

It is a tremendous honor to have been nominated and to be considered for the position of Vice President of the Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (EASFAA). After more than 20 years in higher education, I can say with confidence our professional associations, including EASFAA, bring administrators together to solve major problems and to provide spaces for supporting each other through the implementation of those solutions. Never has this been more apparent than in the past few years, as we've navigated a global pandemic and Better FAFSA, Better Future.

If elected as EASFAA Vice President, I'll be tasked with serving as the chair of the Association Governance and Budget and Finance Committees. In addition to monitoring reconciliations and investments, my primary goal will be to work to develop and implement a budget and expenditure request process for use by committee chairs and members of the EASFAA Executive Council. Such a process will enable our President and Executive Council to build an informed, line-item budget that supports the mission of our organization, *to promote and support the advancement of our members utilizing training, advocacy, education, and leadership development opportunities*, which given our current landscape is perhaps more critical now than ever before.

I have had the distinction of serving these past two years as your EASFAA Federal Relations Committee Chair, during which time I have grown a small committee to a strong team of EASFAA members focused on strengthening relationships – relationships between state government relations members, between EASFAA and NASFAA, and between the Federal Relations committee and the entire EASFAA community. We have successfully hosted EASFAA's first listening session in many years, have developed advocacy tools, and are working to broaden the funnel of EASFAA participants in the NASFAA Advocacy Pipeline. In addition to serving as Chair of this committee, I have served as a panelist on the Tuesday @2 Panel, *How to Move Forward with Your Career When You Are Not Sure of Your Target*, and have presented at EASFAA Conferences. Prior to moving to the Eastern Region, I served in multiple capacities culminating as President of the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel and in multiple positions on the board of the Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. I'm also involved in NASFAA – this June I'll end my tenure as the NASFAA National Conference Task Force Chair.

If elected as EASFAA Vice President, I will enthusiastically contribute to the mission of our organization as we utilize training, advocacy, education, and leadership development to bring aid administrators together tackle those major problems we encounter in a supportive environment. I appreciate your time and consideration.