

Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

November 1, 2011 at *Patriot Place, Foxboro*

In attendance: Joanne Dashiell, Beth Feinberg Keenan, Christine McGuire*, Aaron Clark-Melcher, Debbie Gronback, Patricia Reily, Donna Kendall, Amy Johnson, Jennifer Schott, Lori Moore*, Robert Coughlin*, Kori Ferris, Kerry Davis-Jacob, Christina Coviello, Bonnie Quinn, Cathy Nelson*, Gail Holt, Amy Stewart*, Bernie Pekala*, Melissa Metcalf*, Alex Gonzalez, Kendra Lider-Johnson, Migdalia Gomez*, Pam McCafferty* (via phone call), Colleen Burke, Jillian Glaze, Leah Barry*, David Janey, Meaghan Hardy Smith

Absent: Kimberly Gargano, Iris Godes*, Kathy Osmond, Catherine Ryan*, Dan Forster,

MASFAA Member: Allene Begley Curto

**Voting Members*

1:10 p.m. Bernie started the meeting.

Secretary-Migdalia Gomez*

- Reviewed October minutes, Bernie suggested correcting misspelling on the minutes
 - Cathy motioned to “Accept October minutes with the corrections”.
 - Bernie second
 - No discussion
 - 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained
 - Motion passed to accept October minutes
- Christina Coviella volunteered to take notes on Thursday’s Annual Business meeting during the conference; Migdalia is unable to attend the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday.

Treasurer-Bernie Pekala* on behalf of Leah Barry*

- Leah is sick, did not discuss financials at this meeting. Not required by the bylaws to discuss financials at all meetings.

President-Bernie Pekala*

- Three of the four award presentations will occur on Wednesday night.
- The Kennedy Award will be presented during lunch time on Wednesday.
- Discussion regarding nominations for NASFAA negotiators for upcoming negotiations on Student Loan issues.
- Government Relations will send letter a to listserver regarding NASFAA nomination.
- Email about Just the FACTS! has gone out

Past-President-Christine McGuire*

- Candidates will be announced at Wednesday night’s dinner
- Discussion regarding when to open voting
 - Will open voting Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

- An announcement will be made Thursday morning by Bernie
 - Christine will send email and link Thursday morning
- Candidates were announced during meeting:
 - 6 nominated for Executive Council
 - 2 nominated for Treasurer
 - 2 nominated for President-Elect
- Strategic Planning session will be held during Thursday's lunch
- Planning an all day session with Strategic Planners
- Trying to have plan set in place by February
- Email is going out to list server regarding SFS/Enrollment management models and meeting with Strategic Planners.

President-Elect-Bernie Pekala* on behalf of Iris Godes*

- Plaques have been completed and will be delivered tomorrow.

Conference Committee—Colleen Burke, Jillian Glaze, Meghan Hardy-Smith,

- Agenda with descriptions will be on screens during the Conference
- May need help with Registration and Charity table
- 415 attendees registered for 2011 Conference, last year had 310 attendees
- Space isn't an issue for conference. Smallest session will hold around 90 participants
- Discussed conference space

PD&T— Kerri Davis-Jacob

- Published TENTATIVE master calendar
- Verification session filled up quickly; 7 on waitlist
- Director's Summit being planned- luncheon event with keynote speaker, looking to host event during the first week of January
- Tax event will occur after Director's Summit
- Discussion to have Senators speak to membership; will discuss further with Government Relations
- Webinar scheduled for March

FAFSA Day Massachusetts—Joanne Dashiell, Migdalia Gomez*, Beth Feinberg Keenan,

- Distributed new materials, can download materials for free at www.fafsaday.org
- Asked Executive Council to help promote the event
- Postcards aren't meant to be mailed
- Discussed Brockton site, working with TRIO counselor and Massasoit Community College to secure site
- Asked Bernie to make announcement about FAFSA Day MA during Conference

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Old documents that were in Cathy's basements have been archived

Treasurer- Leah Barry*

- Leah is working on financials; will discuss them at Thursday's meeting

New Business Continued

- Lori mentioned we have received payment from all vendors
- Meeting for November 11th was cancelled.
- Next Meeting will be on December 9th at Quinsigamond Community College. It's on the MASFAA Calendar

2:16 p.m.

Pam Motion to "Adjourn meeting"
Christine second.
No discussion.
10 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained
Meeting adjourned.