

South Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators



2023-2024 Annual Business Meeting, Day 1

October 8, 2023

Marina Inn at Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC

Minutes

President Zach Christian called the Annual Business Meeting Day 1 to order at 2:53 pm. A quorum was declared present.

President Christian welcomed all attendees to the conference and recognized all first-time attendees, past presidents, and sponsors in attendance.

In Secretary Danielle Rymer's absence, President Christian reported that the 2022-2023 Annual Business Meeting was held in October 2022 at the Marina Inn at Grand Dunes in Myrtle Beach. The minutes were circulated to the entire membership on September 27, 2023. One correction was submitted and has been made. There were no further questions or comments. The minutes were approved as corrected and will be filed as Association record.

Officers and Committee Reports

Sponsorship Committee, Melanie Gillespie

SCASFAA has 13 vendor sponsors in attendance at this year's conference. Melanie encouraged participation in the Monday evening sponsor reception and "musical chairs" activity, open to all conference attendees.

Member at Large, Destra Capers

Destra announced that there would be a meet and greet event for all First Time Attendees prior to Sunday evening's President's Reception. She encouraged all members to visit the SCASFAA information table to provide feedback about member services and how SCASFAA can continue to meet the needs of the membership. Destra announced that as of today, there are 334 total active members, including 34 First Time Attendees at the conference.

Treasurer-Elect, Jessie Kiser

The Treasurer's Report was provided by Jessie Kiser, Treasurer-Elect. Jessie reported that the Budget vs. Actuals and the Balance Sheet were sent to the entire membership on October 4, 2023. These reports were also available in conference registration packets. There were no questions or comments. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for financial review.

Vice President, Regina Hailey Smith

Regina provided an overview of Professional Development activities, including the pre-conference workshop on food insecurity and homelessness. She thanked the workshop presenters and attendees. Regina announced there will be additional opportunities for professional development throughout the year, including the New Aid Officers Workshop, Leadership Symposium, and virtual offerings. She stated that if any member is interested in volunteering for the committee, they should contact her directly.

Past President, Missy Perry

Missy presented the slate of candidates for 2024-2025 officers, as follows:

President-Elect:	Adam Ghiloni, Tri County Technical College Regina Hailey Smith, USC TRIO
Vice President:	Holly Gilliam, USC Columbia Michelle Upchurch, Limestone University
Secretary:	Kenneth Cole, USC Lancaster
Treasurer-Elect:	Nicole Burton, Trident Technical College Ana Montjoy, College of Charleston

Member at Large: Kala Hudson, Converse University
Cameron Mott, Coastal Carolina University

President Christian restated the slate of candidates and made a call for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

Missy stated that the election would open on November 6, 2023, and close on November 17, 2023. She thanked the Nominations and Elections Committee and all the candidates for their willingness to run and serve SCASFAA as an elected officer.

Conference Chair, Jennifer Williams

Jennifer recognized the conference committee members in attendance. She announced an update to the agenda, stating that the PeopleSoft "Birds of a Feather" session should reflect PowerFaids. Jennifer encouraged support of the charity through the silent auction and Tenfold for your Billfold. She announced the location and hours of the hospitality suite and provided additional details about conference meals.

President, Zach Christian

President Christian introduced the charity that had been chosen for SCASFAA to support, Palmetto Place Children and Youth Services in Columbia. Palmetto Place provides emergency shelter for children experiencing abuse and neglect, as well as wraparound services and transitional housing. Zach read a letter from Palmetto Place's Executive Director, which was also available in the conference program.

There was no old or new business from the Association members.

The Business Meeting was recessed at 3:18 pm until Wednesday morning.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Harrison
Acting Secretary on behalf of Danielle Rymer, Secretary