**NYSFAA Region 2 Meeting Minutes 11/6/2020**

Attending:

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| **Alfred University** |
| Jane Gilliland |
| **Corning Community College** |
| Shalena Clary |
| **Eastman School of Music** |
| Gladys Torres |
| Irina Yurovsky |
| **Genesee Community College** |
| Joseph Bailey |
| **Monroe Community College - Downtown Campus** |
| Jerome St. Croix |
| **Monroe Community College - Rochester** |
| Sylvia Mendez |
| **Nazareth College** |
| Laura Formella |
| Melissa Casselman |
| Renee Swift |
| Sandra Killeen |
| Susan Lanphere |
| **Roberts Wesleyan College** |
| Tayler Kreutter |
| **Rochester Institute of Technology** |
| Justin Welliver |
| **Sallie Mae** |
| Christopher Earnshaw |
| **St. John Fisher College** |
| Brittany Zeager |
| **SUNY Brockport** |
| Deidre Strutz |
| Heather Allen |
| Kimberley Willlis |
| Nora Bell-Owens |
| **SUNY College of Technology at Alfred** |
| Julie Rose |
| **SUNY Geneseo** |
| Jonathan Heininger |
| **University of Rochester** |
| Hali Skaggs |
| lucinda snyder |
| **University of Rochester - School of Medicine and Dentistry** |
| B.J. Revill |
| Emily Lindquist |
| Margaret Christian |

**Treasury Report:** John has in his possession the checkbook. The balance in the account is $6052.41. There is a bit more of the transition that needs to take place. Nora is going to go over reporting that needs to take place and in process of setting up on line banking so that john can see the statement online.

**Exec Council**: Renee joined Exec council. This is the first time that Region 2 has had 3 people on Exec Council.

Howard gave updates. EASFAA conference is going virtual and they are fighting with the hotel for wanting to charge them $40,000 for cancelling. YS Ed. Extension approved full online for spring. Howard gave testimony at the state assembly for approximately 5 minutes. Howard is doing cleanup with membership.

President Elect PP updated and working on strategic plan. Diversity Committee has been formed and they are looking for one member per region to serve

1st VP report: Tayler is the Char of mentorship committee. Reminder that his is a great way to get involved.

2nd VP report: Statewide training. Happy with what done to date. FAFSA Update there were 650 people registered and 250 on the Tax update. Spring planning is under way.

Novice Committee Chair: discussed challenges for summer 2021. Took vote on 100% virtual and passed. Want to keep the same feel even though online and build the same sense of comradery.

2021/2022 conference long island and lake placid. More info forthcoming on 2021 conference. Site are being accommodating.

NYSFAA store was not a success.

There was a discussion on credit card fees. We pay a couple thousand in fees every year. NYSFAA eats the fees so as not to pass on to members. A flat fee was discussed but Exec Council is dead set against it. Jon asked about the % of each transaction that we are being charged and it really depend on the credit card company. It is the cost of doing business. Schools might be willing to send in a check vs paying with a card.

Vendor Update: Sallie Mae, one time increase on loan for up to $2500 for nay borrower to help with unexpected cost/ balance. This is not a new loan.

Region: Renee discussed FAFSA-thon through RCAN and the platform being used. Shared screen so we could see the platform. It is a great way to volunteer and the virtual nature allows us to connect with other regions. 50% of the FAFSA and Tap applications in the Rochester area are completed at FAFSA-thon. There was a training that was recorded. We are not lacking in membership as a region. We have 88 regional members.

BJ did a presentation on Income Driven Payment Plans.

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