Hello Everyone!

Fall is certainly in the air, as campuses start filling up with students both new and returning. Here in California anyway, the summer weather seems to be intensifying, if anything. It’s hot! And busy! Although maybe the same can’t be said for our neighbors up north, the rain will likely stay at bay for several months yet, if not all the craziness of the school year once again kicking into high gear.

Along with the return of students, we have several state conferences coming up: the IASFAA conference in Boise, Idaho (October 14 - 17) and the WFAA conference in Yakima, Washington (October 22 - 24). Both should be great opportunities to get to know your colleagues in the Pacific Northwest and around the Western region.
The WASFAA Membership Committee wants to hear from you!

We are in the process of building a new website and want to feature our members!

If you are interested in giving a testimonial of how WASFAA has helped you in your career, please contact our Membership Committee Chair, Ashley Coleman at ashleyjo@uoregon.edu.

Finally, in April 2020, we have the Annual WASFAA Conference, which will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii from April 6th to the 8th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki. Be there!

I would love to hear from you, so send me an email scline2@cca.edu, tweet at me on twitter, @scottcline or drop a message on the WASFAA Facebook page.

Scott Cline
WASFAA President
Hello WASFA!

Can you believe the 20/21 FAFSA is already open? Time is flying by this year. I wanted to let you know that this will be my last edition as the Editor and Chair of the Communications Committee. I’m excited to introduce you to Heather Rosinbum the Assistant Director of Eligibility and Awarding from the University of Arizona. Heather has been a great help to the Communications Committee this year and I know she will do a fantastic job as the Communications Chair. Although I will no longer be the chair, I’ll still be serving WASFAA on the committee level, and in my new position as a NASFAA University Instructor. I look forward to continuing to serve the financial aid community and hope to cross paths with many of you in my new position. Please reach out to Heather at hrosinbum@email.arizona.edu if you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the WASFAA Newsletter.

WASFAA is pleased to share web-based training opportunities for financial aid administrators provided by our industry partners this month.

Topics range from financial aid compliance to helping students managing debt and repayment. These training and informational sessions are available to you free of charge.

Click here for more detailed information on the sessions offered and the registration links.
JOB POSTINGS

Visit the JobLinks page on www.wasfaa.org to find more details on the following listings:

Director, Student Financial Services: Simpson University; Redding, CA. Open until filled.

Financial Aid Content Manager: Campus Logic; Chandler, AZ. Open until filled.

Program Specialist 2- Financial Aid: Seattle Colleges; Seattle, WA. Deadline 9.30.19

Financial Aid Systems Technician: Northland Pioneer College; Holbrook, AZ. Open until filled

SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER INSTITUTE 2020!

WASFAA Summer Institute
Gonzaga University
Spokane, WA
June 1-5, 2020
Dear WASFAA Colleagues,

Registration is now open for the WASFAA Jerry R. Sims Management and Leadership Institute (MLI), which will be held from November 13-15 at the Hyatt Regency in lovely Long Beach, California. This is a wonderful opportunity for financial aid directors, associate or assistant directors, and other professionals who aspire to leadership to learn and grow as financial aid managers and leaders while making meaningful connections with colleagues from across the WASFAA region.

As an MLI student, you will have the unique experience of networking with your peers with the guidance of experienced faculty who are also accomplished leaders in the financial aid community and are committed to supporting and encouraging your personal and professional development. We will work together in small and larger groups to that will provide learning, coaching, and mentoring to sharpen your management skills and enhance your leadership abilities as we work together to prepare you for your future in financial aid leadership!

Registration fees are $960 for residents (including 2 nights’ lodging) and $590 for commuters. Attendance is limited to 30 attendees to ensure a deeply collaborative learning environment and high levels of engagement among students and faculty.

A tentative agenda is available for a sneak peek at our topics, and we would love to hear from you if you have any questions or ideas for us. We can’t wait to meet you in person!

On a personal note, I had the privilege of attending MLI in 2006, shortly after beginning my first financial aid director position, and it remains one of the most valuable professional learning experiences I’ve ever had. I continue to use the management tools I learned at MLI on a daily basis in my work as a division dean at my college, and returning to MLI as a faculty member in 2017 was a wonderful chance to give back to the WASFAA community. I’ve remained in touch with several of my fellow MLI students from 2006, and it’s been such a gift to witness the career growth of the MLI students I got to know in 2017.

I hope to welcome you (for the first time or as a returning student) to the MLI family in November!

To register please visit: https://wasfaa.org/docs/toc_MLI.html
Aloha WASFAA!

Planning for the WASFAA 2020 Annual Conference is well underway. The 2020 Conference is being held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort in beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii on April 6-8, 2020. The program committee is now soliciting session proposals for the conference.

To submit your proposal for review, please use the Session Proposal link: (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8pzInVtHGVp2-lrgQmYoBSMddo0XPkFxPISNg9L-PU6qnEg/viewform).

The deadline to submit proposals is December 2, 2019 or until sessions fill up. If you have any questions, please contact the WASFAA Conference Committee at wasfaaconferencecommittee@gmail.com.

Don’t miss your opportunity to share your knowledge with your peers at our 2020 Conference!

Registration and more information about the 2020 Conference will be available in the coming months.

We hope you’ll be a part of the WASFAA Conference in Honolulu!

-WASFAA Conference Committee
NOMINATIONS FOR 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOW OPEN!

WASFAA is accepting nominations for dedicated and motivated members to serve on the 2020-2021 Executive Council for the following positions:

**President-Elect:** You get to be in charge! This person will spend a year learning the ropes, and then be the leader of WASFAA in 2021-2022. The President-Elect also chairs the Policies & Procedures, Bylaws, and Nominations & Elections Committees, and serves as a member of the Fiscal Planning Committee. This is a 3-year term serving as President-Elect, President, and Past-President.

**Vice President:** You will perform the President’s duties when the President is absent, and serve as a voting member of the Executive Council. You will maintain the WASFAA Calendar, review monthly financial reports, approve reimbursements for the Treasurer, and review insurance contracts. The VP services on the Strategic and Fiscal Planning Committees. This is a 1-year term.

**Treasurer-Elect:** You’re in the financial aid industry, so we know you love dealing with money. The Treasurer-Elect will spend a year working under the direction of Mindy Bergeron, Treasurer, to learn about the financials. You will service on the Strategic Planning and Fiscal Planning Committees, and you get to write real paper checks! This is a 3-year term serving as Treasurer-Elect, and 2 years as Treasurer.

**Secretary:** You’ll become really knowledgeable about WASFAA in this position! This person will take minutes for the Executive Council and the Strategic & Fiscal Planning Committee meetings. You server as voting member of the Executive Council and create and administer a variety of surveys including elections, votes on bylaws changes, and membership changes. This is a 1-year term.

**Representative-at-Large for Ethnic Diversity:** This person will serve as a voting member of the Executive Council and get to lead a group of amazing folks to share diverse conference sessions and topics with the membership. This is a 1-year term.

Tips!
- If you nominate someone else, make sure they are ok with it first.
- If you nominate yourself or allow someone else to nominate you, it’s a great idea to chat with your supervisor about it first.
- Don’t be afraid of running for office! It’s brave, demonstrates initiative, and raises your professional profile!

We will be accepting nominations through November 1, 2019. Nominate a colleague today!

Sincerely,
Ashley Munro
WASFAA Past-President
Nominations & Elections Committee
Greeting from Oregon!

I hope everyone enjoyed the last few days of summer and are ready for autumn! This is always a beautiful time of the year but man is it busy. Between fall term starting, FISAP, annual audits and getting ready for the 2020-2021 FAFSA, everyone should give themselves a high-five!

Just like all of you, OASFAA has been busy. We have had some awesome events this year with some great attendance. Last year OASFAA implemented an institutional membership option. In March, our Financial Aid 101/202 was held at Clackamas Community College in Portland and had over 70 participants attend. It was a nice mixture of new financial aid administrators along with representatives from admissions, business affairs, high school counselors, and non-profits to get some basics around financial aid. In FA 201, we offered a NASFAA credential on Consumer Information and effective ways to communicate to students. In July, our summer drive-in was held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem and over 40 participants attended. This time we offered a NASFAA credential on Satisfactory Academic Progress along with an OSAC update, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training, and so much more.

We are excited to offer another Financial Aid 101/202 on October 25th at Lane Community College in Eugene. Our conference committee is hard at work planning our annual conference at the beautiful Salishan Resort in Gleneden Beach February 5th-7th. I am so proud of all of our volunteer’s hard work and really hope to see you at any of our events.

Hope everyone is having a great fall!
Greetings from the great state of Nevada!

Last year during the Federal Student Aid Conference in Atlanta, it was announced that the 2019 Federal Student Aid Conference would be in Reno, Nevada. Which I sensed from the murmurs around me, this announcement was a surprise to all in attendance! For those of us from northern Nevada, we were just as surprised as everyone else in the room! Overhearing some of the side chatter in the room, it reminded me that the Reno/Tahoe region is still a hidden hotspot to many of our colleagues from around the country. So if this is your first trip or you have visited before – We can’t wait to see you in the Biggest Little City!

As a native to northern Nevada, I wanted to share with all of my WASFAA colleagues a few insider tips for your upcoming trip to Reno. In addition to the regular Hotel/Casino attractions in Downtown Reno and the other large resort properties, Reno has so much more to offer including: outstanding restaurants, an emerging art and culture scene, festivals, outdoor adventure, easy access to the Comstock, and we are a quick jaunt to the Jewel of the Sierra – Lake Tahoe. Hopefully, the insight below will make your trip to Reno a fantastic experience.

Local Insider Recommendations

Food:
Breakfast: Reno is known for easy access to a late night/early morning breakfast in most all Hotel/Casino Coffee Shops, but if that is not your scene, check out one of the following great local hotspots:
Peg’s Glorified Ham and Eggs –http://eatatpegs.com/
Squeeze Inn - https://www.squeezein.com/menu

Lunch: The Reno Sparks Convention Center is conveniently located near a number of chain restaurants, such as Olive Garden, Claim Jumper, Red Robin, and multiple fast food stops. However, if you are looking for something with more local flavor, burger and shakes, check out a hidden spot just a block away from the convention center.
Scoopers –http://places.singleplatform.com/scoopers-10/menu
Dinner: All of the major Hotel/Casino properties offer outstanding dinning options, however if you are looking to get out of the Casino environment, the Reno River Walk is a great place to spend your evening along with outstanding dining options, consider checking out:
Wild River Grill - https://www.wildrivergrille.com/
Silver Peak Brewery - http://silverpeakbrewery.com/
Beaujolais Bistro - https://beaujolaisbistro.com/

If you are interested in exploring more areas of town, you could also consider:
Wild Garlic Pizza - https://wildgarlicpizza.com/
Los Compadres - https://loscompadresreno.com/

Entertainment/Recreation
Your trip to Reno, won’t we complete without a quick peak at the Jewel of the Sierra – Lake Tahoe. For those of us who live in this region, we take for granted the pure beauty of the lake. Lake Tahoe can easily be accessed from Reno within 45 minutes. If the lake is not for you and you prefer something off the beaten path, consider a short 30 minute drive to Virginia City, Nevada. Step back in time and experience the old west and heyday of the mining boom in the Silver State. Not interested in taking a drive, that is ok! There is plenty of activity going on in and around town. Check out Visit Reno/Tahoe for exciting events and things to do around the region!

Now that I have tried my best to play tour guide, on to some NAFAA News. NAFAA officers are busy working on our website transition and have decided to follow WASFAA’s lead and have selected MemberLeap as our new web and membership database provider. We are also still working with our neighbors to the south in Arizona (AASFAA) on a joint conference in Laughlin, NV. This exciting joint conference venture will enhance and provide each state’s membership with a more robust conference. We are diving in the planning stages and are looking forward to working with our friends from Arizona.

Signing off for now and we look forward to seeing you in the Biggest Little City December 3-6!