



RIASFAA Conference

October 27, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:30am by outgoing RIASFAA current President, Sandra Oliveira

Welcoming Remarks, Sandra Oliveira, President

- Thank you to URI, Bonnie Saccucci for hosting
- Silent Auction to benefit Amaral and Pell scholarships
- Meeting and location logistics
- Introduction of Wynette Zuppardi

EASFAA update, Wynette Zuppardi

- EASFAA Board meeting was held earlier in October in Rhode Island
- Each state has representatives that sit on the board and are voting members of the council
- The board is working on ways that EASFAA can better collaborate with the state members.
- Transition from one year to the next is challenge for presidents and chair people
 - EASFAA president-elect Kristi Jovell is working with an ad hoc committee to get professional development opportunities out to the membership earlier.
- Strategic planning
 - Training committee
 - EASFA is offering NASFAA training for less money than NASFAA directly.
 - Webinars at no cost to EASFAA members
- Nominations and Elections Committee
 - Call for nominations for President elect and treasurer
- Annual conference
 - May 7 – 10, 2017 in Burlington, VT
 - Still seeking session proposals
 - 2018 conference will be at The Sagamore on Lake George
 - 2019 conference will be in Portland, Maine
- Regional “Thought Force”
 - Finds that efforts are being duplicated across state, regional and federal levels
 - Thought Force is meeting in winter to align the missions of the state, regional and national organizations.

Break at 9:44am

Sandy called meeting to order at 10am, introduces Anita Olivencia from the US Department of Education.

Federal update is given covering Prior Prior Year and Verification.

Federal update ends at noon.

Business meeting is called to order at 12:45pm by outgoing RIASFAA current President, Sandra Oliveira

President's Report, Sandra Oliveira, President

- Thank you again to URI and Bonnie Saccucci for hosting
- Thanks board members
- Thanks conference committee
- On behalf of Michael Joyce, please respond to email regarding changes to your processes for Prior Prior Year.

Treasurer's Report, Stacey Pettella , Treasurer

- Receipts, transaction detail, proposed budget for 10/1/2016 – 9/30/2017
- Transaction report explanation regarding conferences and dues
 - Motion: To accept transaction report from 15/16 budget
 - Vote: Motion carried
 - Resolved: Transaction report from 15/16 approved without modification
- Budget report/proposed budget, budget v. actual costs, explanation of differences
 - Proposal of increase to the budget for membership.
 - Motion: to accept budget report and proposed budget for 16/17
 - Vote: Motion carried
 - Resolved: Budget report and proposed budget for 15/16 approved without modification

Secretary's report, Melissa Donahue

- Two errors reported in June 2016 minutes, will be corrected
- Motion: To approve minutes from Summer 2016 conference
- Vote: Motion carried
- Resolved: Minutes from summer 2016 conference approved without modification

New Members

- All members introduced themselves and gave their area of expertise within their offices.

College Planning Center, Noel Simpson

- FAFSA Completion Nights replacing College Goal Sunday
 - 10 nights in total
 - Call for volunteers
- Already having families come into the College Planning center for help with 17/18 FAFSA

New Business

- No new business proposed

Old Business

- No old business

Installation of new officers

- Sandra Oliveira, Past President
- Ed Maroney, President
- Shannon Gallagher, President Elect

Remarks by Ed Maroney, new President

- Gift to Sandy
- Remarks regarding EASFAA, future board meetings

Business meeting adjourned at 1:13pm by newly installed current President, Ed Maroney

Lender Panel and Round Table Discussions

- Remarks by lenders regarding their products, statistics, what goes into approval/denial decisions, etc.
- Round table discussions regarding practices in offices

Winners of Silent Auction

Event adjourned