

South Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators



2019-20 Annual Business Meeting – Day 1
Monday October 21, 2019
Marina Inn at Grande Dunes
Myrtle Beach, SC

Meeting

President Melanie Gillespie called the annual business meeting to order at 1:09 PM. A quorum was present. President Gillespie recognized all first-time attendees and welcomed them to the Annual Conference. President Gillespie recognized all Board Members, Program Committee, Honorary and Lifetime Members, all Sponsors, and Past-President of the Association.

President Gillespie called on Shannon Jones, Conference Chair, to welcome attendees and provide information regarding the annual conference. Shannon recognized all Program Committee members and encouraged attendees to reach out to any of them if they run into any issues throughout the conference. She thanked all attendees and welcomed them to the 2019-20 Annual Conference.

Officers and Committee Reports

Secretary – President Gillespie called on Zachary Christian, Secretary, to provide an update for the annual business meeting minutes for the 2018-2019 annual conference. Zachary indicated the minutes for the Annual Business Meeting held at the Sonesta Resort in Hilton Head, SC in November 2018 were posted to the website for members to review and an email was sent to the membership with this information on October 14. There were no corrections to the minutes. The annual business meeting minutes for November 2018 stand approved as distributed.

Member-at-Large – President Gillespie called on Melissa Barnette, Member-at-Large, to report on current membership numbers. Melissa welcomed all first-time attendees and encouraged them all to join the Board during the First-Time Attendee Meet and Greet this evening. Melissa reported that there are 457 SCASFAA Members, with 139 registered for the Annual Conference, 34 of those being first-time attendees. Melissa also announced that various webinars are planned throughout the year as a benefit of membership. The first webinar will be focused on State Aid Programs and is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29. More information will be sent after the conference. Melissa also stated an Excel Webinar will take place in December, with additional webinars forthcoming in the spring. She encouraged all members to be on the lookout for information as it is sent out.

Treasurer – President Gillespie called on Missy Perry, Treasurer, to present the Treasurer’s Report. The Budget and Balance sheets were provided to the membership inside each attendee’s registration packet. There were no questions. Report will be filed for financial review.

Vice President - President Gillespie called on Bridget Blackwell, Vice President, to report on Profession Development efforts. Bridget reported that two different Pre-Conference Workshops were offered; one geared toward New Aid Administrators, and the other for Intermediate Aid Officers. A NASFAA-U Credential was offered for both workshop; Student Eligibility and Need Analysis, respectively. There was a total of 32 attendees between both pre-cons. Bridget announced this year’s New Aid/Intermediate Officers Workshop will take place March 24-25 at Piedmont Technical College – Newberry Campus. The Mid-level (Assistant Director – focused) Leadership Symposium will take place in May 2020.

Past President/Nominations and Elections – President Gillespie called on Kisha Howze, Past President, to provide the Nominations and Elections Committee Report. Kisha reported that the committee solicited nominations for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer-Elect, and Member-at-Large. She thanked the Nominations and Elections Committee for their work and thanked all who submitted nominations. Voting for 2020-2021 Officers will take place in early January. The slate of candidates will be:

- President-Elect
 - Bridget Blackwell
 - Carolyn Sparks
- Vice President
 - Justin Pichey
 - Adam Ghiloni
- Secretary
 - Michelle Upchurch
 - Michelle Lodato
- Treasurer-Elect
 - Miracle Mosley
 - Michelle Jacobson
- Member-at-Large
 - Regina Smith
 - Kim Chalmers

President Gillespie called for any nominations from the floor for all positions. There were no nominations from the floor. President Gillespie announced nominations for 2020-2021 Officers are closed. Candidate information and voting instructions will be sent out the membership later this fall.

President – President Gillespie announced her Charity, Meals on Wheels. Money raised will go to support Horry County Meals on Wheels. She reported ways to support the charity included the 50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction. Monetary donations would also be accepted.

There was no new business from the Association.

Business Meeting is in recess until Wednesday morning as of 1:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Zachary Christian
2019-2020 SCASFAA Secretary