

Executive Council:

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Conference: We are doing a joint meeting with the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) November 18 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland. This has not been announced to the membership yet and is in lieu of an actual conference.

Membership: 96 members

Training: Taking place with FAME and MASFAA membership participation on November 18 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland. Training topics TBD.

Special Initiatives: None.

Committees: Currently not meeting, but still in the By-Laws stages of change: Budget and Finance Committee, Conference and Training Committee, Public Service Committee and Advocacy Committee.

Miscellaneous: FAME removed the May 1 deadline on the Maine State Grant for academic year 2021/2022. Prior to COVID, MASFAA membership had voted to move to a different structure (which was similar to what we had previously before instituting the structure which used Overseers who were in charge of each of the committees) which now appears as a more traditional structure of a President, Vice President, 3 Members at Large, and a Business Manager. We also voted back in a membership category of Associate Members, which we had eliminated a number of years ago when perceptions of ethics issues were rampant. For the

current school year, MASFAA School Support Initiative (MSSI) counselors served 101 individual students with 82.7 counseling hours. For comparison, in 2019-2020 (which was not impacted by the pandemic until late in the year) there were 330 hours for 387 students and in 2018-2019, 479 hours for 592 students. We have had 10 counselors who have submitted reports so far this year compared to 27 and 28 the last two years.

Submitted by: William O'Shea