding president terms
  - Formalizing committees
    - Conference
    - Development
    - Scholarship
    - Training
    - Finance
    - Membership & nominations
    - By-Laws

Federal Update, Pam Gilligan
- Borrower Defense rules
- Gainful Employment rules
- FAFSA data usage
  - OK to give FAFSA information that is transferred using DRT to student with written consent
- Cancer treatment deferment
  - Went into effect as of the day the bill was signed
- Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act
- FAFSA Processing
- IRS DRT changes
- Perkins
  - No new Perkins!
- Year round Pell
- Cohort default rates are down across the nation

Office of the Inspector General, Matt Wardle
- Cyber crimes

Southern New Hampshire University, Jeremy & Susan
- Discussed their customer service approach

Silent Auction winners announced

Adjourn