

NAFAA News

You know the old saying, “Time Flies?” Well this is true. We are well into April and underway in planning for the 2004-2005 year. At this point, NAFAA is getting ready to ask for nominations to fill the position of vice president/president-elect for 2004-05. It’s the only position vacant for the upcoming 2004-05 term. Also after much discussion and recommendations, we plan to (finally) have proposed revised by-laws placed on the same ballot. This will lead the way to incorporate into 501C status.

People Updates

Barbara Hall-Bellows, loan coordinator/financial aid advisor, is retiring in April after serving over 25 years in financial aid. She has served in several WASFAA and NAFAA positions. She will be missed; however unbeknownst to her, we may still call on her for guidance from time to time.

Our current 2003-04 NAFAA vice president/president elect, Jacquie Carroll, has attended the NASFAA leadership conference in Washington, DC in March. This was a very valuable and enjoyable experience. The conference was attended by ninety people from all around the U.S; this was a great opportunity to network and to find out what everyone else is doing in FA. The topic of “Building our House of Leadership” included sessions by Terry Everson and Craig Cornell which provided food for thought on everyday leadership, especially of volunteers. The exchange of ideas session shed light on the fact that many new leaders have similar goals for their association; involving members was at the top of the list. Other sessions provided information on the

understanding the foundation of your organization including by-laws, policies and procedures as well as understanding the objectives, mission and overall goals. Tougher sessions provided comprehensive insights on various legal, financial and management issues which can impact a professional organization. Another practical session demonstrated committee development and meeting design. There were step by step instructions of how to run a meeting according to Parliamentary Procedure.

Conference News

The 2004 annual NAFAA conference will be held at the Sunset Station Hotel in Las Vegas on Wednesday & Thursday, November 17 & 18. The conference committee co-chairs will be seeking volunteers to serve in various roles to keep NAFAA moving in a positive direction. At this point the co-chairs for the conference are, Rhonda Groce of UNLV and Tip Blewitt of NELA.

Scholarships

Our scholarship committee recently awarded a NAFAA scholarship to a Truckee Meadows Community College student that is non-Pell eligible, showed high need and has at least a 3.0 GPA despite facing various challenging obstacles and situations in her life.

The scholarship committee will soon be advertising scholarship opportunities for our NAFAA members to attend the 2004 WASFAA conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Please encourage scholarship application!!!!

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