

South Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators



2023-24 Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Present

Zachary Christian	Joey Derrick (remote)	Kala Hudson
Destra Capers	Rachel Elkins	Jessie Kiser
Regina Hailey-Smith	Kyle Wade	Jennifer Williams
JW Kellam	Holly Gilliam	Elizabeth Milam
Danielle Rymer (remote)	Melanie Gillespie	Ana Montjoy

Minutes

President Christian called 2023-24 Executive Board Meeting to order at 6:07 pm 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. Motion carried.

Action Item: Review of Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2023 Board Meeting. Approved as submitted with no changes. Motion carried.

SASFAA Update by President Zachary Christian

- SASFAA Management Institute will be held in Charleston, SC on October 18-19, 2023.
- SASFAA Board Meeting will be held in Charleston, SC on October 21, 2023.
- SASFAA Annual Conference will be held in Orlando, FL on February 25-28, 2024. Melanie Gillespie is serving as conference co-chair.
- SASFAA New Aid Officer will be held at Converse College the first week of June. JW Kellam is the site coordinator.

Reports of Officers:

President Zachary Christian

No report but offers thanks to officers and executive board.

Past-President/Elections & Nominations Missy Perry

Report stands. Presentation of the Slate of Candidates:

President: Adam Ghiloni and Regina Hailey-Smith

Vice President: Holly Gilliam and Michelle Upchurch

Secretary: Ken Cole

Treasurer Elect: Nicole Burton and Ana Montjoy

Member at Large: Kala Hudson

Action Item: Proposed changes to P&P 111.2 – Lifetime Membership for Past Presidents

Current:

The Association shall grant "Lifetime Membership" to those individuals who, in the judgment of the Executive Board, warrant such recognition. Nominations for recipients of the award should be made to the President of the Association, or to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee, to be voted on by the Executive Board. "Lifetime Membership" shall be granted to those Charter Members, and to those members of SCASF AA who have honored themselves and SCASF AA with their service and their devotion, and who are retiring from the profession of financial aid. Lifetime Membership grants the following rights and privileges:

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Following discussion, the motion carried.

Vice President/Professional Development Regina Hailey-Smith

Report stands.

President-Elect/Special Projects JW Kellam

Report stands.

Secretary/By Laws Danielle Rymer

Report stands.

Treasurer/Budget Michelle Upchurch (Absent)

Treasurer-Elect Jessie Kiser

Reports stands. (Presented by Jessie Kiser in Michelle's absence).

Member at Large/Membership Destra Capers

No report. During meeting, Destra reports 448 members. Of those, 277 are active members and 34 are new members. She indicates that she will send an email to lapsed members and SC directors about Whitten Scholarship for professional development.

Committee Reports:

Communications Tosh Greathree

Report stands.

Electronic Services Kyle Wade (Chair) and Rachel Elkin (Vice Chair)

Report stands.

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

Report stands.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Holly Gilliam (Co-Chair) and Kala Hudson (Co-Chair)

Report stands.

Legislative Relations Joey Derrick

Report stands. Joey also provided an update that NASFAA state advocacy pipeline has been resurrected.

Loan Agency Liaison Ray Jones (Absent)

Report stands.

Long Range Planning Katie Harrison

Katie has put her committee together and is working toward the goals.

Sponsorship Melanie Gillespie

Report stands.

Past-President Council Task Force Kisha Howze (Absent)

Report stands.

Zach presented gifts to the executive board and expressed his appreciation.

New Business

Katie presented a new business item:

Action item: To nominate Marty Carney of Spartanburg Technical College lifetime membership upon his retirement. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

Announcements and Closing Remarks

Next Board Meeting – Monday, January 29, 2024 – Location TBD

The President adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Rymer

2023-24 SCASFAA Secretary