**Annual Report**

**Presented to NeASFAA Membership**

**2011 Spring Conference Business Meeting**

**Professional Development Committee**

The Professional Development Committee is charged with providing opportunities for professional growth and development for the NeASFAA membership. To meet this charge, the PDC committee provided the following:

November 12, 2010, Support Staff Workshop held at York College, York Nebraska. The focus of this workshop is on the support staff in the financial aid office. The sessions covered “Wellness at your Desk” by Kimberly Barrett, Wellness Coordinator, Campus Recreation, UNL; The Ins and Outs of Year Round Pell by Susan Frodyma, Assistant Director, Financial Aid, UNL; Round table sharing with colleagues by software type “New Shortcuts and helpful hints” and general What’s Happening in your Offices; “It’s a New World Out There – Are You Ready?” Helpful hints on providing good customer services by Janet Dodson, Vice President Policy, Research and Education – NSLP; The Federal Web Sites – COD, NSLDS and studentloans.gov presented by Peggy Tvrdy, Financial Aid Director, Doane College and Beth Sisk, Financial Aid Director, College of Saint Mary.

There were 37 attendees at the Support Staff Workshop.

The 2011 Spring Conference was held in Grand Island, Nebraska at the Mid-Town Holiday Inn. There were 72 registrants. Our special guest was Janet Riis, Carroll College, Montana, and RMASFAA President. She shared how to navigate the RMASFAA web site and the RMASFAA Conference to be held October 15 – 19th in Missoula Montana.

This was the first time that NeASFAA had extended an invitation to our business office colleagues to join us at the Spring Conference. We had 5 business officers attend. The feedback indicates that this should be continued. PDC will need to recruit a business office person to be a part of the committee to assist in providing pertinent topics for business sessions.

This was also the first time we have tried a two day conference. The comments will be evaluated by the current PDC committee and a decision made on whether to keep this format for the spring 2012 conference in Norfolk.

The 2012 Spring Conference will be held at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites – Divots Conference Center, April 18-20, 2012. If the two day format is adopted, the dates would be April 19 and 20.

A heartfelt thank you to the committee for their input, their willingness to help and great support. Members: Jodi VandenBerge and Beth Sisk (2011-2012 co-chairs), Vicki Kucera, Kent Wolfe and Ex Officio members, Terri Graham and Peggy Tvrdy. Special thanks to my co-chair Ritchie Morrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Routh, co-chair

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