



WASFAA Highlights is an electronic news update provided by the WASFAA President for the benefit of the WASFAA membership. The electronic publication will contain informational items pertaining to WASFAA activities and newsworthy items of interest to the WASFAA community. Past issues are archived on the WASFAA website at <http://www.wasfaa.org>. Additional information regarding any given issue may be obtained by emailing the current WASFAA President, Kay W. Soltis, [soltiskw@plu.edu](mailto:soltiskw@plu.edu)

## WASFAA Highlights for the Month of April 2011 - (Vol. 7, No. 1)

- The annual conference was held April 17 – 19 at the beautiful Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, Hawaii with a conference theme of “Surviving in a Sea of Change – Aehikino! (Yes we can!).” Our Conference Chairs, Frank Green, Leonard Walker and their committee did an outstanding job of providing a great conference. Ron Lee, Program Chair and his committee developed a comprehensive program which included a pre-conference session on Customer Service presented by the ever popular Terry Everson. This year a new NASFAA track was provided by Eunice Powell, NASFAA Senior Training Specialist. The most well attended session at the conference was *Are you Ready for the New Rules on SAP* presented by Eunice Powell and Mike MacCallum. Thank you NASFAA. In addition a whole series of sessions were devoted to Program Integrity presented by U.S. Department of Education Training Officers Virginia Hagins and Bruce Honer. While we missed Jeff Baker’s always interesting and informative federal update, it was admirably given by Virginia and Bruce.

NASFAA President Justin Draeger provided us with a NASFAA update along with Washington, D.C. highlights. National Chair Laurie Wolf presented the NASFAA Regional Leadership Award posthumously to Marianna Deeken, U.S. Department of Education Training Officer. A wonderful and very heartfelt tribute was given and has been posted to the WASFAA Conference web site.

Although the conference had a significant increase in participation the committee is faced with a serious room attrition issue with the Hilton Hawaiian Village. We are going to propose several options to reduce the financial liability but are doubtful we will escape without a penalty.

If you were able to join us, we hope you enjoyed the conference, if you were unable to join us, we missed you!

- The U.S. Department of Education announced three Public Hearings for preparing proposed regulations. One of the hearings has been scheduled in our region at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA on Monday, May 16 and the roundtable discussion on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The Department intends to use these roundtable discussions to inform the postsecondary education policies in three key areas – teacher preparation, college completion and the proposed “First in the World” grant completion.

- Recently an e-mail was sent by WASFAA Volunteer Development Chair Tami Sato encouraging members to sign up to volunteer. WASFAA is an all volunteer based organization and needs volunteers like you. Please review Tami's e-mail dated May 10 and let me add my encouragement, WASFAA is a great professional organization and we need you. You will never regret volunteering in whatever capacity or time commitment you can give. You will gain so many new friends and colleagues and just think you'll have a new set of Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn buddies. The form is on the WASFAA web site under Online Forms, in fact here's the link <http://wasfaa.org/docs/forms/memVolunteer.html>. Please volunteer, WASFAA needs you.
- NASFAA Board of Directors is meeting in our region, May 23 and 24 at the Embassy Suites in Portland, Oregon. Welcome, NASFAA, to beautiful Portland, Oregon and to WASFAA!
- The 2011 Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute will be held in Spokane, Washington from June 5 -10, 2011 at Whitworth University. Not only will there be the traditional beginner track but the committee is also putting together an intermediate track for those who have a few more years of experience and need that next level of training. This year's Chair Catherine Kind-Todd has gathered an outstanding group of experienced faculty to share their combined sage advice and knowledge.

Nichole Doering – Razzle Dazzle College, Inc.

Jack Edwards – Stanford Graduate School of Business

Laura Hughes – Lewis-Clark State College

Tracy Reisinger – Marylhurst College

Traci Stensland – Whitworth University

Kim Schreck – U.S. Department of Education

Catherine King Todd – Thunderbird School of Global Management

Ryan West – Western Oregon University

We appreciate your time, commitment and your individual institutions' support in helping to educate the future leaders of WASFAA.

- WASFAA Executive Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 10 at Whitworth University. This will allow the EC membership to attend the graduation ceremony of the WASFAA Summer Institute and join in celebrating the accomplishments of our new graduates. If you're in the local area remember WASFAA Executive Council meetings are open to the membership.
- In March President Guidry informed the membership that WASFAA Executive Council voted to accept NASFAA's offer to enter into an agreement to piggyback on their investments. WASFAA is compiling the necessary paperwork to make the fund transfer as soon as possible, but no later than by the June EC meeting. Watch for a news article from WASFAA Treasurer, Peter Miller on WASFAA finances and how this opportunity will benefit WASFAA.
- WASFAA has begun the site selection process for WASFAA 2012 conference – the location will be Portland, Oregon. We are also looking at Hilton family of hotels as we may need to consider one of them as an option for the shortfall in the room block in Hawaii (see conference highlight on page 1). Once a venue has been selected an announcement will be made. Your conference chairs Mary San Agustin ([msanagustin@palomar.edu](mailto:msanagustin@palomar.edu)) and Tracey Lehman ([tracey.lehman@oit.edu](mailto:tracey.lehman@oit.edu)) will be working

on the program so if you have ideas, interest sessions you would like to see or would like to present please contact the chairs. Another great volunteer opportunity for you to consider, get involved with WASFAA.

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