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Summer is a great time to join an IASFAA committee! If you are interested in getting involved with IASFAA, please complete the Volunteer Form [here](#) (login required).

You may also contact any of the committee chairs (or co-chairs) directly.

For a brief description of each committee's responsibilities, [click here](#).

IASFAA's Day at the Capitol

By Kayli Sampson



Jess Graham, Matthew Anderson, Taylor Beyal, Tatiana Ochoa, Representative Stanley Gustafson, Sarah Freestone, Kylee Klomphaus, Erick Danielson, Kayli Sampson, Alice Bunjer

On March 7, nine members attended IASFAA's Visit the Hill Day. While visiting the Iowa State Capitol, members had opportunities to talk to their local representatives about financial aid topics, such as FAFSA completion rates in Iowa and our Iowa College Aid programs. The University of Iowa attendees even had their representative take them on the house floor! It was a great opportunity to learn about the importance of advocacy at local and state levels, and we are looking forward to doing this again next year!



Strategic Planning Meeting

By Gisella Baker



Pictured left to right, Sara Sroka, Julie Haack, Sarah Freestone, Tristan Lynn, Dr. Kim Linduska, Brandi Miller, Matt Falduto, Gisella Baker, Jane Haugland

After the Executive Council Summer Retreat in 2022, it was discussed that it was time to take a look again at IASFAA's current mission, vision, goals and objectives in such a fast paced and ever-changing world we find ourselves in. The Strategic Planning committee was tasked with this project and it became evident that it was worth exploring hiring a consultant. After seeking recommendations, some bids and holding committee conversations about the best person to lead us in this venture, it was decided that we would hire Dr. Kim Linduska.

Kim has a very impressive resume from working in Iowa Higher Education in different capacities such as an Executive Vice President and Academic Affairs Administrator at DMACC, Iowa State University, Buena Vista University, etc. and as a consultant for several decades until she retired a few years ago; to nowadays, still working for the Higher Learning Commission as one of their senior reviewers.



The working group met at Hawkeye Community College on April 13.

Announcements

Roberta Johnson will retire from Iowa State University on July 5.

Suman Rose's last day in the Financial Aid Office at Drake University will be Friday, June 2. She has accepted a new position and will transfer to Human Resources.

Member Voices

Genevieve Watson, IASFAA's first African American President, and **Brandi Miller**, IASFAA's current president, were able to connect at the Drake Black Alumni Reunion on Friday, April 28, 2023.



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Member Voices



Debbie Murphy

Here is a picture of my Granddogs – oldest to youngest
Jordy, Kai and Finley



Alice Bunjer

My husband has a small side job to take pictures of puppies in order for them to be put on a website to be sold. Our granddaughters were able to enjoy them a little at our last photoshoot! Hope they make you smile!

Member Voices



Shelly and Gary Adams

Sadie is nearly 16 years old and doing pretty well for a 90-year old dog, according to the vet. She's kind of a typical grumpy old lady at times.

Willie is a rescue and about 9 years old. He has quite the personality and adores Gary!

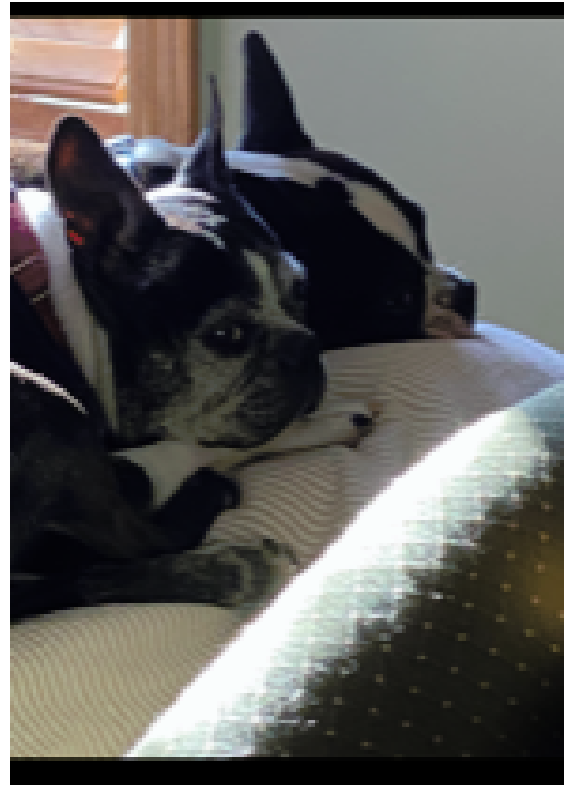
They act like typical siblings with the younger brother loving up on the older sister with her just tolerating it! She loves telling on him, especially if he's being naughty! They keep us on our toes and just like toddlers, are quite exasperating at times ... but we love them!

Member Voices



Heather Gaumer

This is my dog, Hazel, with my son, Forrest



Sara Edwards' boys



Matt Falduto

This is Harley. She's a very good dog who is well loved by my three daughters. And us too!



Kayli Sampson

Tito

Member Voices



Rachel Moser

19 month old boxer Ziva. Ziva is quite the character and excels at cuddling



Kelsey Ryder

Here is my dog, Luna, this weekend after she supervised me while I was mowing the lawn



Tracy Drechsler

This is my rescue pup from Texas. Her name is Costa Kai and she loves to kayak with me on Blue Lake in Minnesota.



Clare Andresen

Toby is a three-year-old corgi who is well aware of how cute he is. 😊