

## Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

November 1, 2011 at *Patriot Place, Foxboro*

***In attendance:*** Joanne Dashiell, Beth Feinberg Keenan, Christine McGuire\*, Aaron Clark-Melcher, Debbie Gronback, Patricia Reily, Donna Kendall, Amy Johnson, Jennifer Schott, Lori Moore\*, Robert Coughlin\*, Kori Ferris, Kerry Davis-Jacob, Christina Coviello, Bonnie Quinn, Cathy Nelson\*, Gail Holt, Amy Stewart\*, Bernie Pekala\*, Melissa Metcalf\*, Alex Gonzalez, Kendra Lider-Johnson, Migdalia Gomez\*, Pam McCafferty\* (via phone call), Colleen Burke, Jillian Glaze, Leah Barry\*, David Janey, Meaghan Hardy Smith

***Absent:*** Kimberly Gargano, Iris Godes\*, Kathy Osmond, Catherine Ryan\*, Dan Forster,

***MASFAA Member:*** Allene Begley Curto

*\*Voting Members*

***1:10 p.m.*** Bernie started the meeting.

### ***Secretary-Migdalia Gomez\****

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- Reviewed October minutes, Bernie suggested correcting misspelling on the minutes
  - Cathy motioned to “Accept October minutes with the corrections”.
  - Bernie second
  - No discussion
  - 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained
  - Motion passed to accept October minutes
- Christina Coviella volunteered to take notes on Thursday’s Annual Business meeting during the conference; Migdalia is unable to attend the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday.

### ***Treasurer-Bernie Pekala\* on behalf of Leah Barry\****

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- Leah is sick, did not discuss financials at this meeting. Not required by the bylaws to discuss financials at all meetings.

### ***President-Bernie Pekala\****

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- Three of the four award presentations will occur on Wednesday night.
- The Kennedy Award will be presented during lunch time on Wednesday.
- Discussion regarding nominations for NASFAA negotiators for upcoming negotiations on Student Loan issues.
- Government Relations will send letter a to listserver regarding NASFAA nomination.
- Email about Just the FACTS! has gone out

### ***Past-President-Christine McGuire\****

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- Candidates will be announced at Wednesday night’s dinner
- Discussion regarding when to open voting
  - Will open voting Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

- An announcement will be made Thursday morning by Bernie
  - Christine will send email and link Thursday morning
- Candidates were announced during meeting:
  - 6 nominated for Executive Council
  - 2 nominated for Treasurer
  - 2 nominated for President-Elect
- Strategic Planning session will be held during Thursday's lunch
- Planning an all day session with Strategic Planners
- Trying to have plan set in place by February
- Email is going out to list server regarding SFS/Enrollment management models and meeting with Strategic Planners.

#### **President-Elect-Bernie Pekala\* on behalf of Iris Godes\***

- Plaques have been completed and will be delivered tomorrow.

#### **Conference Committee—Colleen Burke, Jillian Glaze, Meghan Hardy-Smith,**

- Agenda with descriptions will be on screens during the Conference
- May need help with Registration and Charity table
- 415 attendees registered for 2011 Conference, last year had 310 attendees
- Space isn't an issue for conference. Smallest session will hold around 90 participants
- Discussed conference space

#### **PD&T— Kerri Davis-Jacob**

- Published TENTATIVE master calendar
- Verification session filled up quickly; 7 on waitlist
- Director's Summit being planned- luncheon event with keynote speaker, looking to host event during the first week of January
- Tax event will occur after Director's Summit
- Discussion to have Senators speak to membership; will discuss further with Government Relations
- Webinar scheduled for March

#### **FAFSA Day Massachusetts—Joanne Dashiell, Migdalia Gomez\*, Beth Feinberg Keenan,**

- Distributed new materials, can download materials for free at [www.fafsaday.org](http://www.fafsaday.org)
- Asked Executive Council to help promote the event
- Postcards aren't meant to be mailed
- Discussed Brockton site, working with TRIO counselor and Massasoit Community College to secure site
- Asked Bernie to make announcement about FAFSA Day MA during Conference

#### **Old Business**

- No old business

### **New Business**

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- Old documents that were in Cathy's basements have been archived

### **Treasurer- Leah Barry\***

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- Leah is working on financials; will discuss them at Thursday's meeting

### **New Business Continued**

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- Lori mentioned we have received payment from all vendors
- Meeting for November 11<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.
- Next Meeting will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Quinsigamond Community College. It's on the MASFAA Calendar

**2:16 p.m.**

Pam Motion to "Adjourn meeting"  
Christine second.  
No discussion.  
10 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained  
Meeting adjourned.