



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, Mindy Bergeron, at bergeron@jku.edu.

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- The votes for the 2010-11 WASFAA election have been counted and the winners are: Kay Soltis, Pacific Lutheran University, President-Elect; Adam Hatch, Hawaii Pacific University, Vice-President; Luhui Whitebear, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Secretary; Peter Miller, Truckee Meadows Community College, Treasurer; and Jackie Alleyne-McCants, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Ethnic Diversity Representative-at-Large.
- Also, as part of the recent 2010-11 WASFAA election, a favorable vote was made to increase the *annual WASFAA membership fee from \$40 to \$50*. This is still one of the most reasonable membership fees around.
- The next WASFAA Executive Council meeting is in downtown Portland, Oregon at the Benson Hotel at 1:00 p.m. on February 25 and 26, 2010. The WASFAA Fiscal Planning Committee and the WASFAA Strategic Planning Committee meetings are held before the EC meeting. The Executive Council meeting is open to the public.
- The WASFAA Awards & Scholarship and Ethnic Diversity Committees are now accepting scholarship applications for the Annual Conference (application deadline February 24) and the Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute (application deadline April 5). We encourage interested individuals to apply or others to nominate someone who would benefit from one of our highly rated training events. WASFAA will assist in covering a portion of the expenses to attend. Visit the Scholarship Application via Online Forms or this link: http://www.wasfaa.org/docs/forms/Scholarship_app_10.html
- Just around the corner is the 2010 WASFAA Conference which is being held this year in beautiful Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, April 18-20, 2010. With the theme "Reflections on Student Success", it promises to be a fully packed program at the beautiful and serene lakeside setting of Lake Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. If you've been watching the Olympics, Coeur d' Alene is just as breathtaking as Whistler, BC. It is a conference you don't want to miss. The tentative agenda and speaker profiles are available at http://wasfaa.org/docs/toc_conferences.html. Some of the 'highlights' from the conference program include: *Year-Round Pell, R2T4 Overview; Transitioning to Direct Lending; Direct Loan Processing Using COD; Direct Loan Funding and Cash Management; Best Practices: Policies and Procedures, and Ethics on Campus*. Please note that there is a new "green" initiative where attendees will print out the handouts for the sessions they want to attend instead of having paper handouts available at the beginning of the sessions.
- 2010 WASFAA Conference Housing: The hotel rooms at The Lodge in CDA are filling up quickly. The \$119 rooms are already sold out. To make your room reservation you can go to the following link: http://wasfaa.org/docs/conferences/2010/RoomRatesInfo_2010Conference.pdf
- 2010 WASFAA Conference Registration: The 'spring break' price for conference registration is \$300 and ends March 18, 2010. *And if you register early...* The Coeur d'Alene Resort is offering three early registration prizes. Any person who registers for the conference by February 28, 2010 at 5 p.m. and reserves a room at the Coeur d'Alene Resort will have his or her name placed in a drawing for one of three prizes. The first person whose name is drawn will have a choice of \$100 hotel gift card, an

upgrade to a beautiful suite at the premier room rate, a free Swedish massage at the resort or a free round of golf. Second and third prize winners will be able to upgrade their rooms to a bridal suite at the premier room rate. Winners must stay at the resort during the conference in order to receive their prizes and the prizes are not transferrable. The drawing will take place shortly after the deadline of February, 2010 and winners will be notified. For questions, you can contact the 2010 Conference Chair, Wendy Olson, at wolson@whitworth.edu or call 509.777.4306.

- Mark your calendars for WASFAA's annual week-long summer training event, the **Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute**, which is scheduled for **June 6 through June 11, 2010** at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. The EC voted to NOT increase the registration fee. The fees will remain the same as they were in 2009. SDBSI fees: Single Room \$695 per person; Double Room \$595 per person; and Commuters \$495 per person. Please note the training cost includes: program costs, room and meals. The chair for this event, Jack Edwards, is a long-time SDBSI instructor who is from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He can be reached at Edwards_Jack@GSB.Stanford.Edu or 650.736.1758. Here's the link to this training http://wasfaa.org/docs/toc_summerinstitute.html
- The WASFAA Training Committee is developing a series of training webinars to be offered later this spring, related to "Communicating with Your Customers." This series will explore implementation of FERPA, consumer information requirements, and the potential for using social media to inform and connect with your students. Learn from experts in their fields, hear how your colleagues are addressing these issues, and share your experience in an open forum during each session. Watch the listserv for more information soon.
- We will be sending a short survey to the WASFAA membership asking for input about our website - what pages are most useful, least used, what would you like to see added etc. We appreciate your participation to help us make improvements to our communications with you, our members!
- If you have any items of interest to include in future WASFAA Highlights email me at bergeron@jfku.edu

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