

NEW YORK STATE FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4-5, 1999

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PRESENT:

Anne Barton Cathy Bellomo

William Cheetham Tom Dalton

Warren Hoffman Johanna Kelly

Heather McDonnell Mike Pede

Ed Quirk April Reed

Vera Senese Tor Shekerjian

Mary Jo Stetz Ed Reiman

Mike Williams

GUESTS:

Evelyn Destio Joe Kakaty

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10-11, 1998 MEETING-A. Barton

MOTION: Approve the minutes with the following correction:

Under New Business, Mary Jo Stetz is from

Region I

McDonnell/Shekerjian – Unanimous

Anne distributed a roster of Executive Council members, corrections were given to Anne. New copies will be mailed to members.

TREASURER'S REPORT – C. Bellomo

Cathy distributed the Treasurer's report. A copy is attached for the record. A discussion was held re sponsorship on the web as a way to replace lost revenue realized by the Newsletter. The 98 conference is currently posting approximately \$8000 as profit.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Dalton/Hoffman – Unanimous

### 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – W. Hoffman

There was considerable discussion about the condition of the membership roster at the current time. A diskette was recently received from George Chin showing 105 people paid membership dues at the conference. This number seems unusually low. Vera Senese and Johanna Kelly will get in touch with George to review the registration forms to see if an error has occurred. She will report back to the President within a couple of weeks.

A discussion was held re revenue checks in light of the inaccurate membership roster at this time.

MOTION: A minimum revenue sharing check be mailed to regions now,

with the balance owed to come in the next check.

McDonnell/Reed – defeated

Yes-McDonnell, Dalton, Reed

No – Barton, Bellomo, Hoffman,

Pede, Senese, Quirk, Shekerjian,

Stetz, Reiman

MOTION: Revenue sharing checks be sent out representing the known

numbers at this time with the balance to be paid at the time

the correct numbers are known.

Shekerjian/Pede – passed, 1 opposed

Warren also informed council that a printer has been purchased for him for use in maintaining membership records.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT REPORT – Tor Shekerjian

There will be another opportunity for a NYS chat night the end of March with Mapping Your Future. After discussion it was suggested that early April might be a better time to staff a chat night.

On April 9 from 9:30-11:30am (Friday) there will be a video conference on the master prom note, comprised of guarantors, FELP representatives as well as Direct Loan representatives. There will be time for questions.

Tor seeks the Council's assistance in advertising this effort. He would also like to get questions from aid administrators ahead of time to include in the presentation.

The September training venue will change slightly. It will be open to all and the theme will be "How to Affect Change and How NYSFAAA Will Connect You". This training module will train people to return to their regions as trainers.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – T. Dalton

Tom distributed the timeline he plans to use for the upcoming election of our first President Elect. A copy has been attached to this report for the record. Nomination forms will also be available on the website. This President Elect will not have voting privileges until 10/2000. S/he will serve as President elect for one year (10/99-10/2000), President for 2

years (10/2000-10/2002) and Past President for one year (10/2002-10-2003).

It is recommended that regional election chairpeople follow the same timeline for regional elections. They will also comprise the election committee to assist Tom in running the statewide election.

EASFAA NEWS – check out EASFAA’s homepage for conference news. Tom announced he will run for treasurer of EASFAA.

Tom will be distributing inventory forms to members of council. Please complete and return to him asap so he can compile an inventory of NYSFAAA equipment.

The Constitution Committee is reviewing the Governance report from our December meeting and will report at the April Executive Council meeting.

1998 CONFERENCE REPORT – E. Destio & J. Kakaty

A copy of the conference report is attached for the record. There was a record attendance this year – 602! The conference committee has ordered 100 copies of the conference video which will be available for purchase soon. A recommendation was made to increase late registration fees due to the extreme hardship late registration causes each year.

NOVICE TRAINING REPORT – E. Quirk & T. David

Bids have been received from Plattsburgh, Brockport, New Paltz and Russell Sage. Once again Plattsburgh was the cheapest bid. The committee would like to award the contract to Plattsburgh again. A discussion was held on the merits of moving the conference around the state.

MOTION: The Novice Training contract be awarded to Plattsburgh.

McDonnell/Reed – unanimous

HESC REPORT – M. Williams

A copy of the report is attached for the record.

HESC will be hosting a cocktail hour this evening. Bob Maurer and others from HESC will attend and meet with Council. The APTS study is completed and copies are available for review. The new call center will be operational on February 22. It was requested that a NYSFAAA contact person be available when last minute things arise – President Cheetham will be that contact.

There are initiatives underway to end Winpath and expand internet initiatives. It is recommended that all regions respond to Brenda asap re the effect this will have on campuses. It was suggested that Mike initiate letters to college presidents re this initiative with copies to the FAO. Members are asked to bring this topic up at regional meetings. Possibly surveys could be done and sent to HESC.

A TAP Bulletin is out on the changes to the 99-2000 ETA. Changes have been based on recommendations from the aid community. A Master Prom Note Bulletin will be out March 29 showing the new layout.

There will be no ETA for returning students in the year 2000. The FAFSA will generate a TAP award.

Mike reminded all of the Hope Tax Reporting Service that is available.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 – written report

Region 2 – verbal report-a Power Point Workshop was held at

MCC in January, FAAM activities are going well, the

hotline had low usage, Joan Shedd is election chair

Region 3 – written report distributed

Region 4 – written report distributed

Region 5 – written report distributed

Region 6 – written report distributed

Region 7 – written report distributed

Region 8 – verbal report – 99 conference program is being completed.

They are checking out bands. There is a tentative cocktail party

for the conference committee and exec council on the ski jump.

Laura Dominy is the registration chair – at the June meeting she

plans to meet with Warren and Cathy to arrange for the transfer of

money and registration materials. The Lake Placid Bureau will

handle all hotel reservations. Absentee ballot information will

be distributed with conference registration materials.

The theme of the conference is "Peaking Into The 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

2000 CONFERENCE REPORT – M. Pede

Dates: October 17-20, 2000. A theme is being developed. The program committee is working on a tentative program.

2001 CONFERENCE REPORT – H. McDonnell

Council will be surprised at the renovations done to the Nevele. Our April meeting will be held on site. Anyone arriving the day before should notify Heather so she can make arrangements. They are currently awaiting site approval. After researching the area, there is no other site which would accommodate our size group.

MENTOR COMMITTEE REPORT – E. Destio

A request has been made for regional representatives for this committee. There is no description of committee activities at this time because the committee is being reformed. Members will develop the activities of the committee as they progress.

NONTRADITIONAL COMMITTEE – E. Destio

There will be training workshops during April/May. There is no formal committee at this time. HESC and the USDE has agreed to be involved in the committee's efforts.

#### EARLY AWARENESS – A Barton

Anne will be submitting a budget proposal to the Consortium of Lenders in February to seek funding for the brochure for day care parents.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE- W. Cheetham

Holly was unable to attend – she will report at the April meeting.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – W. Cheetham

We will have three members attending the NASFAA Leadership Training in March – Ed, Mike and April.

Bill asked if there were any submissions for NASFAA awards. The deadline is February 12. We will plan on submitting the Early Awareness brochure next year.

A discussion was held on purchasing the NASFAA leadership training module to train our NYS members.

#### MOTION: NYSFAAA should purchase NASFAAA Training Module

McDonnell/Shekerjian – Unanimous

A discussion was held on web sponsorship. The web committee would like further direction as to how to proceed in gaining sponsorship.

Vera Senese volunteered to assist in soliciting sponsorship and to obtain the going rates for such sponsorship. She will also investigate sites on the web to seek the proper wording for a disclaimer. Bill will contact the web committee to let them know of our discussion.

Bill led a discussion on the Governor's proposals on education, and in particular TAP. It appears that these proposals will be DOA. There is a need to pass on to HESC our suggestions for improving the graduation rate in NYS. We should use our new council listserve as a vehicle to share ideas. Send your suggestions to Mike Pede via the listserve. He will then gather and pass on to Mike Williams. Regions should develop proposals and pass them on to Mike asap.

#### OLD BUSINESS – none

#### NEW BUSINESS

Tor is our liaison to FUNDING STREAMS, an organization to assist disabled students. He will provide a report to Council at the April meeting.

#### MOTION: Adjournment

Reed/Quirk - Unanimous