



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, Sandi Guidry, sguidry@unr.edu

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The most recent **WASFAA Executive Council** meeting was held in Lake Tahoe, Nevada on February 16 & 17, 2011. 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. This meeting will be remembered for the wind in Reno which prevented members from landing and the several feet of snow that prevented some from driving in. For those on council from Hawaii – I know you loved the snow and the cold weather!!! Thanks to everyone for surviving the challenges to get to the meeting site.

In an effort to save WASFAA money the Council combined the JRS Management Leadership Institute, 2010-11 Executive Council and 2011-12 Executive Council Transition Meeting. By combining the three meetings WASFAA was able to take advantage of cheaper room rates and a reduction in travel expenses.

Just around the corner is the **2011 WASFAA Conference** which is being held this year in sunny Honolulu, Hawaii, April 17-19, 2011. With the theme *Surviving a Sea of Change – Ae hiki no! (Yes we can!)*, it promises to provide the most current and relevant training at a location like no other in our fabulous region. The tentative agenda and session descriptions are available at http://www.wasfaa.org/docs/toc_conferences.html. Some of the 'highlights' from the conference program include: *Net Price Calculator, Direct Lending Reconciliation; Federal Loan Processing Services, Legislative Advocacy and Program Reviews and Audits. US Department of Education will be presenting on Program Integrity including new regulations for Verification, SAP, Gainful Employment, R2T4, and Repeated Coursework and the Federal Update. We are also pleased to have NASFAA staff present on NASFAA Tools, SAP and Professional Judgment.* Please note that there is a "green" initiative where attendees will print out the full agenda – the conference will provide a pocket program for your convenience. Members will be notified when the final agenda is available for printing.

2011 WASFAA Conference Housing: The hotel rooms at The Hilton Hawaiian Village are filling up quickly. To make your room reservation you can go to the following link:

http://www.wasfaa.org/docs/toc_conferences.html

2011 WASFAA Conference Registration: The early registration price for conference registration is \$300 and ends March 18, 2011.

Mark your calendars for WASFAA's annual week-long summer training event, the **Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute**, which is scheduled for **June 5 through June 10, 2011** at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. For more information go to www.wasfaa.org

If you have any items of interest to include in future WASFAA Highlights email me at sguidry@unr.edu

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