



**(New Jersey) State Report to EASFAA Council**

**Meeting Dates: (Retreat, Sunday, June 7-9, 2020)**

**Location: ZOOM**

*Include each topic, as appropriate for your state*

**Executive Council:**

Held seven Executive Council meetings the last one on May 8, 2020 via ZOOM.

Zoom business meeting held on May 8 also and President Mike Livio gave closing remarks and passed the gavel to new President Asia Taj, Associate Director of Financial Aid at NJIT.

**Conference:**

The 2020 Conference was cancelled due to COVID-19. All refunds were sent to members. Offered a \$200 refund option to Vendors and only 4-5 asked for it.

**Membership:**

The year ended with around 440 members.

**Training:**

On May 28, Inceptia hosted a webinar through NJASFAA on “How are students really managing finances? Results from a Multiyear Behavioral Assessment”.

On May 20 NJASFAA held a CARES Act session with a group of colleagues leading a discussion on the CARES Act followed by a Q and A. 80 members attended the webinar.

SAP credential training was held in February at Rider University. Around 20 members attended.

**Special Initiatives:**

**Distinguished Service Awards** – an ad hoc committee was formed and after a discussion decided to present the awards at the conference next year.

**Committees:**

**Diversity and Inclusion** – recently sent survey to members. Will discuss results next year.

**Finance** – Sent out a synopsis of our current CD holdings, and reported that most recent matured CD was renewed for six months.

**HESAA** – David Sokolow attended last meeting and reported on state update.

**Government Relations** – Currently working on newsletter and discussed the success of Trenton Day for Advocacy on February 13.

**Nominations and Elections** – results of the election was sent out to the membership.

President Elect – Lucy Candal Fernandez of Associate Director of Financial Aid at Montclair State University, Vice President – Edward Hill, Director of Financial Aid at Rider University, Secretary, Rosemary Guichardo Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Montclair State University, Treasurer Elect – Diane Pienta-Lett, Director of Financial Aid at Sussex County Community College, Person at Large include Nick Capodice, Associate Director of Financial Aid at Drew University, Michael Murray, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Rutgers University, Sarah Carrera, Managing Assistant Director at Kean University and Alejandro Guiral, Associate Vice President at Berkeley College.

**Non Traditional** – Plan to have ZOOM meeting in the near future.

**Novice Training** – cancelled for this year and will revisit for next year.

**Public Relations** – can put NASFAA links on Facebook. We have 157 followers on Facebook.

**Technology** – Updated NJASFAA homepage with COVID links from state and federal pages.

**Miscellaneous** – Thank you again for all your good information from everyone on your activities within your states and I look forward to my role as Secretary next year.

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