

New York State Report to EASFAA Council

Meeting Dates: Sunday, February 20, 2022-Tuesday, February 22, 2022 Location: Hybrid: Zoom & Sheraton Lincoln Harbor Hotel Weehawken, NJ

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

NYSFAAA Exec Council last met remotely on January 31, 2022. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 25, 2022

CONFERENCE:

The 2022 NYSFAAA Conference will be held in person at High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid, NY. The dates are October 25-27, 2022. The theme is "The Best View Comes from the Hardest Climb".

MEMBERSHIP:

As of January 31, 2022, NYSFAAA membership was 1,131. Our membership numbers are higher than they were this time last year. The training webinars and emails to the general membership as a check in have continue to assist us in this area.

TRAINING:

NYSFAAA's Statewide Training Committee has continued to provide several webinars. The committee has also provided credentialing training through a collaboration with NASFAA. Previous Webinars: Understanding TAP Eligibility; Having Fun with Taxes, Verification Training & 2022-2023 Annual FAFSA and TAP Application Training. Upcoming webinar: HEERF Updates 2022 & Scholarship Strategies from a #DebtFreeDegree from an Expert.

COMMITTEES:

The TICC Committee's subcommittee Social Media has been busy. NYSFAAA now has a Facebook group and on our website a Community Forum page.

The Government Relations Committee continued our partnership with the Commission of Independent Colleges & Universities (CICU) for the annual NYS Advocacy Days. All Advocacy events occurred virtually. Everyone that we met with received the NYSFAAA Talking Points. These "Talking Points" explained NYSFAAA's Advocacy position on such points as increasing NYS aid; Eliminating the Disparity to Access to the TAP Award & providing more staffing funding for our partner, Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) who oversees the state aid programs.

- February 1, 2022 with State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky
- February 2, 2022 "Student Aid Advocacy Day 2022: Moving Forward Panel Discussion"

- February 9, 2022 Assemblywoman Deborah Glick
- February 9, 2022 State Senator John Liu
- February 14, 2022 Meeting with the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

MISCELLANEOUS:

NYSFAAA renewed our contracts with both Whova & Zoom. We were able to renew our Whova Contract with EASFAA with the assistance from Katrina Delgrosso. On behalf of NYSFAAA, I would like to again thank Katrina for her assistance in this matter.

Submitted by: Adrienne R. King, NYSFAAA President February 18, 2022