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NAFAA newsletter submission to WASFAA

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Summer already! It seems like just yesterday I was in Washington, D.C. at the NASFAA Leadership Conference, visiting with staff on the hill and looking with excitement to my year as NAFAA president. Now the summer solstice is nearly here and in Reno we are waiting for the warm weather to finally arrive.

Leadership transition

In May NAFAA held its second annual transition meeting, modeled on WASFAA's own transition meeting. It was a wonderfully productive and energizing meeting, allowing the Executive Board members to get to know each other and map out their year at the helm. We have many goals for the coming year and will meet by teleconference again in early July. For 2005-2006 I feel fortunate to be working with five dynamic individuals:

Past President: **Jacque Carroll**, University of Phoenix, Reno

President-elect: **Christina Twelves**, Nevada State College, Henderson

Treasurer: **Jake Elsen**, Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Las Vegas

Secretary: **Shawn Claxton**, Community College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas

Rep at Large: **Sue Stokes**, University of Nevada, Reno

2005 NAFAA Conference

The next NAFAA conference is November 9 & 10 at Harrah's Hotel Casino in scenic Stateline (South Lake Tahoe), Nevada. On a site visit in early May, conference committee members were delighted with the spacious rooms. Each guest room contains two full bathrooms, making the location ideal for sharing rooms so those attending can stretch their travel dollars. There is ample, newly-renovated meeting and exhibiting space as well. Since the hotel site is approximately 1 ½ hours from the airport, the conference committee is exploring options to provide group transportation which would be free to attendees. The conference theme is being held tightly under wraps by the conference committee but co-chairs Paige Hurley (TMCC) and Lisa Connor (Citibank) promise an announcement soon.

2006 NAFAA Conference

The 2006 conference will be conducted in the southern part of the state. NAFAA executive board members are currently reviewing options in the Las Vegas metro area as well as Laughlin. A site will be selected in late summer/early fall.

Scholarships

For 2005-2006 NAFAA will be sponsoring as full slate of scholarship opportunities to members to attend the following trainings/conferences: WASFAA Jerry Simms Management and Leadership Institute, Department of Education Electronic Access Conference, NAFAA Conference (4), WASFAA Conference (2), WASFAA Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute. Details and applications will be posted soon on the NAFAA website: <http://www.nafaaweb.org> .