

**South Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
Winter Board Meeting  
February 2, 2016  
South Carolina Student Loan Corporation**

**Present:**

Elizabeth Milam	Kevin Perry	Jennifer Williams	Cindy Peachey
Ken Cole	Carla Brewer	Earl Mayo	Deborah Williams
Katie Harrison	Jan Belton	Melanie Gillespie	Nancy Garmroth
Donna Quick	Traci Singleton	Bonnie Carson	Joey Derrick

**Absent:**

Chuck Sanders	Leah Suttles	DJ Wetzel	Kisha Dawkins
---------------	--------------	-----------	---------------

**Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**

**Action Item: Approval of agenda with authority given to the president to make changes as needed in order to facilitate the flow of business**

President Milam welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. A quorum was established with the majority of voting members present. Jan Belton moved to approve the agenda with authority given to the president to make changes as needed in order to facilitate the flow of business. Katie Harrison seconded the motion; motion passed.

**Action Item: Approval of September 2015 meeting minutes**

The minutes of the September 2015 meeting were presented. There was one correction, the spelling of Dr. Witten's name. The minutes stand approved with the one correction and will be updated and noted as public record.

**Old Business**

None

**Report of Officers**

**President-Elizabeth Milam** – (see attachment)

The following were also reported:

**SASFAA update**

- South Carolina is the third largest state holding membership with SASFAA
- There will be a state meeting at the SASFAA Conference

## **Association Activities and Accomplishments**

- NASFFA Success Stories- three submissions were received from schools in our association. Tabitha McAllister's and Samantha Kite's stories were submitted to NASFAA
- Elizabeth & Bonnie's meeting with CHE- details about meeting is in Bonnie's report
- Conference Committee- President Milam & Katie met with the staff at Kingston Plantation; they had a great visit
- Financial Awareness Symposium- good crowd & great reviews
- NASFAA U Workshop- new date TBD
- NASFAA Time Capsule- Katie Harrison & Jennifer Williams worked on the time capsule for submission

## **Past President-Kenneth Cole**

### **Action Item: Receive recommendation of candidates**

Ken presented the committee's task list that started Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The slate of candidates was presented to the board. After review and discussion of the slate, it was moved by Earl Mayo and seconded by Katie Harrison that the discussion be taken to Executive Session; motion passed.

## **Vice President-Melanie Gillespie** – (see attachments)

The committee's goals and accomplishments were presented. The following were also reported:

- On January 21, 2016 we hosted a New Aid Officers Workshop on the campus of Newberry College. We had 25 attendees from across the state and three presenters.
- NASFAA Core Credential on Verification- due to inclement weather we had to postpone the NASFAA Core Credential session
- The Leadership Symposium will be held as a pre-con event this year (April 3<sup>rd</sup>). The focus this year has rotated around to front line folks.
- Dr. Witten's Professional Development Scholarship – To encourage new members to pursue professional development opportunities and to enhance success within the financial aid profession, the South Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators shall provide two Professional Development Scholarships.

Melanie recommended that the first award for College and Universities be awarded to The Technical College of the Lowcountry. The board unanimously approved the recommendation.

Discussion about other needs: State programs need to be addressed, particularly for technical schools. At this point the committee is not sure if we will have attendance for a separate training since we are approaching packaging season; however that may be a project for next year's Professional Development Committee. It was also suggested that this topic be presented at our annual conference. Cindy Peachy & Nancy Garmroth will present at the conference.

## **President-Elect-Kevin Perry** – **Special Projects/Long-Range Plan** (see attachment)

### **Action Item: Budget item excess – Expense #225**

Expense was under \$500 so no vote needed

- **Special Project-** the Financial Awareness training was held on Dec 14, 2015 at Columbia College. There were 33 paid attendees (update from report presented).
- **Long Range Plans-** the archive inspection completed last year also covered this year

**Secretary-Traci Singleton** – No report

**Treasurer-Earl Mayo** – A copy of the budget vs actual: 2015-2016 Budget was presented to the board. Discussions/explanation about the report: Expense 101A Travel was a reimbursement from the SASFAA trip. Discussion about total for item 105- overage is OK; Treasurer was within the allowable amount. ASCAP & BMI- there will be a bill for the Treasurer.

**Treasurer-Elect-Cindy Peachey** – No report.

**Member-at-Large-Nikisha Dawkins** (absent)

Information from Pres. Milam: to date there are 313 paid members however Wild Apricot's number is different. She is working on a project to identify potential new members.

### **Reports by Committee Chairs**

**CHE Advisory (Non-Standing)-Bonnie Carson Durham** – (see attachment)

Mrs. Durham & Pres. Milam met with Dr. K. Woodfaulk in November. She will have a conference call with the committee February 17<sup>th</sup>. Additional items discussed:

- **SC Need-Based Grant Unspent Funding**- the board expressed their concerns about the way allocations are distributed. Bonnie asked to please send all concerns to her prior to her meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Tracking System for year-round LIFE**- the board discussed the need for a tracking system for all of the state programs
- **Choice Act**- no regulations in place to date
- **Residency Task Force** will be meeting on 2/24
- **Suggestions**: change the date for College Goal to College application month & have a signing date similar to what is done for athletes

**Communications (Non-Standing)-Deborah Williams** (see attachment)

Newsletter was distributed December 9<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> one out in late February.

**Consumer Relations (Non-Standing)-Carla Brewer** (see attachment)

- There is discussion about changing College Goal to October
- There will be a \$1,100 grant at each location; no statewide prizes this year
- GEAR UP sites will be hosting the College Goal events

**Counselor Relations (Non-Standing)-Leah Suttles** (absent)

Information per President Milam

- The committee will be working on a power point presentation for the association
- Leah was not able to attend the Guidance Counselor's Conference as previously planned

**Electronic Services-DJ Wetzel** (absent)

Information per President Milam- he will be working on the website per the suggestions from her.

**Financial Planning (Ad-Hoc, Non-Standing)-Nancy Garmroth** – (see attachments)

### **Global Issues (Non-Standing)-Jan Belton**

There will not be a speaker for the conference; the committee will submit an article for the Newsletter

### **Legislative Relations (Standing)-Joey Derrick** (see attachment)

The goals & accomplishments for the committee were reviewed. Other information discussed:

- Websites used to view legislative concerns: federal legislation is Govtrack.us & state legislation is SC Legislative Information Tracking System
- The board unanimously accepted the request for Joey to invite Mr. Brandon Lindsey to attend the trip to Washington DC, April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.
- There has been no action on reauthorization at this time for student loan reform & debts and Pell Grant
- PLUS Loan borrowing- there has been an increase in borrowing but nearly half of the borrowers are in deferment. What will it look like when parents go into repayment?
- Perkins Loan- there are concerns at institutions that there will be a manual process and if you refuse there may be a cash management issue
- State Level Bills (sent out on the list serve)- information about undocumented parents & increase state funding by 10%

### **Lender Liaison-Chuck Sanders (absent)** – (see attachment)

### **Annual Conference/Program (Standing)-Katie Harrison** – (see attachment)

The goals & accomplishments for the committee were reviewed. Also, a tentative annual conference agenda was reviewed. To date 56 registrations were received and the 50<sup>th</sup> registration came in on the Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Action Item: Charity**

President Milam proposed that this year's charity be in honor of The Emanuel 9. The charity will provide a scholarship for DePayne Middleton's daughter that is currently a student at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte N.C. The board discussed the idea and had questions about the student having need, funding from other resources, etc. It was moved by Kevin Perry and seconded by Earl Mayo to have the President get additional information about the student and if she felt the funds are not needed then another charity will be explored. Motion passed.

### **Site Selection (Non-Standing)-Donna Quick** – (see attachment)

The committee's goals and accomplishments were presented. Also, a hotel summary report was summarized. The board discussed the proposals and if we should commit to the two year rates or not. Donna asked that we review the proposals and we will vote electronically.

### **Sponsorship-Jennifer Williams** – (see attachment)

### **New Business**

*Discussion:* Statement of Ethical Behavior and Code of Practices- please review the information and we will vote on these in April.

### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

Mr. Earl Mayo distributed a list of SCASFAA Executive Boards- 1966 to Present.

Kevin Perry moved to adjourn for committee chairs. Earl Mayo seconded the motion; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Next Board Meeting – April 3, 2016, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach

**Call to Executive Session** (Voting members)

The voting members continued the previous discussion about the Nominating Committee's slate of officers. The members recommended that the slate be reconsidered by the committee.

**Action Item: Review and vote on award nominees**

The nominations for Fearless Nine Service, SCASFAA Emerging Leader, and SCASFAA Achiever Award were presented and the members voted. The winners will be announced at our Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

*Traci Singleton*

Traci Singleton  
SCASFAA Secretary 2015-2016

*Elizabeth Milam*

Elizabeth Milam  
SCASFAA President 2015-2016