

NAFAA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2001

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m. at beautiful Lake Tahoe, Nevada, Harvey's Resort.

Present: Renee Baker, Pat Barnett, Lori Brown, Debra Buringrud, Al Camp, Jacquie Carroll, Kathryn Clark-Ross, Mona Concha-Buckheart, Kathy Cummisky, Peggy Dickson, Marsha Dupree, Traci Filippi, Rhonda Groce, Barbara Hall-Bellows, Yvonne Hicks, Paige Hurley, Beth Kern, Lynn Mahlberg, Ron Marrujo, Jose Martinez, Kathleen McCauley, Debbie Perkins, Tom Reed, Temple Roberts, Susan Swan, Laura Whitelaw, along with the many lenders, guarantors, and servicers attending our conference.

The *minutes* of 04/19/2001 were distributed and approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** of 10/09/2001 was distributed and approved. Lori indicated there is still approximately \$3,000 still outstanding from vendor sponsorship of the conference; once received, and all conference expenses are paid, NAFAA should still have approximately \$8,000.00 +, which is almost double our balance at the beginning of this administration. She also emphasized that only 23 members had paid their membership dues to date.

Old Business: Laura Whitelaw, President, welcomed Yvonne Hicks of University of Phoenix-Nevada campus as the newly appointed Representative for Private Institutions to the NAFAA Executive Council. Yvonne will also be serving as Chairperson of the newly created Technology Committee.

New Business:

- ◆ *NASFAA's Leadership Training in Washington D.C.*
Laura Whitelaw attending in Spring 2001 and visited with Congressman Gibbons. Items discussed included the elimination of the origination fee for student loans, which was instituted during a recessionary period; Congressman Gibbons was receptive to this elimination, but September 11's events may have changed that. Recent past presidents of NAFAA have attended this training (if they had never attended before). It was moved and seconded that Marsha Dupree, President-Elect, be sent to this training in Spring 2002.
- ◆ *NAFAA Scholarships*
There was none awarded for the 2000-01 school year. Laura Whitelaw recommended the current President serve as Chairperson of this committee, and/or that the recipient's award letter should come from the President. Joan Williams, Chairperson since 1996, would like to step down from this position. Tom Reed advised that we maintain the same chairperson for the Scholarship Committee for 2-3 years to maintain consistency. After much discussion, the President will not be chairperson of this committee. Renee Baker, by first a point of order and then vote, was named Chairperson while the scholarship award letter will come from the President.
Laura Whitelaw also presented drafts of the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 NAFAA Scholarship Nomination forms. Revisions will be made regarding where to forward nominations, along with scholarship committee members: Mary Morrison-Lemberes of Morrison University would like to serve as representative of private institutions. Nominations for this year's scholarship will be due by November 15, 2001.
- ◆ *Committee Chair -- Reports and Two New Committees Established*
Mona Concha-Buckheart, **Training Committee:** EDFund sponsoring Default Management

Training October 16 at TMCC; High School Counselor Training October 23 at TMCC; Fiscal Management Training by Marianna Deeken (federal) November 28-29, hosted by TMCC; and NASFAA/WASFAA Policies and Procedures Training December 13 at TMCC. The NASFAA/WASFAA training will cost \$30/member, \$60/non-members.

Carmen Dominguez, **Conference Committee**: We're here, and it's a success!

Al Camp, **Historian**: No report. Barbara Hall-Bellows, **Outreach**: No report.

Yvonne Hicks, **Technology Committee**: Laura Whitelaw presented details regarding moving our NAFAA web site from TMCC to WASFAA's web site. It has become too cumbersome for Sharon Wurm at TMCC to update, plus it is a lot to ask of one school. Would cost approximately \$20/month, after approx. \$2-300 set-up. Mona suggested we define objectives of what we want the web site to offer, and to maybe assess actual usage. Paige Hurley has spoken with Peter at WASFAA, and recalled at a Past President's meeting outlining those committees that need to meet on a monthly basis. This [technology] committee would be a good inlet for that. Discussion was also held regarding a possible list-serve. If interested in serving on this committee, please contact Yvonne Hicks yvonne.hicks@apollogrp.edu.

The **Awards** Committee is also a newly created committee. Barbara Hall-Bellows presented plaques to Carmen Dominguez, Ben Loya, and Rhonda Neale for their dedicated service in making this 2001 conference a success. She also presented awards to two long-time members of NAFAA, who have been instrumental in its success since the beginning. The archives go back approximately 23 years, and Sandra Guidry and Kim Coker have been with us all the way through.

- ◆ *WASFAA's Management & Leadership Institute / November 4 - 7 Salashan Resort*
Addalou Davis serves on WASFAA's Executive Committee, which will be attending this institute in Lincoln City, Oregon. The cost is pricey at \$852, but includes all meals and lodging expenses. The deadline for registration has been extended.
- ◆ *Arizona Joint Conference - 2004?*
The Arizona Association President is interested in a joint conference in 2004. Carmen Dominguez mentioned that Fall of 2003 would actually be better for their current planning stages in Arizona. Traci Filippi recommended a conference be held soon in Elko, since the last time NAFAA met there was 1996. It was motioned and seconded for an Arizona Joint Conference with NAFAA in the Fall of 2003.
- ◆ *State Newsletter / Trying to get up and running*
Rhonda Neale of EDFund has prepared a nice newsletter for the Arizona association. It was proposed to establish a NAFAA newsletter that would include committee reports and be circulated once/semester. Laura Whitelaw will appoint a committee. Marsha Dupree reminded members to notify her via e-mail marshad@unr.edu regarding news happening at our institutions to be an update for the NASFAA newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.