

MA State Report to EASFAA Council

Meeting Dates: June 13 – June 15, 2021 Location: Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport Hotel, Windsor, CT and via Zoom

Executive Council:

MASFAA's 2021-2022 Executive Council term begins July 1, 2021 and runs through June 30, 2022. MASFAA's annual retreat is scheduled for August 2nd and 3rd in Plymouth, MA at Hotel 1620 Plymouth. Details are currently being worked out for offering both an in person and virtual attendance format.

Conference:

MASFAA's 2020 conference was held November 9th, 10th, 12th and 13th in a virtual format and was offered free to all MASFAA members.

MASFAA's 2021 conference is being planned for November 2021. A financial decision on dates and whether or not the conference will take place in person, virtually, or a combination of both formats will be decided by the MASFAA Conference committee within the next few months. If the conference is held in person, it will be held in Plymouth, MA at the 1620 Plymouth Hotel. A survey went sent out last week to MASFAA members to gauge their interest and ability to attend an in person conference in November 2021.

Membership:

As of June 11, 2021, MASFAA has 530 paid members. MASFAA membership dues were lowered from \$50 per year to \$25 during the 2020-2021 year. Dues for the 2021-2022 year will be \$60 and are due on July 1, 2021. MASFAA Executive Council voted and approved to increase the MASFAA annual dues back in early 2020 for the 2021-2022 year from \$50 to \$60. MASFAA dues are offered for individual membership only as there is no institutional membership option offered at this point in time.

Training:

MASFAA offered many training and professional development events during the 2020-2021 academic year to its MASFAA members. These events and trainings can be found on the MASFAA events calendar and are also listed below:

September events

MASFAA Executive Council Retreat

October events

Tax Training (Iron Bridges)- Business and Real Estate Tax Returns (2 day training) Financial Wellness & Education Symposium

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FAFSA Day

November Events

MASFAA annual conference

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Financial Wellness - Babson Financial Literacy Project - Train the Trainer Workshop

Improving Graduate Student Financial Literacy (conducted with EASFAA)

FAFSA Day – 2 trainings offered with one in Spanish

Post-Election Discussion w Betsy Mayotte

December Events

Tax Training - (Iron Bridges) FM & Verification and Conflicting Information (2 day training) Tax Training - (Iron Bridges) FM & Verification and Conflicting Information (2 day training)

Just the Facts (1 day training)

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FAFSA Day

January Events

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Financial Counseling Bootcamp w Betsy Mayotte

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FAFSA Day

February Events

Student Loan Repayment Information Session w Betsy Mayotte

Introduction to 2020 Tax Returns & Change to Tax Code (1 day training) - Iron Bridges

FAFSA Day – 2 trainings offered

March Events

COVID-19 and Changes

Introduction to 2020 Tax Returns & Change to Tax Code (1 day training)

April Events

Public Service Loan Forgiveness - Graduate Symposium

June events

Administrative Support Services Professional Development

Miscellaneous

MASFAA implemented a new web platform in September using WordPress and Membership Works to manage its membership program.

Committees:

Current MASFAA committees are the following:

- Access, Inclusion, & Diversity
- Communications
- Conference
- Development
- EASFAA Rep
- Early Awareness
- FASFA Day
- Financial Wellness & Education
- Government Relations
- Graduate & Professional Concerns
- Technology/Membership these were separate committees and were combined to form one committee beginning with the 2020-2021 year.
- Professional Development & Training

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