

IASFAA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELENET MINUTES
Wednesday, September 4, 2002

President Lois Mulbrook called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Members of the Executive Council present were: Nancy Ankeny, Luann Beckel, Mary Bloomingdale, Carol Bogaard, Debbie Craig, Heather Doe, Mike Epema, Robin Fisher, Jeff Fritz, Karen Gagnon, Tracy Havener, Bev Hickman, Christina Hlas, Cathy Hoch, Merlyn Kathol, Steven Loven, Joan Meyer, Linda Miller, Chris Morgan, Lois Mulbrook, John Parker, Tracie Pavon, Mary Jo Smith, Jean VanderWert, Laurie Wolf.

The minutes from the August 7, 2002 telenet were approved. Laurie Wolf made the motion to accept. Tracie Pavon seconded the motion. Motion carried

Chris Morgan gave the Treasurer's Report.

As September 4, 2002, IASFAA had income of \$8071.40 and expenses of \$3378.24 resulting in net income of \$4693.16. Tracie Pavon motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Epema seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was discussion about the double mailing of the monies to get everything deposited into the accounts in a timely matter and the time line required by the policies and procedures manual. Chris Morgan will check on the current policy and determine if changes should be made to allow for weekly deposits.

Officer's Reports:

Past President Laurie Wolf reported that they are trying to get together to audit the past year's books and plan to have it done within the next 30 days.

President Lois Mulbrook reported Sam Barr is looking for someone on the Electronic Services/ Membership Committee to help manage the iasfaa-l and iasfaa-exec council listserves. He would like to forward the error messages for incorrect email addresses to someone to investigate the reason for them "bouncing" back. Lois will take care of the exec council list. We need to notify Sam once someone is assigned to the membership list. She received an email from the NASFAA Awards Committee, of which John Parker is a member, reminding us to submit proposals for awards. Committee chairs need to keep this in mind as they go through the year. NASFAA is also considering the creation of a new award to recognize innovative programs that have been created by institutions. It would recognize institutions that have developed new and creative programs to help students and families, train staff, insure compliance, or otherwise improve the delivery of student financial aid.

President-Elect Tracie Pavon had no report.

Vice-President Merlyn Kathol reported that he sent state events and information to MASFAA and NASFAA and has heard back from MASFAA. He will contact NASFAA to make sure the information is posted.

Secretary Joan Meyer had no report.

Delegates had no report

Committee Reports:

Associate Members: Mary Jo Smith reported that the Associate Members Committee will be having a meeting on September 9th to discuss planning for this year. They will be having a live and silent auction at the Fall Conference. They will be choosing a charity in the Waterloo area to benefit from the auction.

Awards: Mary Bloomingdale reported that the awards committee will be meeting in September to work on the Newcomer/Rookie of the Year award and the Student Success Story.

By-Laws: Tracy Havener, Mike Epema, Nancy Ferguson had no report.

Community Outreach: Christina Hlas reported no additions to last months report. They will be meeting again on September 13th.

Electronic Services: Nancy Ankeny reported that currently we have 162 paid members. If all goes well, the new web site should be up and running on 9/16. There will be some portions that will not be complete but the old site should be all converted. New usernames and passwords will be sent to all paid members at this time. We will be using unique usernames/passwords. The username will be your first initial and last name. Your password will be assigned; however, you may go into the web site and change your password. The updated Policies and Procedures Manual is on the web site.

Federal & State Issues: John Parker reported for the Federal and State Issues Committee. The IASFAA listserv continues to be used as a regular means of communicating Reauthorization, legislative, and general federal and state issues to the membership. The Executive Council should note that responses to the NASFAA RFT Issues Survey are due by September 13 and that comments on the recently posted Perkins Loans recommendations are currently due as well. As reported during the last telenet meeting, DOE Deputy Secretary William Hansen has confirmed his attendance and participation at the fall conference. Specifics of his visit continue to be worked out, but encompass participation in the IASFAA Conference, attendance of a CPC high school night presentation, and a variety of meeting arranged by the Des Moines Business/Education Alliance.

Laurie Wolf and John Parker will facilitate a Reauthorization “town meeting” session at the fall conference. The membership will be briefed on the status of NASFAA RTF recommendations and the role the membership can play in the process as we move into the new spring congressional session. A formal letter of invitation to the spring 2003 conference has been sent to Dr. Charles Bruce, NASFAA Chair. Conversations are proceeding with staff in Senator Tom Harkin’s office regarding his attendance at the spring conference. A formal letter of invitation is being prepared.

In 2003, the Reauthorization process will move from the NASFAA recommendation phase, to a need for more direct “legislative advocacy”. Consideration is being given to the providing the “U.S. Congress Handbook, 2002, 108th Congress, First Session” to members, student government leaders, and other appropriate college officials. Costs of doing so would be about \$3000 for approximately 300 copies. A budget adjustment for the Federal and State Issues Committee will be necessary if the Council wishes to proceed with the underwriting of this project. After discussion it was decided to table the matter until the next meeting so that members could look at a current copy of the Handbook to determine if it would be something of value to our members.

Finance: Lois Mulbrook had no report.

Long Range Planning: Debbie Craig reported on the Long Range Planning Budget which covers the next five years. It was noted that the budget was based on 225 paid members and we only currently have 162 but several people pay their membership when they register for Fall Conference. Nancy will send out a friendly reminder that September 1st was the due date. Debbie gave a preview of the topics that we will be discussing at the Winter Retreat: What are we doing with our interest income, Capital Expenditures, and a Scholarship Fund. It was noted that the executive committee needed to approve the annual membership fee for 2006-2007 in order to be consistent with the policy and procedures. There was much discussion regarding the need or the lack of the need to increase the membership dues. After discussion, the approval of 2006-2007 membership fees was tabled until next meeting.

Newsletter: Heather Doe reported that the new edition of the newsletter will be out on the website today. She will let us know when articles are due for the next newsletter, which will be out after the Fall Conference.

Professional Development: Carol Bogard reported that registration for the NASFAA Fall Training will be available on-line when the conference registration is available. The Leadership Team is finalizing their planning for the October meetings.

The participants for the 2002-2003 Leadership Symposium include:

Nancy Ankeny	Cecilia Cedillo	Nancy Ferguson
Robin Fisher	Julie Haack	Lora Juhl
Dennis Kurtz	Paula Mitchell	Amy Perrin
Robert Piechota	Cindi Reints	Jen Sassman

Gretchen Zimmerman

The participants will have their first meeting at Camp Hantesa on Wednesday October 9th & Thursday October 10th.

Program: Jean VanderWert reported the IASFAA Program Committee is continuing planning for the fall conference to be held November 13-15 at the Ramada Inn in Waterloo. The tentative list of sessions is now on the IASFAA website in case anyone wants an early preview. We will be opening the site for conference registration in late September. We will be having a live auction for our conference fundraiser and entertainment in the fall. John Parker, while not a member of our committee, has worked very effectively on our behalf to help secure outside speakers. We are excited to welcome Bill Hansen, Deputy Secretary with the Department of Education, as a general session speaker to the fall conference. The spring conference is scheduled for April 10 and 11 at the DMACC Conference Center in Newton. We plan to have the spring conference go until approximately 2 p.m. on the Friday to increase the content of the conference and help justify overnight expenses in this time of tight travel budgets. There is a possibility that we may be able to have Charlie Bruce, NASFAA Chair, and Senator Tom Harkin participate in the spring conference. Zena Haywood, MASFAA Chair, will also be speaking at the spring conference. Plans are coming along very well and please let Beth or Jean know if you have any suggestions for sessions that you would like to see presented in the spring now that the fall sessions have been determined.

School Relations: Steve Loven reported that the School Relations Committee currently has 33 sites approved for the guidance counselor training over the ICN to be held on Thursday, November 7th from 8:00 to 12:30. They will probably add a few more sites when the registration form goes out to the guidance counselors. They will need IASFAA representatives to serve as hosts at the various sites. Steve is still waiting on approval for the ICN financial aid night to be held Thursday, January 30, 2003.

Site Coordinating: Linda Miller and Jeff Fritz are working with the Program Committee. Jeff is in charge of the auction and they will be having a conference call to decide the menu.

Site Selection: Curt Bolte was not present. No report.

Sponsorship: Robin Fisher reported that the sponsors will be able to register on line this year. The Department of Education will not be attending this year due to a limited budget.

Mentoring Task Force: Karen Gagnon reported that the committee's first meeting will be next week.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Laurie Wolf made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy Havener seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Meyer
Secretary