



## **RIASFAA Conference**

June 19, 2019

**Business meeting called to order at 9:04am by RIASFAA President, Anne McDermott**

**Welcoming remarks, Anne McDermott, RIASFAA President**

- Intro of executive council
  - Grace Cruz, Vice President
  - Joanna Nagelhout, Treasurer
  - Melissa Donahue, Secretary
- Thank you to the Conference Committee
  - Thank you Lisa Talbot for taking the lead on the conference committee!
- **President's report:**
  - Conferences went from 2 to 1 for the year.
  - Updated by-laws
    - Conference language updated
    - Fiscal year updated
    - Thanks Francesca savela and Matt davis for their assistance in updating bylaws
  - Thanks so the people for their understanding on new fiscal year and dues changes
  - More consistant with EASFAA now
  - Development committee – worked on vendor outreach. We have more vendors and participants! Yay!
    - Thanks donna conorier (sp) for vendor outreach
  - Relationship between RIASFAA and the vendors is important –increased revenue for association and opportunity to get more info from our vendors and what they offer. Meeting with the vendors we have a relationship with, as well as meet new ones!
  - Scholarship committee – thanks! Particularly to Annette Cataldo
  - Updating policies and procedures so that people who take over the positions actually have some GUIDANCE on what to do.
    - Somewhere along the line, written procedures failed and became outdated.
    - Documented procedures for a lot of various committees and things are association does
  - Training opportunities

- EASFAA credential trainings in April - 12 attendees.
- At least one person from each institution in attendance today?
  - No Lincoln tech
- Goals for the next year
  - Increase organization and continue to update the policies and procedures
    - Business meeting with current and past officers
  - Website update
    - Online payment option for schools and vendors?
  - One time fee for vendors?
  - Future conference sites – schools instead of a place that we pay for
- In closing – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! GET INVOLVED!

**Treasurer's Report, Joanna Nagelhout, Treasurer**

- No physical report – still waiting on payments for dues, vendors, etc.
- The report will be sent out when it is ready, and a vote will be taken at that time via email
- Thanks for patience with prorating member dues for this year
- Potential online payments in the future

**Secretary's Report, Melissa Donahue, Secretary**

- Update the website!! Look for email from me to update your staff
- Minutes – motion to approve – Wynette from brown, seconded – Anne

**New member introduction**

- Several new members from several institutions

**Old business**

- Need to email a vote for the bylaws to the membership

**No new business**

**Scholarship announcements, Annette Cataldo, Scholarship Committee**

- Thanks to the other people on the committee – Anna Kelly, Pat, Gail Walker, Matt Davis
- Need to get more applications – 2 Amaral, less than 10 for Pell
  - Amaral – two winners
    - Bryant and JWU winners
  - Pell – two winners
    - URI and JWU winners
  - \$500 each

**Nominations committee, Ed Maroney**

- Three people running for positions
- No one for president elect – Anne will stay on, Ed will help
- VP – Matt Davis

- Treasurer – Pat Simonelli
- Secretary – Francesca Savella

**EASFAA**, Marie Johnson, UVM, EASFAA President

- Enhance training and professional development opportunities
  - Continue the 4 training tracks
  - Hold EASFAA conference in NH May 3 – 6, 2020
  - Mentorship
  - Offer trainings relevant to offices that we collaborate with
    - Admissions
    - Bursar
    - Registrar
  - More programming for graduate and professional schools
- Membership development
  - Make sure that all schools know that EASFAA exists...
  - Institutional membership instead of individual. Yay!
- Moving to a new host for EASFAA site
- Volunteer opportunities
  - Committees
    - Conference, diversity & inclusion, federal relations, grad and prof school task force, institutional membership development, membership, tech and communications, EASFAA leads, EASFAA webinar series, NASFAA credentials
- EASFAA networking opportunities
  - More opportunities to connect members
  - Event at NASFAA
  - Maybe FSA
- Strengthen association
  - Strategic plan
  - Policies and procedures
  - New policies
    - Listserv
    - Conflict of interest
    - Harassment
    - Confidentiality
  - Increase state rep voting policies
- Upcoming conferences
  - 2020 – new Hampshire
  - 2021 – CT
  - 2022 – Baltimore
  - 2023 – Puerto rico

BREAK – 10:04am

## How The New Tax Code Will Impact Financial Aid, Robert Weinerman

- First Robert intros himself and his background
- Changes to the tax code is going to impact EFCs, Pell, etc. starting in 20/21. ☹
- Changes
  - Tax rates
  - Standard deductions
  - Personal exemptions
  - Child tax credit
  - New family credit
  - Revised form 1040
  - Taxes paid are going to go DOWN, so EFC is going to go UP
  - Need to train staffs regarding these changes and the conversations we will have with these families whose EFCs will increase\*\*\*\*
  - New single threshold for needing to file is \$12,000
- Impacts
  - If a non-filer makes more than \$5, they need to file a tax return.
    - This will impact undocumented families the most
  - Credits replace exemptions
    - Child tax credit to expanded child tax credit
    - This could impact middle income families that may not have gotten the child tax credit in 2017
- New form 1040
  - Difficult to interpret
  - 1040A and 1040EZ is gone
    - Have to come up with a new way to define auto-zero and the simplified formula – DOE
  - Sch. A
    - Because of the new deduction amount, there will be less itemizing and medical expenses
    - Medical spending

## Federal update, Betsy Mayotte

- Negotiated rulemaking
  - Accreditation and Innovation was the priority
    - Distance learning
    - TEACH
    - Faith based entities...???

Lunch

**Dealing with Difficult Conversations**, Pam Heffernan

**Silent Auction winners announced**

**Adjourn**