



RIASFAA Conference

October 14, 2015

Business meeting called to order at 9:21am by outgoing RIASFAA current President, Ken Ferus

Welcoming Remarks, Ken Ferus, President

- Thank you to URI, Bonnie Saccucci for hosting
- Silent Auction to benefit Amaral and Pell scholarships
- Meeting and location logistics
- Introduction and thank you to Zach Goodwin, Training Officer, FSA

Treasurer's Report, Ed Maroney, Treasurer

- Receipts, transaction detail, proposed budget for 10/1/2015 – 9/30/2016
- Transaction report explanation regarding conferences and dues
 - Motion: To accept transaction report from 14/15 budget
 - Vote: Motion carried
 - Resolved: Transaction report from 14/15 approved without modification
- Budget report/proposed budget, budget v. actual costs, explanation of differences
 - Motion: to accept budget report and proposed budget for 15/16
 - Vote: Motion carried
 - Resolved: Budget report and proposed budget for 15/16 approved without modification

Secretary's report, Nelly Hoffens-Vargas

- Motion: To approve minutes from Summer 2015 conference
- Vote: Motion carried
- Resolved: Minutes from summer 2015 conference approved without modification

New Members

- Anne McDermott
 - Director of Financial Aid, Salve Regina University
 - Began February 2015

College Goal Rhode Island update, Gail Walker

- 2014/2015 led a successful campaign
- 86% of attendees met the target audience
- 85% of attendees completed FAFSAs
- Challenges: attendees did not bring enough info; Projected challenge for 15/16: FSA ID
- Call for volunteers for 15/16

New Business

- No new business proposed

Old Business

- Clarification in bylaws regarding RIASFAA membership and dues
- Still looking into this issue to clarify expectations of dues paying members

Installation of new officers

- Ken Ferus, Past President
- Sandra Oliveira, President
- Ed Maroney, President Elect
- Monica Marcotrigiano, Vice President
- Stacey Petella, Treasurer
- Melissa Gardner, Secretary

Business meeting adjourned at 9:41am by newly installed current President, Sandra Oliveira

Federal Update, Zachary Goodwin, FSA Trainer

- Unusual enrollment history
 - History
 - Flags, meanings and resolutions
 - Changes for 15/16

High School nights, Anna Kelly

- RIASFAA high school nights across the state, presentations on the basics of financial aid
- Call for volunteers

EASFAA update, Wynette Zupardi introduction of Tony Erwin, EASFAA past president

- Thank you to RIASFAA for hosting 2015 EASFAA in Newport
- EASFAA 50th anniversary in Atlantic City in May 2016
- Federal relations committee is planning Hill visit in November, info to be forthcoming
- Leadership & Mentoring committee information will be forthcoming
- Training Topics throughout the year
 - November: College affordability
 - December: Gainful employment
 - February: Unaccompanied youth
 - March: 150% rule
 - April: Grad and professional schools
- NASFAA board
- Call for volunteers

Support Staff Workshop, Wynette Zupardi

- Date: November 20
- Location: New England Tech

Federal Update, Zachary Goodwin, FSA Trainer

- Perkins
- Application processing, prior prior year
- Cohort Default Rates
- Verification

Seth Magaziner, General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island

- College Bound Fund, 529 plan

Winners of Silent Auction

Event adjourned