2023-24 Executive Board Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2024
Zoom Meeting

Present

Zachary Christian  Tosh Greatree  Ray Jones
JW Kellam  Sara St. Pierre  Jennifer Williams
Missy Perry  Nicole Burton  Sarah Dowd
Regina Hailey-Smith  Ashley Pickett  Melanie Gillespie
Michelle Upchurch  Kyle Wade  Holly Gilliam
Jessie Kiser  Rachel Elkins  Kala Hudson
Danielle Rymer  Elizabeth Milam  Katie Harrison
Destra Capers  Joey Derrick

Meeting Minutes

President Christian called 2023-24 Executive Board Meeting to order at 10:03 am and a quorum was established.

Action Item: Approval of Agenda with authority given to the President to make changes as needed to facilitate the flow of business. All members in agreement to continue.

Update on Investments with Caryn Vedane and Jeff Stanley with Edward Jones

Action Item: Review of Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2023, Board Meeting. Stand as correct and will be filed.

SASFAA Update Zachary Christian

- Annual Conference, Orlando, FL February 25-28, 2024
- NAOW, Spartanburg, SC June 2-7, 2024
Report of Officers

President Zachary Christian

Action Item: Timeline of Dr. Witten Professional Development Scholarship for SASFAA NAOW

Application through Wild Apricot to ensure applicant is a member and can answer questions about their proposed attendance. Zach suggests we open scholarship application process end of February with April 1 deadline.

Past-President/Elections & Nominations Missy Perry

Action Item: Destruction of ballots. Motion carried. Ballots destroyed.

Elections were held in November. 38% of people who could vote did vote. Nominees were announced at the October conference and results were announced to the membership on November 17 by email.

- President Elect – Regina Hailey Smith
- Vice President – Holly Gilliam
- Treasurer-Elect – Nicole Burton
- Secretary – Ken Cole
- Member-at-Large – Kala Hudson

Vice President/Professional Development Regina Hailey-Smith

Discussion Item: NASFAA-U Credentials

NASFAA is updating credential tests due to FAFSA Simplification. Tests may be offline during SCASFAA’s professional development offer in April.

New Aid Officer Training will be April 8 and 9 at Midlands Northeast campus. Will offer Application Process credentials.

President-Elect/Special Projects JW Kellam

Report stands.

Secretary/By Laws Danielle Rymer

October minutes have been approved. Minutes have been added to the website as well as the updates to the P&P. No other updates.
Treasurer/Budget Michelle Upchurch

Reports stand. Taxes have been filed. 2022 taxes have been corrected with a CPA

Discussion: (For informational purposes) Conference over budget (by 8%), but within President’s 10% authority.

Treasurer-Elect Jessie Kiser

No updates.

Member at Large/Membership Destra Capers

Report stands. Has asked that if there are any committees looking for members, let Destra know so that she can help place volunteers. Have had 10 new members since the conference.

Committee Reports

Communications Tosh Greathree (Chair) and Sara St. Pierre, Vice Chair

Report stands.

Electronic Services Kyle Wade (Chair) and Rachel Elkins, Vice Chair

No new updates.

Financial Awareness Nicole Burton (Chair) and Ashley Pickett, Vice Chair

Report stands. Requests that schools let her know how events are going so that she can pass along the feedback to CHE.

Financial Planning Elizabeth Milam

Report correction. Reported that we have $126,000 in checking but that didn’t include the conference check. Correction: we have $72,000 in checking.

Discussion Item: Transfer to assets Recommending that $50,000 move to a CD.

Action Item: Michelle and Elizabeth will explore best rates to move funds to a CD. Motion carried.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Holly Gilliam, Co-Chair and Kala Hudson, Co-Chair
Report stands. Will have a session at the New Aid Office event in April.

Legislative Relations Joey Derrick
Report stands.

Loan Agency Liaison Ray Jones
Report stands.

Long Range Planning Katie Harrison
Report stands.

Conference Jennifer Williams
No updates.

Site Selection Sarah Dowd
Report stands.

Sponsorship Melanie Gillespie

**Action Item:** Approval of Sponsor-led Event

SCSLC will present an event called “Back to the Future”, which will be held in Columbia SC as a free event for the membership. Motion carried.

SC LEAD Program Ana Montjoy
Not present and no updates.

Past-President Council Task Force Kisha Howze
Not present but report stands.

**New Business**

Action item presented by JW Kellam: Requesting a $10 increase in conference registration from $215 to $225 to help cover cost of meal planning. Motion carried.
Old Business

None

Announcements and Closing Remarks

Next Board Meeting – Thursday, April 18, 2024 – Columbia, SC

The President adjourned the E-Meeting at 12:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Rymer

2023-24 SCASFAA Secretary