Minutes of NYSFAAA Region VIII Meeting

March 22, 2022

Virtual

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Kerry Lubold

In Attendance: Virtual: Stacey Hawkins-SUNY Canton; Mary LaPierre-Clinton CC; Kerry Lubold- SUNY Plattsburgh; Kerrie Cooper- SUNY Canton-Retired; Todd Moravec- SUNY Plattsburgh, Hannah Parker-SLU; Alyse Relyea- Paul Smith’s College; Abby DeCastro- Clarkson University; Courtney Rust- SUNY Potsdam; Carolyn Corcoran-SUNY Potsdam-Retired; Kelly Crosbie- SUNY Potsdam; Lisa Simpson-HESC; Robyn Rhinner-JCC; Andrea McGrath-JCC; Jesse Decosse- SUNY Plattsburg; Mary Ellen Chamberlin- NCCC; Sonya Stein-Paul Smith’s College; Nicole Adner-Clarkson University; Heather Adner-SUNY Canton; Stephanie Stock- Sallie Mae; Tami Gilbeaux-Inceptia; Susan Godreau-SUNY Potsdam- Retired.

Minutes: Minutes posted online prior to meeting held for 12/14/2021. No review of minutes posted but are online to review.

Treasurer’s Report: Nicole Adner provided the update. Current balance is 3461.68 with the activity of 185.00 in revenue sharing.

Membership Update: Elyse Relea provided the update.

\*The committee last met in February. Hoping to have the membership application open and ready by May 1st.

\*Thanks to all who filled out the survey. The committee is revamping the application to focus on relevant information we use. Focus is on who we are not what we are.

\*Current regional numbers stand at 37 members

\*Discussion on possible scholarship opportunities paid for by the region in order to boost membership for those in need.

\*Discussion on turn over rates and possible transfer of membership

Mentorship Committee- Kerry Lubold will do but if anyone would like to volunteer she will be happy to step down. There is no update at this time.

HESC Update: Lisa Simpson provided the update:

* 22-23
  + HESC is processing all apps
  + ETA Award participation agreements for Private Colleges are out and have a return deadline the end of March.
  + Will not be accepting copies of NYS tax returns as more then 50% of the paper returns were never filed with Tax & Finance
  + College Data Survey is out for the certifying official. To be returned no later than May 31st.
  + SSL- ONLY FULLY APPROVED students will appear
    - They must pass all edits to be on the SSL (IVP, Residency, not in default)
  + New application for ETA/Excelsior is almost complete and should be available after April. Exact date maybe later.
  + NYS Budget will hopefully pass by 4/1/22
    - Includes possible PT TAP enhancements
    - Benefits for incarcerated to students
    - Increase to the NYS TAP amounts and minimal award amounts
* Reports are available in the system to identify those in the “other” categories
* Working on training to review how certification is done and the consolidated rosters
* Covid vaccine award winners are starting to appear-incentive pushed to get younger children vaccinated. Although not a HESC program they are working to incorporate the award.
* Modernization Committee had 3 focus groups made up of FA, Bursar, Registrar’s, and student account folks
  + Notes from each group were brought back and follow up questions were asked. The groups all had similar statements.
  + RFP’s will be going out in order to finder potential venders
* 21-22
  + Spring Excelsior application is now closed. They are working on processing

Awards Update- Nicole Adner noted no update at this time.

NOVICE Update- Provided by Courtney Rust.

* New Novice State wide chairs are Sean Sherwood and Rob Zasso
* Dates are 6/13/22-6/17/22
* Will be held virtually through Whova and is Harry Potter Themed.

Nominations and Elections Update- Hannah Parker

* Several vacant positions- 1st VP; 2nd VP; Secretary; Treasurer
* Group will meet this week and hope to have nominations wrapped out and emails out.

SWT Update- Abigail DeCastro provided update

* Website has listing of upcoming webinars
  + The Tax Detective- several trainings
  + HEERF reporting
  + DEI- Inclusive Leadership: A Study in Circles and How to Incorporate DEI Strategies into Your Professional Practice
* If you have any training tops please let Abby know

TIC and Website Update- Sonya Stein- no update at this time however she will sent the minutes to the group from the last meeting.

Diversity Committee- Todd Moravec provided update

* 2 meetings since last update
* Oct. Conference training is being developed. Will be hands on and interactive
* 2 upcoming SWT on 5/6/22 and 6/23/22

Development Update- Mary Ellen Chamberlain- No update at this time.

Executive Council Update: Sonya Stein to provide to us at a later date.

Old Business:

* Conference update from committee’s
  + Chair’s/Co-Chair’s are meeting monthly to go over items
  + Hoping to get another meeting in person at the hotel
  + 2022 Conf. budget was approved
  + Conf. documents are in a google drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qonmL25ORgRJuO-Epx473EtP6N_P6NCR>

New Business: Affiliate member updates

* Stephanie Stock- Sallie Mae noted the completing the dream scholarship is still open at this time. At this time she is still not able to travel and is working from home.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stacey Hawkins.