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PRESENT:

William Cheetham (Thursday only)
Warren Hoffman
Cathleen Bellomo
Anne Barton
Tom Dalton
Mary Jo Stetz
Ed Reiman
Keith Stevenson
Lisa Simpson
Mildred Brown (Friday only)
Evelyn De Stio
Johanna Kelly
Kerrie Cooper
Mike Williams

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A. Barton

MOTION: Approve the minutes as amended (one typo).
Reiman/Stetz - Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT: C. Bellomo

It was suggested that an executive summary of the 5 year report be created. It was also suggested that this be added as a training module for the upcoming training of regional people. Cathy will get in touch with John View.

MOTION: Approve the treasurer's report (copy attached for file)
Dalton/Hoffman - Unanimous

MEMBERSHIP: W. Hoffman

Updated diskettes have been distributed to regional representatives to take back to their region. The due date for inclusion into the directory has been extended to 1/15/00. Warren has not created the letter to all old members as yet. However it will be done shortly. Council reiterated that we wanted it mailed to ALL old members, not those who have already renewed their membership. The mailing itself will probably take place at the regional level.

TRAINING: W. Hoffman for T. Shekerjian

Tor sent a report to council. Training dates are set for training of the regional trainers. The dates are 1/30-31 in Syracuse and 2/6-7 in Poughkeepsie. There will be 5 regional trainers from each region. Rooms and meals will be funded by NYSFAAA. Members must cover their own transportation expenses. Intermediate/Advanced training will once again take place in Binghamton in September.

HESC UPDATE: M. Williams

Mike inquired as to whether NYSFAAA wanted to advertise in the Legislative Gazette again this year.

MOTION: NYSFAAA place a 1/2 page ad in the Legislative Gazette again this year. Barton/DeStio - Unanimous. Bill will design the advertisement.

HESC was very pleased with comments received on their presentation at the recent NYSFAAA Conference. The goal is to double the staff of the communications center by next summer. 24 hours is the call back time. Email requests take longer – approximately 3 days. Let Mike know if you experience different results. Watch for release dates on Mentor/Gear-up. Once again an issue of Your Choices – Money Matters will come out in January/February. Every senior in high school will receive a copy. Multi year processing is the goal for TAP in the year 2000. It is the recommendation of Council that a focus group of NYSFAAA members be asked to work with HESC on this and other issues, such as allowing financial aid administrators to process income changes electronically for students. It was also recommended that NYSFAAA and lenders and HESC meet to find a solution and ensure that the Hold and Release problems of this year do not occur again in 2000-01. This forum should take place in the spring of 2000. It appears that the consortium is the only vehicle for this. Mike will check to see that we are invited to the February meeting.

Mike distributed a handout. (Copy attached for file).

REGION REPORTS:

Written reports were received from each region. (Region III will be faxed to council members next week) Copies are attached for file.

CONFERENCE REPORTS:

- 999. Kerrie Cooper reported that it appears the conference will yield a profit of approximately \$20,000.
- :000. Keith Stevenson reported that all is going well. At the February meeting there will be a budget report
- :001. Heather McDonnell/Denise Ackerman are co-chairs
- :002. Buffalo will be submitting a proposal at our council meeting in February
- :003. Inquiries by Region 4 to host in the Albany area

CAAN REPORT: K. Cooper

The committee is running into scheduling problems with the January kickoff. However, a group of committee members will be going to NYC on January 18 to be outside during the TODAY show and arrangements are being made for Al Roker to acknowledge the group.

Post cards are being sent to every NYS high school senior letting them know about CAAN events such as the hotline. Labels will be obtained via the Guidance Counselor workshops.

Stickers advertising the hotline have also been created to be placed on items such as pizza boxes by local merchants. The chatline has been tested and appears to be working ok.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: W. Cheetham

NYSFAAA will be sending 4 council members to the NASFAA Leadership Conference.

They are Cathy Bellomo, Ed Reiman, Kerrie Cooper and a fourth person to be announced.

Bill reported attending the Legislative Meeting with the Guidance Community and was very impressed. He recommended the NYSFAAA resume providing financial support to this group.

MOTION: NYSFAAA resumes financially supporting this group.
Hoffman/Stevenson - Unanimous

The Policy & Procedures Manual is now on the web. Anne will send copies to all regional chairs.

Bill will be contacting Scott Atkinson to be our contact person with the NASFAA Creating Success effort.

NASFAA nominations were due 12/7. We nominated John View to be a representative at large to the NASFAA board. They are also seeking a National Chair Elect.

Bill recommended submitting the Early Awareness brochure for consideration for a NASFAA award.

MOTION: NYSFAAA submit the day care Early Awareness brochure for a NASFAA award.
Dalton/Hoffman - Unanimous

NYSFAAA TAP proposals were distributed via the listserv. This year we have separated the legislative and mechanical recommendations. It is recommended that separate schedules for dependent and independent students be eliminated. Graduate awards should be increased, however not at the expense of undergraduate awards. Evelyn voiced a concern about TAP eligibility for cosmetology schools. It was noted that this would require a statute change. She will pursue the matter and come up with a recommendation which NYSFAAA would support.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: T. Dalton

Election of officers will take place this spring. There were suggestions to offer electronic voting. The committee will consider this suggestion. It was felt that this year in particular, it is imperative that the election take place in a timely fashion. We need maximum time to train the new Treasurer for easy transition. There will be more advertising of the election on the webpage. There will be a mailing to all members as well as an email message to all re the elections.

A question was raised as to whether Tom could run for his position again because it has technically been changed to 2nd VP at last year's election. Tom will check with John View and the Governance Committee on this.

The next EASFAA Conference will be held at the Foxwoods Resort in May. Information and registration materials are on their website.

CHANGE TO FUTURE MEETING SITES:

Please note that the February meeting will be held in Syracuse and the April meeting will be held in Buffalo. The September meeting will be held in Albany. Dates have not changed.

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Exec Council entered into a lengthy discussion with representatives from the awards committee – Carl Bello, Joe Sciamè and Mike Scarpelli. Some of the issues discussed were:

- o Ensuring continuity to the process

- Renaming of some awards – ie Presidential award
- Associate/Active member eligibility for awards
- Maintaining nominations for multiple years
- How Exec Council is involved in the process
- What happens when the status of a member changes during the process
- Better publicity so members know that a separate committee determines awards, council is not involved in the process
- Recognition for the entire awards committee at the banquet
- Adding the awards process to the training modules
- Should names of nominees be recognized
- Should a specific award be created for associate members
- Possibly convert the citation award to an associate award
- Clarify the founders award as a memorial award
- Create an award named after a significant female in NYSFAAA
- Non-duplicating of service awards
- Creation of an award journal which includes regional awards
- Creation of a 25 year award
- Creating certificates for all state committee members

While a lively discussion ensued, no decisions were reached. Members are asked to review this list and come to the February meeting prepared to make recommendations to the awards committee.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY MEETING:

- NYSFAAA Image
- Sending letters of thanks to college presidents for members contributions
- NYSFAAA Internship
- Public Relations Status
- Long Range Plan
- Recommendation for Awards Committee

MOTION: Meeting adjourn.
Stetz/Reiman - Unanimous

NEXT MEETING: February 3-4, 2000 at the Hotel Syracuse (site of 2000 conference)



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