



NJ State Report to EASFAA Council

June 13 - 15, 2021

Location: Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport Hotel, Windsor, CT and via Zoom

Executive Council

The 2021-2022 NJASFAA Executive Council started the term on June 1. The virtual retreat is scheduled for June 17 – 18, 2021.

Conference

The annual conference was held virtually from March 9th – 12th, 2021. This was a free conference for the members. 260 members registered and 225 attended the conference. A decision was made to move the annual conference to November in 2022, after a vote by the NJASFAA Executive Council. The conference committee is planning to hold a one-day in-person conference in November 2021 but the final details/approval is pending at this time.

Membership

As of May 31, 2021, we have 396 active members. Trainings and free annual conference have helped maintain membership numbers in a pandemic year.

Training

- The Diversity and Inclusion committee offered a panel discussion in April called “A Chat with Colleagues”. The panel shared their thoughts, ideas, insights and experiences and answered four pre-assigned questions on Diversity & inclusion.
- In May, The Office of Inspector General, Eastern Region (U.S. Department of Education) did a training session for NJASFAA on the topic “Potential Threats Facing Institutions of Higher Education”. This session was focused on fraud related to COVID-19 response funding and Title IV funding.
- Novice Training was held on June 2-3 virtually. It was free with paid membership and was attended by 41 members. Some of the topics covered were Verification, Direct Loans, Need Analysis, PJ and SAP.

Committees

- The Government Relations Committee released the Spring newsletter in May 2021.

Miscellaneous

- NJASFAA is working on an Event Conduct Policy. The draft is based on NASFAA’s policy (with NASFAA’s permission) and will be presented at the annual retreat on June 17 for the council’s review and final approval. This policy will address acceptable behavior at in-person and virtual NJASFAA events.
- The Council Person At-Large quarterly update to the membership was sent in May. The quarterly update focuses on some recent NJASFAA activities, committee’s updates and upcoming trainings/events.

Submitted by,
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