



(New York State Report to EASFAA Council)

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

Location: (Virtual)

Include each topic, as appropriate for your state

Executive Council:

NYSFAAA EC last met, remotely, on April 27, 2020 – our next meeting is our retreat (turned virtual) on June 15 and 16.

The most important topic to discuss was whether or not to cancel the late October Annual Conference which was scheduled for Long Island (one of the hottest COVID-19 spots)

1. Council unanimously voted to cancel the conference. We will be discussing the possibility of a virtual conference at our upcoming budget meeting/retreat
2. We have been able to deal with the hotel so that there is no penalty (they were thinking 35% at one point.
 - a. We signed a new contract for 2021 and let them keep the deposit.
3. We then had to move our 2021 conference to 2022
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At an earlier time we had canceled our annual Novice Training which was to take place this first week of June at Mercy College. We, again, signed a new contract for 2021 and let them keep the deposit.

This was a double hit for us as we planned a novice track at the conference.

We did not pay for the 20-21 Event App.

We were planning on offering the verification credential training in the Spring. Plans for this were canceled in early February. At this time our intentions are to budget the \$2,000 for a 10 package. I have been in touch with Dana Kelly regarding the possibility of providing online credentials as part of our virtual conference (if we have one). She is taking back my request and insights as we were the first FAA to cancel their Fall Conference.

We discussed the new HESC Steering Committee which will help drive the contract and direction for their new delivery system (about a 2 -3 year project).

Conference:

2020 – Postponed to 2021 – LI Hilton revenue unchanged.

2021 – Postponed to 2022 venue of Lake Placid, again, unchanged

Membership:

As of June 2, 2020 there are 1,122 members for the 2019-2020 year having lost 254 members.

Training:

Since the last time I reported (February) NYSFAAA provided three MEMBERS ONLY webinars:

Professional Judgement Training in February

Loan (SWT comes to your regional meeting) Training in March - we turned this into a regular webinar due to COVID

2019 and 2020 Tax Issues for Financial Aid Officers – May

In addition we provided a series of free (NYSFAAA Membership not required) of COVID-19 related webinars (with more in the works) – These webinar recordings are on the website open to the public

Training "CARES Act and the Latest Guidance from FSA"**Coping and Mental Health during COVID-19****Protecting Student Privacy in Virtual and Remote Work Environment****National Emergency - CARES Act - Student Loan Relief****Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds: CARES Act Panel Discussion****Adjusting To Our New Normal: A How-To on Staying Sane, Healthy and Productive When Working from Home**

There are several webinars scheduled for the winter including another SWT Goes to your Regional Meeting, We do this to encourage members to get out of their offices.

Our annual Novice training, as above, is scheduled for June 1 -5 and will be held at Mercy college again. We are entertaining running an immediate level training parallel to novice.

As stated above, we are delving into NASFAA Credentials.

Our regions are doing great work on training. For example, Region VI (NYC) has hired Robert Weinerman for a full day tax training.

Special Initiatives:

Will likely be working on a virtual conference experience

Committees:

Nothing of note

Miscellaneous:

We had state-wide elections. Our Secretary and 2nd Vice President were re-elected. That is Anne Sullivan Polino and Brian Smith. We have a new 1st Vice President Renee Swift.

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