



## **RIASFAA Conference**

October 17, 2018

### **Business meeting called to order at 9:30am by RIASFAA outgoing President, Shannon Gallagher**

#### **Welcoming Remarks, Shannon Gallagher, Outgoing President**

- Thank you to Bonnie Saccucci and URI for hosting.
- Thank you to the conference committee.
- Reminder of the silent auction.
- Please be sure to review the RIASFAA website, email Melissa with updates to your staff
- Call for introduction of any new staff or promotions in the membership.
- Board challenges
  - We need volunteers!!!
  - Small state associations are becoming less active, and we want to make sure we are giving the membership what they are looking for.
- Thank you to our vendors for being here today.
- Motion: To approve President's report
- Vote: Motion carried

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

- Proposed budget copies on tables
- Went over past budget and expenses
- Motion: To approve budget and treasurer's report
- Vote: Motion carried

#### **Secretary's report, Melissa Donahue, Secretary**

- Motion: To approve minutes from June 2018 conference
- Vote: Motion carried

#### **EASFAA, Anne McDermott for EASFAA president Sam Veeder**

- Call for volunteers
- Went over EASFAA Strategic plan
- EASFAA membership has been growing
- Going to be offering more trainings including NASFAA credentials
- Reminder of the EASFAA Conference in May 2019
- EASFAA will be adding an institutional membership option rather than just individual memberships.

#### **Office of the Post Secondary Commissioner – Paula Szulc**

- Key priorities
  - Attainment

- Affordability
- Adult Learners

**College Planning Center, Noel Simpson**

- Rhode Island was #7 in the nation of percentages of FAFSA completion
- #3 in the nation as far as growth year over year
- New initiative with employers like Lifespan and RISLA
- Discussed important upcoming dates

**Installation of Officers**

- Anne McDermott installed as president
  - Will serve as president & president elect
  - If Anne has to stay on as president for a second year, membership will have to vote because of by-laws regarding president terms
  - Formalizing committees
    - Conference
    - Development
    - Scholarship
    - Training
    - Finance
    - Membership & nominations
    - By-Laws

**Federal Update, Pam Gilligan**

- Borrower Defense rules
- Gainful Employment rules
- FAFSA data usage
  - OK to give FAFSA information that is transferred using DRT to student with written consent
- Cancer treatment deferment
  - Went into effect as of the day the bill was signed
- Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act
- FAFSA Processing
- IRS DRT changes
- Perkins
  - No new perks!
- Year round Pell
- Cohort default rates are down across the nation

**Office of the Inspector General, Matt Wardle**

- Cyber crimes

**Southern New Hampshire University, Jeremy & Susan**

- Discussed their customer service approach

**Silent Auction winners announced**

**Adjourn**