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DE-ASF AA Report

Submitted By Eleanor A. Kelley

A round table discussion on Consumer Information Requirements was held at Wesley College on February 22, 1999. Although the turnout was low, the discussion was lively. WE utilized the NASFAA Self Study materials as a guide for the session. Hopefully, this will be the first in several informal discussion sessions for aid administrators held during the Spring.

The DE ASF AA is in the process of determining a date for the next state meeting. We hope that we will be able to incorporate a Power Point training session into the meeting agenda.

Alan Phillips, chair of the Electronic Training for HS Guidance Counselors committee has begun preliminary research on available resources and has been in contact with committee members to set up a meeting.



District of Columbia Report

Submitted By Marjorie Arrington

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On May 17, 1999 a college planning seminar will be held in coordination with College Bound at Gonzaga High School from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The assistance of two banking officials has been acquired.

High School Mentor program coordination should be completed by June in order for financial aid counselors to be able to provide assistance during the Fall to high school students.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

American Student Assistance has agreed to conduct a Master Promissory Note seminar in the month of June. The date has not yet been finalized.

The final meeting of the DC Council has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 6th.



Maryland Report

Submitted By Barbara Miller

Meetings

Executive Committee met on February 22, 1999 at CCBC Essex. We plan to hold a wrap-up meeting in late May.

A Day in Annapolis

A handful of participants spent the morning in Annapolis on Wednesday, April 7, 1999. Janet Walker had a full schedule for those who attended.

Walk for MS

On Saturday, April 11, 1999 in Columbia, Maryland approximately 10 walkers from the MD ASFAA ventured on slippery roads fighting torrential rains to raise funds for MS. Melissa Gregory coordinated this activity.

Social Event

Happy Hour at Old Philadelphia Inn on Thursday, April 22, 1999, following the Spring Workshop.

Helping Hands Resource Directory

Janet Walker and Sandy Brown have coordinated this reference to distribute to the membership.



Advanced Professional Training

From: Alan Phillips

RE: Advanced Professional TrainingWorkshop

Revenue/Expenses

Revenue: \$3,540.00

Expenses: \$7,451.47

Vendor Contribution (thank you, Gary Spoales, B of A): \$ 600.00

Tristate Subsidy: \$3,311.47

Statistics:

Received 22 registrations with payments

23% of those who registered attended 1 workshop

41% of those who registered attended 2 workshops

36% of those who registered attended 3 workshops

Summary/Recommendations

Evaluations were very positive overall. Word of mouth may increase registration if offered again.

Need input from more Directors as to what they want to see their staff learn. Low registration may indicate that Tristate does not have the membership to support the three-day format, or that it is something the workshops need to grow into down the road. Changing registration rules and offering open enrollment mid-stream did not change registration numbers. At this point, I am up in the air about whether they should be offered again. The turnout was disappointing considering how many "Neophytes" are entering Tristate each year.

I have not yet had time to make certificates for the eight people who attended all three workshops.



NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Dennis G. Kemp

The nominations and elections committee certified the following election results to the Chairperson and Secretary on March 12, 1999.

Chair-Elect: David Manning

Secretary: Patricia Williams

Vice-Chair: Barbara Miller

Treasurer: Sandra Wright

State Presidents Ballots Received

Delaware: Eleanor Kelley 19

District of Columbia: Angela March 12

Maryland: Sandy Brown 74

Total 105

Recommendations:

The nominations and elections committee should have the nomination ballot available at the fall conference. This will allow the membership to solicit nominations and get signatures on the form. A prize should be given to members that submit a completed and signed nomination ballot form at the Fall conference.

This year a majority of the membership seemed to be involved in system conversion, which may or may not be a problem for next year.

Committee Members:

Thanks to: Melvina Johnson

Bridget Watson

Sonia Lomax

Barbara Williams

Special thanks to Patricia Scott and USA Funds for administrative assistance.



Organization and Governance

By Janet Walker

The membership approved the By-Law Changes at the November Business Meeting at the Fall Conference. As a result of that action, there are several areas of the Policy and Procedure Manual that now need to be updated.

In the interest of time, I recommend this be handled at the June retreat. In order to prepare, my committee would like some guidance on how to proceed. We could update the P&P in the needed areas allowing for new electronic processes and the old process of mailing, etc. Our other option is to update strictly for electronic processes only and then make a TRANSITION POLICY which would state "The Association will make any reasonable accommodation for members who do not have electronic access to stay informed and receive membership benefits. Which would the Board prefer?

The next issue involves the annual updates that have been provided on diskettes to Board Members at the June Retreat. Since the By-Laws are on the Web page, I do not feel that it is necessary to provide something the Board Members already have. However, the P&P Manual is a different matter. Depending on where we are electronically will determine the appropriate course of action.

It is the plan of this Committee to e-mail all proposed changes to the P&P to all Board Members by May 12, 1999. This will allow members to read the material well in advance of the June Retreat. Of course this committee will welcome any comments.

Thank you!