

CAFAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting

September 15, 2008 1:00 pm – 400 pm

Denver University

In attendance: Phil Schroeder, Jen Sprinkle, Julia Alexander, Natascha Ambrose, Carolee Goldsmith, Ellie Miller, James Broscheit, Elaine Redwine, Cindy Vadeboncoeur, Tammy Dybdahl, Thad Spaulding, Maureen Connors, Aimee Rogers, Deedra Allbritton, Misti Ruthven

Absent: Jerry Martinez, Meg Brewer, Kimberly McKay, Shannon Scheaff, Tresa England

Call to order: James passed out the agenda

Approval of the minutes: Jen motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 7/18/08. Julia seconded. All in favor.

Officer Reports

- President – James Broscheit
 - 2009 conference: We have contracted with the Double Tree in Colorado Springs for Oct 6th -8th. The executive committee will begin on the 5th. This generated a discussion on whether to begin the conference on a Monday or Tuesday. Elaine will check with the hotel to see if they would be willing to begin a day earlier. Also, some concern was mentioned about the convention being within driving distance for many people. Will this affect hotel reservation numbers? Elaine said that we must book 60% of projected number of rooms to maintain contract.
- President-Elect – Elaine Redwine
 - Discussed her work with setting up the Double Tree for next year's conference
 - Summarized list of candidates for 2009 ballot. She will email the list to Tresa for posting on the web and submitting to all members for a vote
- Past President -- Phil Schroeder
 - Discussed a corporate contribution from USA Funds of \$500. Misti thought that they may have cancelled. Maureen has not received check yet either. Phil will follow up with USA Funds.
- Vice-President – Thad Spaulding
 - Discussed Amendment 58 and the Colorado Promise Scholarship. The Financial Aid Advisory Committee is still concerned about its 2.5 GPA requirement and reallocation of other state funds.
- Secretary – Theresa Clapham -- No report at this time.

- Treasurer – Maureen Connors
 - Has received 27 registration payments for 2008 conference and one conference booth payment from Bob Thacker at ELM for \$500
 - Will also submit CAFAA’s credit application to the Double Tree Hotel for 2009 conference.
- Treasurer-Elect – Jerry Martinez -- Absent, no report at this time.

Sector Reports

- 2 Year Public Representative -- Carolee Goldsmith -- No report at this time.
- Proprietary Representative – Tammy Dybdahl – No report at this time.
- 4 Year Public Representative – Meg Brewer – Absent, no report at this time.
- 4 Year Private Representative – Jen Sprinkle
 - Will be doing the Decentralized Training on November 19th at RRCC.
- Vocational-Technical Representative – Kimberly McKay – Absent, no report at this time.
- Service Organization – Julia Alexander – No report at this time.

Committee Reports

- Annual Conference – Misti Ruthven
 - Keynote speaker for 2008 will be Scott Fleming. He will speak on “surviving legislative changes.
 - Some vendors have dropped out of the conference, but have not asked for a refund on their booth deposits. Even so, we still have about a dozen vendors.
 - As of Friday, September 12th, we have about 100 people registered for the conference (close to goal).
- Diversity – Deedra Allbritton
 - Has no members on her committee. She requested a few names.
- Financial Aid Awareness/High School Relations – Aimee Rogers
 - Has found 2 co-chairs: Haley Majewski and Misti Ruthven
 - Reported that many high school counselor workshops are being held this week.
- Historian – Ellie Miller – No report at this time.

- Membership – Cindy Vadeboncoeur
 - Acknowledged Alan Ishida as a member of her committee.
 - 290 members (not including lifetime members)
- Professional Development – Shannon Sheaff -- Absent
 - Shannon is no longer employed in the financial aid field. She resigned her post as Chair.
 - Discussion on re-authorization training possibilities after the conference.
- Technology and Webmaster – Tresa England – Absent, sent report through James
 - Due to technical issues with the web, CAFAA has purchased another layer of security.
 - Due to these issues, Early-Bird registration for the 2008 conference was extended to September 12th.

New Business

- Amendment 58
 - James handed out a draft letter written to the Colorado Department of Higher Education addressing concerns for the Colorado Promise Scholarship. A discussion was generated on whether or not CAFAA should take a stand on the issue prior to the vote in November. If the initiative is passed, CDHE will formalize the policies quickly. It seems that Celina Duran of the CDHE has been open to concerns, but has not addressed any changes. It was brought up that CAFAA does not want to damage any relations by submitting this letter too soon. Also, some schools may actually favor CPS. It was determined that this letter only be voted on for submission if the ballot passes. Some people predict that it will not pass anyway. Therefore, James will edit the letter and send to the Committee for vote only if it passes in November. James recommended that we attend the general session on this subject at the conference.
- Membership
 - Membership for Jeannie Cecil with J & L Consultants, has been tabled until more information can be found about her consulting business.
 - Jen motioned to approve all of the others. Seconded by Tammy. All approved.
 - Tom Biedscheid, Student Financial Services, Colorado State University
 - Robert Hudgens, Financial Aid Counselor, Colorado State University
 - Matt Lehman, National Senior Marketing Associate, Great Lakes

- Kristy Sanchez, Financial Aid Administrator, Intellitec Medical Institute
- Mary Madigan, Financial Aid Counselor, Arapahoe Community College
- Hyun Jhong Yi, School Priority Services Specialist, ELM Resources

Next meeting date and location – October 1, 2008 at 10:00 at the conference

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Carolee. Seconded by Jen. All approved.