



October 2021 EASFAA Update
2021-2022

Rhode Island Report to EASFAA

Executive Council:

As of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

President – Melissa Donahue – Rhode Island School of Design

President Elect - Donna Cournoyer – Salve Regina

Past President - Ellen Russo – Providence College

Vice President - Nancy Bessette – Rhode Island College

Treasurer – Jason Martin – Providence College

Secretary – Francesca Savella – Johnson and Wales University

Conference:

June 2021 conference was once again held virtually due to COVID-19. Consisted of a short business meeting, installation of officers, and 2 special interest sessions. June 2022 conference is planned to be in person on June 15. Location TBD.

Membership:

Membership has remained steady.

Training:

Virtual tax workshop has been booked for November/December. It will consist of 3 two hour virtual sessions.

Training & Professional Development committee is discussing potential webinars to be offered over the winter and spring, potential of offering EASFAA Credential training – dates, location, to be discussed.

Special Initiatives:

To grow our training offerings in an effort to increase engagement across the membership.

Budget:

Very little change to the budget from 20/21 to 21/22. While vendor income for 20/21 was less due to the lack of an in person conference, all other receipts and expenses were on par with previous years.

Committees:

All executive board positions are filled for the 21/22 year.

RIASFAA has created a Training & Professional Development committee in an effort to plan and offer more training opportunities throughout the year. The executive board continues to struggle with engagement from the membership in regards to committee involvement and running for executive board positions. Very often the same people each year. The hope is to increase engagement which could lead to an increase in participation.

Government Relations committee (membership: 1) will be partnering with MASFAA Government Relations committee in an effort to work together and not duplicate efforts.

Development Committee has two new members who will continue to work to grow the membership.

All other committees have strong, continuous volunteers.

Submitted by:

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RIASFAA President