

March 28, 2019

President Report – Marty Habrock

NeASFAA Annual Association Business Meeting

The 2018-19 NeASFAA board had a productive and successful year. Key accomplishments:

- We were able to successfully hold Zoom board meetings for those attending via distance. Special thanks to Shareen Thewke (Associate Member) and the University of Nebraska (NeSIS) for providing the Zoom capabilities.
- The NeASFAA board spent quite a bit of time at board meetings brainstorming and updating the 2014-2016 Strategic Directions document. A draft version has been completed.
- Creation of a new State and Federal Relations Committee. The NeASFAA Policies and Procedures have been updated. Special thanks to Justin Brown (UNL) for volunteering as the inaugural chair and creating a working document to guide the committee's work.

Other President Activities throughout the year.

- Attended that NASFAA conference June 24-27 in Austin, TX. At the association level, several key takeaways:
 - At the Regional and State Presidents Luncheon, Chief Training Officer Dana Kelly announced the continuation of NASFAA authorized events, specifically NASFAA Credential Training.
 - At the Awards Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting, it was announced the Certified Financial Aid Administrator (CFAA) program, beginning in 2019-2020.
 - Mary Sommers was given the 2018 Statement of Appreciation Award. It is presented to recognize and to thank an individual for service to NASFAA or the profession.
- Attended that RNASFAA board meetings and conference October 5-10 in Fargo, ND. During the transitional board meeting, a couple topics of interest to report and begin thinking about at the state level:
 - Exchanging state presidents. Having the NeASFAA president attend another state conference and that state president attend NeASFAA's conference
 - Strengthening the state and regional collaboration and support.
 - Incorporating diversity and inclusion initiatives at the regional and state level.
- Attended the RNASFAA Winter Board Meeting on Thursday March 14th and Friday, March 15th in Denver. Attended the meeting via Zoom due to weather related travel issues.
- In February/March stepped in for the Finance and Audit Committee Chair to coordinate the proposed budget for 2019-20.

Respectfully submitted,

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NeASFAA President