Meeting started at 3:02 PM.

Introduction of newly elected regional leadership

- Karolina Holl- Executive Counsel Rep. Director at Utica University
- Barbie Bargher- incoming Region III treasurer. Interim Director at Ithaca College
- Kimberly Radcliffe-Loor will be co-chair with Janet

Update from Patti Donahue, NYSFAAA President

- Since speaking at December Region III meeting, has been joining other region’s meeting, working to recruit more volunteers to get involved in the organization
- Attended NASFAA Leadership Conference, succession track. Valuable information for thinking about both office and NYSFAAA leadership succession. Will be presenting on some takeaways at this year’s NYSFAAA conference
- Exec Counsel meeting in March: Discussed and approved talking points for advocacy
- In April, worked with governance on comments to submit for third party servicers. Guidance has since been rescinded, at least for now
- Tri-regional meeting on NYC for regions 5, 6, and 7 in late April. Well attended, a good format that went very well. Had a FAFSA simplification panel discussion at the meeting.
- SUNYFAP conference in late April. Opportunity to recruit some folks to NYSFAAA.
- EASFAA conference in May. More recruitment, including a potential new treasurer elect. Info will go out once candidate for president elect is found.
- Exec Counsel business meeting: Discussed budget for next year and any issues
- Novice Training at Mercy College: Always exciting! Kudos to Lucy and Sonya. Patti gave a welcome to participants and encouraged them to stay involved in NYSFAAA.
- Government Relations: NPRM comments submitted in timely manner
- NYSFAAA website updated, thanks to Sean, Howard, and the rest of the TIC committee. Now more streamlined. Have gotten great feedback, would love to hear what people thing about the changes, and still accepting more feedback.
- Issue paying membership dues online has been fixed
- State Ed advisory committee: working on NYS aid. Not HESC—specifically State Ed and Policy. Discussing how things are written and interpreted.
  - Per Sonya, who is now at HESC: Some things get escalated to her at HESC that are really State Ed policy issues, not something they can control. Sonya is also on the advisory committee.

Treasurer’s Report from Cynthia Roach

- Starting balance after February meeting: $4869.76
- Revenue sharing check received for $685.00
- Current balance now at $5554.76
  - LeMoyne did not bill for Feb meeting
• **MOTION** to approve Treasurer’s Report made by Jackie Darquea, seconded by Karolina Holl.

Approval of Minutes from February 24 Region III meeting

• **MOTION** to approve minutes as written by Darrin Rooker, seconded by Lisa Greenfield.

Executive Counsel update from Karolina Holl

• Met June 1-2, Karolina’s first meeting as EC Rep.
• Membership push. Sent out membership renewal notices to current members. Also working to encourage non-members to join. Still $70 for membership, very good value with access to listserv, statewide trainings, sometimes joint trainings, conference.
• 2023 Annual Conference agenda will be up shortly.
  o Early Registration is $350 through Sept 1st
  o Pre-conference sessions on Tuesday. Two concurrent options, choice between NASFAA credentialing in Professional Judgement, and HESC TAP 101 by HESC presenter. No additional charge.
  o Raised idea that we could perhaps sponsor someone from our region to attend who has supervisor support but not the funds. Could go to a new member to encourage involvement
    ▪ Per Darrin and Nancy, this is something Region III has done in the past.
• Still looking for a NYSFAAA next president elect, a 4 year commitment. Any interest, let Karolina know and she can connect with more information.
• Lacking Region III volunteer for statewide membership committee. Helps Amy Thompson and co-chair. Sends reminders/updates to current members and helps in recruiting new members.
• If someone knows someone who wants to get involved but would benefit from a sponsorship, send their contact info to Karolina. EC wants to help if there is someone financially strapped.

Discussions during meeting

• Regional Award concerns raised by Nancy Teodecki: Rising Star and Robin Jaycox awards
  o Last year, no Region III award recipients
  o No outreach from statewide awards committee yet. Once that goes out, region should step up with a committee made up of former recipients of the Robin Jaycox award.
    ▪ Darrin Rooker and Tami Gilbeaux volunteer to join Nancy on committee to select regional award recipients for 2023. Darrin volunteers to chair.
• FAFSA completion initiatives discussion raised by Sonya Griggs
  o Sonya’s time is limited with new commute and HESC responsibilities, looking to find folks to take on FAFSA completion initiatives
  o Would people be interested in forming a committee so it does not all fall on one person? “Share the wealth” of knowledge and responsibilities. Reach out to Sonya if interested
    ▪ Danielle Emery voiced interest in joining
    ▪ Sonya would like to recruit Jordan from Onondaga CC if interested, per discussion raised last meeting.
  o Hybrid FAFSA completion event structures have been a great flexibility in past years.
• FAFSA Simplification/ FSA Better FAFSA Better Future webinars discussion
- Institutions need to make sure websites/disclosures are compliant, particularly with regard to COA and PJ
- FSA is doing a train-the-trainer training sometime soon in DC per Sonya
  - There is a lot that FSA is not authorized to tell us yet. May be actively avoiding answering questions in webinar Q/As about those topics.
- Darrin is interested to see how the new FAFSA will be laid out. What does student-driven mean in practice?
- New GE rules brought up for discussion
- FWS earnings reported to COD—which office will have this responsibility on different campuses?
- Trainings all recorded. Can be re-watched and paused, or watched later if missed.
  - Melissa Allen has asked all her staff to watch all of the webinar series and recommends this to all. So everyone will have an idea of the complexity of all the changes, and everyone can see what’s coming.
- Liz Berry brought up discussion on how institutions will handle budget group assignments following removal of student living plans question removal

**MOTION** to adjourn meeting at 4:05 by Janet Lafata, seconded by Karolina Holl

Respectfully Submitted,

Rocky Weintrob
Region III Secretary
Attendance:

Tami Gilbeaux Inceptia
Stephanie Stock Sallie Mae
Melissa Allen SUNY Oneonta
Tracy Gorsline Tompkins Cortland Community College
Denise Reid-Strachan Onondaga Community College
Penny Appenzellar Elmira College
Karolina Holl Utica University
Jim Janke Tompkins Cortland Community College
Sonya Griggs HESC
Chris Keaney SUNY Delhi
Lisa Greenfield Cayuga Community College
Jackie Darquea Cayuga Community College
MaryBrooke Oropallo Cayuga Community College
Colleen Conroy Tompkins Cortland Community College
Kathy Flaherty SUNY Oswego
Tanya Rodriguez Onondaga Community College
Darrin Rooker Northeast College of Health Sciences
Danielle Emeny SUNY Upstate Medical University
Cynthia S. Roach Current Treasurer for Region III
Liz Berry SUNY Delhi
Janet Lafata Syracuse University
Rocky Weintrob Binghamton University
Nancy Teodecki SUNY Upstate Medical University (retiree)
Barbie Bargher Ithaca College