



Vermont Report October 2020

Executive Council

Membership Forums

- In consideration of the workload of association members, who are focused on COVID-related matters, and beginning the fall semester with unusual challenges, activities of the Council were limited in the first quarter. Two open forums were held, in conjunction with Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) updates, as opportunities for members to discuss the issues they were confronting on their campuses. The forums were intended to complement statewide coordination efforts on campus reopening.

Conference

- The conference committee convened its kickoff meeting on September 23 to discuss possibilities for the June 2021 conference.
- Decisions to aim for an in-person conference, versus a virtual conference, are not yet made. The committee is also considering having a multi-site event.

Membership

- No pertinent updates at this time.

Training

- Given the many excellent training resources available via NASFAA, EASFAA, and other organizations, VASFAA's focus in 2020-2021 will be more on discussion about the role and structure of the organization, now and moving forward. Diversity-related concerns in Vermont will also be in focus, as well as discussion around how we can best support students and families during the pandemic.

Committees

- No pertinent updates at this time.
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Respectfully submitted,

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