

NAFAA President's Update June 2016

As the temps rise to the 110's and above here in the Las Vegas Valley, it's hard to believe we are in our last week of spring. Many of us have summer sessions well underway, and our focus is already on fall and beyond. Speaking of fall...

Conference Information

The annual conference will be held October 19-20 at the Gold Coast in Las Vegas. Program will begin at 9:00 am on Thursday and wrap up at noon on Friday. Registration will include lunch on Thursday and breakfast on Friday. Registration information for the conference will be posted on the NAFAA website in July. The tentative schedule includes presentations by FSA Trainer Bruce Honer, WASFAA President Helen Faith, a representative from NASFAA and other topics suggested and presented by NAFAA-member schools. [Please take this short survey](#) to let us know what topics you are interested in seeing at your conference. Members who would like to submit a session proposal should send a brief description to me at anthony.morrone@nsc.edu.

Room rates are \$68 for a deluxe room (shower only) or \$76 for premium rooms (bathtub with shower), all newly renovated and prices include taxes and resort fees! I toured the rooms and facility last month and think the Gold Coast will do a great job for NAFAA this year. There are lots of quality restaurants and watering holes onsite, plus we'll be next to Rio and across from Palms, just a quick jog to the fabulous Las Vegas Strip. You can take a virtual tour of the hotel and book your rooms now at <http://www.goldcoastcasino.com/groups>, using Group Code A7NEV10.

The NSHE PeopleSoft Pre-Conference will also be held at this location during the afternoon of Wednesday, October 18. President-Elect Ashley Salisbury is working with the team at UNR to plan this year's agenda. If you are planning to attend the pre-conference and would like to suggest topics, please email Ashley at asalisbury@unr.edu.

Fall Webinar

Save the date! FSA Training Officer Bruce Honer will offer a webinar exclusively for NAFAA members on Thursday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. Topic to be determined, so stay tuned for more information.

Fall Training Events

The WASFAA Training Committee will be meeting in Spokane next month to flesh out the fall training sessions. As a member of this committee, I have requested that dates be

scheduled both in the north and south this year. CSN and TMCC have graciously offered to host these events. More details to come!

WASFAA/NASFAA Update

The first week of June was a whirlwind of activity in Reno, as both the Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute and the WASFAA Executive Council meeting took place. First, I would like to say that I had an amazing experience serving as faculty at Summer Institute for the second time. The event was held at the beautiful UNR campus, in Peavine Hall where we stayed, as well as the Jot Travis Building for our larger sessions. This year we had three tracks, beginner, intermediate and advanced, for a total of over 125 attendees! I was privileged to present to all three groups, as well as leading a group of 14 of the beginners. We all learned a lot from each other, and leaned on one another as the five-day event took its toll on our sanity! Being the consummate financial aid professionals that we are, we stuck it out and persevered, followed by a lively banquet, trivia contest and graduation ceremony where CSN Assistant Director Frank McPherson was selected as a commencement speaker. Check out #SDBSI2017 on Facebook and Instagram to get a glimpse into our week.

At the WASFAA Executive Council meeting, my first as a voting member, I had the opportunity to meet with the state presidents from our region. We talked about the goals for our states, membership initiatives, and how the roles of state and regional associations align (or don't) with our national association, NASFAA. This will also be a topic at a forum being held at the NASFAA conference at the end of the month, which state and regional association leaders have been invited to attend. I will let you know any outcomes that arise from that forum, and the state presidents' meeting at the conference. Hope to see some of you in San Diego!

On behalf of your 2017-18 NAFAA Officers, I wish you a happy summer!



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