# Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators 2015 Business Meeting Cape Cod Resort and Conference Center, Hyannis, MA November 18, 2015

President Jim Slattery called the Business Meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

## Secretary's Report – Meredith Stover

The minutes from the 2014 Annual Business Meeting were distributed to members at each table. Thank you to Catherine Nelson, last year's secretary, for preparing the minutes. There were no questions, corrections, or changes offered. Kathy Anderson motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Michele Kosboth. The membership voted unanimously to approve and the motion was passed.

## <u> Treasurer's Report – Katie Kelsall</u>

Treasurer's report was distributed to members at each table. MASFAA is doing very well financially with strong reserves. Katie and Jim attended a meeting in March 2015 with other state financial aid associations and our financial overview is very strong in comparison. Conference revenues are down this year but costs are lower. There were no questions or further discussion from the floor.

## President's Remarks – Jim Slattery

- Jim welcomed everyone to this year's conference and thanked the Conference Committee for their efforts. He also thanked the vendors for their support of MASFAA.
- Reminded everyone about FAFSA Day and the need for volunteers. Would be grateful for members' support of this important initiative.
- Discussed the strategic plan of the organization. The last plan covered the years 2012 through 2015. He will pull together a group of current Executive Council members, as well as past MASFAA Presidents, to review our overall plan. More follow up to share by year-end (June 2016).
- Many issues with the current MASFAA website that need to be addressed. This was part of his pledge when running for MASFAA President. Current vendor is retiring, has been a great partner for many years. The site is due for a refresh and many updates. Cited members of the Technology Committee for all their efforts in keeping the current site operational for so long. Website is due to expire by the end of 2015. Proposals for a replacement are in place and he hopes to have an announcement in early 2016. New vendor is very committed to working with non-profit groups and will have many capabilities not currently available to us. The upgrade to a new website will consume much of the Technology Committee and Executive Council's time for the rest of the year.

### 2015 MASFAA Award recipients

The following awards were presented at the 2015 MASFAA conference:

Edward M. Kennedy Public Service Award:	Bridget Lynch
Charles "Jack" Sheehan Distinguished Service Award:	Tony Erwin
MASFAA Presidential Award:	Christina Coviello
Charles E. Jones Achievement Award:	Marilin Berroa

<u>Old Business</u> No old business from the floor.

<u>New Business</u> No new business from the floor. The annual business meeting was drawn to a close by President Jim Slattery. A motion to adjourn was offered by Susan Sullivan. The motion was seconded by Alex Gonzalez. The membership voted unanimously to approve and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

The 2015 MASFAA Business Meeting minutes were respectfully recorded by Meredith Stover, MASFAA Secretary. These minutes will be reviewed and their acceptance voted on during the 2016 MASFAA Conference's Annual Business Meeting.