

IASFAA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELENET MINUTES
Wednesday, October 2, 2002

President Lois Mulbrook called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Members of the Executive Council present were: Luann Beckel, Heather Doe, Mike Epema, Nancy Ferguson, Robin Fisher, Jeff Fritz, Karen Gagnon, Bev Hickman, Christina Hlas, Cathy Hoch, Merlyn Kathol, Steven Loven, Joan Meyer, Chris Morgan, Lois Mulbrook, John Parker, Tracie Pavon, Mary Jo Smith, Jean VanderWert.

The minutes from the September 4, 2002 telenet were approved after changing Bill Hanson's title to Deputy Secretary. Mike Epema made the motion to accept. Tracie Pavon seconded the motion. Motion carried

Chris Morgan gave the **Treasurer's Report**.

As October 2, 2002, IASFAA had income of \$18,072.63 and expenses of \$7,161.18 resulting in net income of \$10,911.45. Tracie Pavon motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Epema seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Officer's Reports:

Past President Laurie Wolf was not present. No report. Mike Epema noted that they still needed to get together to audit the treasurer's books.

President Lois Mulbrook reported she would be attending MASFAA on October 13-16 on behalf of IASFAA and would have a state hospitality meeting in her room on Tuesday from 4:15 to 5:30. She will be representing Iowa at the Executive Council meeting. Mary Jo announced that there were at least 30 people signed up for the state dinner at MASFAA. Lois announced that we would have to change the date of the Winter Retreat to Tuesday, December 17th if that worked out for everyone. It will start at 9:30 and will be held at Ellsworth Community College. We will have an Executive Council business meeting at the IASFAA Conference on Wednesday at 5:00. Please bring brief reports and any agenda items you would like to see discussed at the winter retreat.

President-Elect Tracie Pavon discussed the need to move election of officers so that we would have new officers elected by late January. This would give the president-elect the opportunity to attend the NASFAA leadership training in early March one year prior to taking office. IASFAA would benefit greatly from our president-elect having this training this early. The group discussed the early election and felt it would be a great move for us to make. The only cost to IASFAA would lie in this first year when we would need to pay to send two officers. Tracie will put together a time-line with Nancy Ankeny as elections will be done on-line this year and send the time-line out to executive council for final comment.

Vice-President Merlyn Kathol had no report.

Secretary Joan Meyer had no report.

Delegates Nancy Ferguson will check into the "appendix" for the Policies and Procedures and make a recommendation to either remove the reference to an appendix or add an appendix.

Committee Reports:

Associate Members: Mary Jo Smith reported that the Associate Members Committee had a meeting on September 9th to discuss planning for this year. They will be having a live auction on Wednesday night as part of the entertainment at the Fall Conference. They have chosen "Jamie and Jim's Kids" as the charity. This is a not-for-profit organization, which sends terminally ill kids to Disney World. The committee is going to create a flyer describing the charity and the auction. They will also ask for a small donation of items for the Ronald McDonald houses.

Awards: Mary Bloomingdale was not present. No report.

By-Laws: Tracy Havener, Mike Epema, Nancy Ferguson had no report.

Community Outreach: Christina Hlas reported that the committee met on September 13th. They discussed College for a Day noting that plans were underway for College for a Day in four locations (Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, and Sioux City). High School and college calendars are being reviewed and dates to hold the respective events will be set at the next meeting. They are discussing expanding curriculum to include activities for the selected students during their sophomore, junior, and senior years. They will phase in this initiative and plan to begin with last year's freshman participants (now sophomores) at the Des Moines location. The activities will include an evening social including the parents (assist parents in realizing that college is possible) The committee is still exploring the option of assigning the participating students a mentor. They will coordinate this effort with the College Planning Center. Also on the agenda was Financial Aid Awareness Month which includes a State-wide initiative encouraging students on our campuses to file the FAFSA (timely and electronically). The committee will set up a table and have examples of

various handouts at the conference. They discussed College Fairs and decided that our participation in the various evening college fairs held across the state was a duplication of efforts with the CPC. Their next meeting will be October 25, 2002.

Electronic Services: Nancy Ankeny was not present. No report.

Federal & State Issues: John Parker reported that the IASFAA list continues to be used as a regular means of communicating Reauthorization, legislative, and general federal and state issues to the membership. To date, postings to the list have included:

General Regulatory/Issue Postings	#41
Legislative Alert Postings	#9
NPRM Postings	#2
Reauthorization Postings	#16

Although comments are always in order, the initial Reauthorization comment timeline established by the NASFAA RFT has ended. NASFAA has released their preliminary recommendations regarding SEOG/LEAP and Perkins. The RFT Advisory Group is in the process of commenting on RFT proposals for Pell and FWS. Preliminary recommendations for those programs will be released to the membership at the end of that comment period. The RFT is in the process of releasing comments to the Advisory Group on Stafford, Need Analysis, Program Integrity, Return of Funds, and General Provisions.

The U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce and its Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness have created a web site for the collection of public comment regarding Reauthorization. Comments are due by December 31, 2002. Information regarding this comment opportunity has been posted to IASFAA list. Reminders will be posted regularly.

Laurie Wolf and John Parker will facilitate a Reauthorization “town meeting” session at the fall conference. The membership will be briefed on the status of NASFAA RFT recommendations and the role the membership can play in the process as we move into the new spring congressional session.

Plans for the attendance of DOE Deputy Secretary William Hansen have been “finalized” for his participation at the fall conference. In general, he will speak regarding the DOE’s strategic direction regarding policy, budget, and Reauthorization issues. He will arrive in Des Moines on Thursday, Nov. 14, tour the Des Moines Downtown School in the morning, speak at IASFAA in the afternoon, and attend a CPC High School night that evening. The Des Moines Public Schools will prepare a press release that will include information regarding his IASFAA presentation.

Future Activities are that Dr. Charles Bruce, NASFAA Chair, has confirmed his plans to participate in the spring conference. Conversations are proceeding with staff in Senator Tom Harkin’s office regarding his attendance at the spring conference. A formal letter of invitation is being prepared.

There was much discussion on whether the “U.S. Congress Handbook, 2002, 108th Congress, First Session” should be provided in April 2003 to member schools, student government leaders, and other appropriate college officials. Costs of doing so would be about \$3000. A budget adjustment for the Federal and State Issues Committee would be necessary if the Council wishes to proceed with the underwriting of this project. Mike Epema made the motion to purchase books up to a cost of \$1000 plus shipping and handling. Merlyn Kathol seconded the motion. Motion carried. The FSI committee will determine how many books and which type to purchase.

The Legislative Day has been scheduled for February 4, 2003. Promotion and information about the event will be forthcoming in December. Conversations regarding the coordination of a Washington, D.C. “hill visit” during spring 2003 are underway. Coordination of the visits with the NASFAA Leadership Conference is being considered as the most likely opportunity to schedule the visit.

Finance: Lois Mulbrook had no report.

Long Range Planning: Debbie Craig was not present. No report.

Newsletter: Heather Doe reported that she would be meeting with Nancy Ankeny to see if they could do something about the format of the newsletter on the website.

Professional Development: Carol Bogaard was not present. Joan reported for her that registration for the NASFAA Fall Training is available on line and she has received eleven registrations so far. The training will be held on the campus of Hawkeye Community College prior to the Fall IASFAA Conference. Tim Kremer and Duane Polsdofer attended training of trainers in Washington, D.C. on September 22 and 23.

The Leadership Symposium will hold its first meeting on October 9 and 10.

A sample Mini-Conference schedule that RNASFAA is holding has been shared with Julie Molenburg, Robert Piechota and Don Duzik, who are looking into the possibility of offering a mini-conference for support staff.

Program: Jean VanderWert reported that Web registration for the IASFAA fall conference – Emerging Resources is now open. The conference will be held November 13-15 at the Ramada Inn in Waterloo. All of the sessions are coming along very well. Bill Hansen, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Education, will be speaking on Thursday afternoon and is on a very tight schedule. We purposely scheduled him as the last session so that we could be flexible if there were any travel delays on his part. We would like to extend our thanks to Steve McCullough and John Parker for arranging to have Bill at our conference. Other sessions include the ICSAC Session, Pace Palette, COD, consumer right-to-know, loan consolidation issues, NSLDS transfer monitoring and other NSLDS reports, a FAFSA round table, how to build an eligible program, emerging resources in financial aid and a town hall meeting on reauthorization.

The Outreach Committee has asked for a 15-minute time slot to discuss some key information with us. We would like to do that at the brunch/business meeting. Is there a preference for doing it before or during the business meeting?

The spring conference is scheduled for April 10 and 11 at the DMACC Conference Center in Newton. We plan to have the spring conference go until approximately 2 p.m. on the Friday to increase the content of the conference and help justify overnight expenses in this time of tight travel budgets. Our possible speakers for the spring conference include Charlie Bruce - NASFAA Chair, Senator Tom Harkin, and Zena Haywood - MASFAA President. It was noted that if all were able to attend, they would be given ample time to speak. Please let Beth or Jean know if you have any suggestions for sessions that you would like to see presented in the spring.

School Relations: Steve Loven reported that we currently have 33 sites approved for the guidance counselor training over the ICN to be held on Thursday, November 7th from 8:00 to 12:30. We will probably add a few more sites once the registration forms start coming back; the registration went out on Monday. We will need IASFAA representatives to serve as hosts at the various sites. The ICN financial aid night will be held on Thursday, January 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 originating from Valley High School in West Des Moines.

Site Coordinating: Linda Miller was unable to attend so she asked Joan to give the report. The Site Committee continues to work with the Program Committee on the fall conference. The committee had a conference call to plan the menus. Linda had a telephone call with the Catering Director at the hotel to discuss the menu choices. There will be a vegetarian choice for anyone indicating that on the registration. The menus were sent to Beth for the conference program. Jeff Fritz reported that they do have an auctioneer secured for the Wednesday night auction and they are still working out the specifics on breakfast as they were originally under the impression that a continental breakfast was available.

Site Selection: Curt Bolte was not present. No report. Tracie Pavon will contact him about the location for the Fall Conference as we are nearing the year in advance date for securing a hotel and things need to get moving.

Sponsorship: Robin Fisher reported that she had no new information. Sponsorships were coming in slowly but surely. She is working on contacting them personally.

Mentoring Task Force: Karen Gagnon reported that they are slowly getting started. She should have more information next time. She was given three names of new financial aid directors to contact.

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Chris Morgan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Epema seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Meyer
Secretary