WASFAA is looking for creative, hardworking volunteers to serve on committees in 2004-05. Willingness to work, play hard, and interact with professional colleagues a must. Go to www.wasfaa.org and complete the volunteer form under online forms.

Thanks, Jim White, WAFSAA President-Elect

Visit WASFAA website to make your room reservations!!
- Click on the link to the Doubletree Paradise Valley.
- On the left hand side, click on “book a room.”
- Set the dates for your stay and put the group code in the Group/Convention code box in the Special Accounts section.
- The conference rate is $129.00 per night. The group code is WAS.
- Activities include “WASFAA’s Wrigley Wrap-up” (See website for more information).
- Keynote Speaker is Don Heller (See website for more information).
- Program information will be available on the website soon!!
If you have no idea:

- Who sends the IPED report...
- What the FISAP stands for...
- Where a Blue Book is usually kept...
- When to appeal cohort default rates... or
- Why you should be concerned with Transfers, Carry Forwards and Carry Back of Funds,

then this is the institute for you to attend!

The Jerry R. Sims Management and Leadership Institute (recently re-named in his honor), took place in Seattle this past November 15th—November 18th. The Talaris Conference Center was the site for the conference. Let me get the most important things out of the way before we continue...the food was wonderful and the weather sucked – thank goodness the conference center had umbrellas in our rooms for us to use to go back and forth to our classes.

It is incredible the amount of information you carry around with you, and it is equally as incredible the amount of information you still don't know after all the years you've spent in financial aid. Hopefully someone on your campus knows what you don't and I'm confident that at my institution, someone does!

The faculty for the institute consisted of: Julie Arthur, U.S. Department of Education; Jennifer Freimund, NELA Seattle; Mike Johnson, Clark College; Tracy Reisinger, University of Portland; Doug Severs, Idaho State University; Kay Soltis, Pacific Lutheran University; and Jim White, Seattle University.

Did you know that your office receives $5 for each student who receives a Pell grant? Did you know you can transfer funds from SEOG to work-study?
Did you know that if you keep files for an extended period of time and during a program review a mistake is found, you are liable for the costs if you have access to those files?
Did you know that FISAP means: Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate?
Did you know the Registrar's office sends the IPED (Institution Post-Secondary Educational Data Report)?
Did you know that the Blue book is usually kept in your Bursar's or Accounting office, and that it outlines the accounting side of financial aid?
Did you know that you could appeal cohort default rates?
Did you know that your budget could be reduced in future years if you do not handle your Carry Forwards and Carry Backward of funds appropriately?
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The 2003 WASFAA Summer Institute
The Foremost Experiential Learning Opportunity for Novice Financial Aid Administrators
Submitted by Brian J. Trautman, Alaska Pacific University

This past spring semester, my school, Alaska Pacific University, and the ALASFAA Scholarship Committee offered me the opportunity to attend the 20th Annual WASFAA Summer Institute, held June 1st-6th at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho. I was delighted to be recognized by my peers and supervisors and to be afforded the opportunity to learn and mature with some of the most experienced and venerated financial aid administrators in the business. The prospect of growing intellectually and emotionally with others in the field was something I was most certainly anticipating.

Despite the fact that I was looking forward to participating in this seminar, I still couldn't help but feel a bit uneasy about attending. I wondered if my training and knowledge would compare to the experience others might bring to Boise State. I knew, however, that as long as I brought a high level of confidence and passion for learning to Summer Institute, my ability to assimilate new information would be enhanced. It was clear in my mind that to benefit from the WASFAA Summer Institute experience, I would need to participate proactively in transformational discourse through various exchanges, and that I would need to be open to diverse information and challenges.

True to WASFAA form, I was enveloped straight away in a practical flow of learning with other financial aid administrators, novices like myself representing schools throughout the region. WASFAA welcomed us into a structured educational set-up to foster transformation of mind and to strengthen shared goals. These goals focused on expanding the frames of reference of financial aid technicians, counselors, assistant directors, directors, business office personnel, and all others at WASFAA Summer Institute there to learn about financial aid.

To my delight, the faculty and other participants of the Institute were extremely welcoming. I believe the cordialness, informality, and demonstrated good character of the faculty facilitated a high motivational level and readiness to learn among Summer Institute participants; a mind-set, I might add, which was embraced ubiquitously by the learners involved. The level of openness and respect for others throughout the various sessions offered at the Institute inspired me to contribute my own experience and knowledge often and with enthusiasm.

The experience was truly rewarding. Large and small group discourse flowed diplomatically, democratically, inclusively and with purpose. The presenters at Summer Institute communicated material with eloquence and dedication to participants and the subject matter in general. Each and every presenter at Summer Institute demonstrated a robust knowledge and experience base and exemplified professionalism in dealing with the needs and questions of the audience sensitively and supportively. This had the effect of producing open dialogue throughout the forum.

I would recommend the WASFAA Summer Institute for any financial aid administrator wishing to enhance his or her knowledge of financial aid systems and processes. More importantly, Summer Institute affords novice financial aid administrators the chance to meet and form powerful relationships with some of the most experienced and respected persons in the business. I view the experience as a wonderful networking opportunity for anyone wishing to pursue a short-term or long-term career in the field.
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Some of the following is excerpted from a presentation by WASFAA Federal Issues Committee member Vicki Shipley, Vice President of Government and Industry Relations for Southwest Student Services Corporation.

Some think that the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (RHEA) may be delayed another year but there has been some action with various bills that have been passed and some that have been introduced. What is missing is the “Title IV” bill that will more directly affect financial aid programs.

The following bills have been passed by the House:

- **H.R. 438**: The Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act, which increases loan forgiveness from $5,000 to $17,500 in areas such as math, science, and special education or reading.

- **H.R. 2211**: The Ready to Teach Act, which would establish “Centers of Excellence” to recruit and prepare teachers.

- **H.R. 3076**: The Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act, which reauthorizes appropriations for certain graduate programs as well as a demonstration project for quality higher education for students with disabilities.

- **H.R. 3077**: The International Studies in Higher Education Act, which supports international and foreign language studies and establishes an advisory board.

These bills were introduced to the House Subcommittee:

- **H.R. 3039**: The Expanding Opportunities in Higher Education Act, repeals the “90/10 Rule,” the “50% Rule,” classifies active members of the National Guard as “independent students,” and requires a study to simplify the federal methodology and application process.

- **H.R. 3311**: The Affordability in Higher Education Act, which mandates sanctions if a school increases its tuition by more than two times the CPI over a 3-year period.

- **H.R. 3180**: The College Opportunity Act for All, increases the Pell Grant maximum, authorizes a pilot program for year-round Pell, eliminates the Pell tuition sensitivity provision, eliminates the “Single Holder Rule,” allows refinancing of consolidation loans, eliminates the drug conviction provision, creates a FAFSA-EZ, and maintains the current FM tax tables.

S. 1793, the College Quality, Affordability, and Diversity Act, introduced by Senator Kennedy is what Vicki calls a “message bill” and includes the following provisions:

- Increases the Pell and SEOG grants
- Expands the HOPE Scholarship tax credit
- Eliminates student loan origination fees for subsidized loans and mandates the same fees for Direct and FFEL unsubsidized loans
- Mandates congressional review of any changes to the federal financial aid needs analysis tables made by the Secretary
- Provides earning exemptions of the first $9,000 for dependent students, and up to $18,000 for independent students with dependents from the need calculation
- Increases funding for GEAR Up/TRIO and creates two new retention programs.
- Consolidates and strengthens current training and recruitment of teacher programs
- Eliminates the drug conviction provision in student eligibility

For the current status and more detailed legislative language you can go to [http://thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov) and type in the bill number.

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From Wendy Olson, WAFAA Secretary

Did you ever wonder what goes on at the WASFAA Executive Council meetings when we are not all gathered at the annual conference? Well, you can find out by going to our website and looking under “About WASFAA.” The minutes are posted there for all our Executive Council meetings.
What's in a Name?
Submitted by Dan Brent, Citibank

English, I’m told, has a larger collection of words in its dictionary than any other language. A writer can almost always find a word that captures the nuance that he or she wants to convey.

Examples abound. Isn’t “addle” much more colorful than “muddle?” “Meander” says more than “wander.” “Sanction” sounds so much more official than “approve.”

And our vocabulary is growing. If your dictionary doesn’t have the word “eustress,” it’s getting a bit dated. And if “byte” isn’t there, you clearly need a new dictionary. In wrestling with gender issues we’ve created a whole new set of words and phrases. The “mailman” has become the “letter carrier,” the “fireman” has become the “firefighter,” and the “stewardess” is now the “flight attendant.” Progress.

But we still have some work to do. In schools, we still speak of the student from abroad as the “foreign” student. The student knows who he or she is and “foreign” is hardly the way he or she would use. We think of “foreign” as something that doesn’t belong. “Mr. Grocer, there’s something foreign in my milk.” It’s hardly a word that suggests hospitality and welcome. “Students from abroad” is better but wordy. “Students from foreign countries” doesn’t help much. Of course, anything is better than the INS designation of “aliens.” That congers up images of short, green, one-eyed, hairless creatures from space. That’s hardly how our forbearers saw the “huddled masses longing to breathe free.”

In politics we talk about “foreign” policy. No wonder we have relationship problems with other countries. Everybody concedes that the world has gotten smaller. Words and pictures go around the world in a millisecond. By commercial jet, you can leave New York and be in Singapore in eighteen hours. But our language hasn’t caught up. We still use the same words that described Commodore Dewey’s steaming into Manila Bay in 1898. No wonder much of the world sees us as the Satanic Empire!

We had a CEO once who asked that we not refer to student borrowers as “kids.” He thought the word suggested a level of condescension and taking them for granted that he considered inappropriate in speaking to or about customers. The Disney organization insists that visitors to Disneyland and Disneyworld be called – and treated as – “guests.” The Masters golf tournament played each April in Georgia is televised. The TV commentators are forbidden to refer to the galleries as anything other than “patrons.” A TV commentator who slips and talks about the “crowds” or “fans” is not allowed back.

I know it sounds picky, picky, picky. I know that in Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare said, “A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.”

But words have such power. There is a school of philosophy that suggests that names give things their being. In the Genesis story of creation, Adam was allowed by God to name the animals – a proof of his dominion over them. Parents name their children – the beginning of taking responsibility for them. Now is calling a student “foreign” beginning to sound a bit inappropriate?

Dan Brent is a Professional Development Officer with Citibank. He regularly presents seminars for financial aid office people.
On behalf of the Nominations & Elections Committee along with the 03-04 WASFAA Executive Council, I am pleased to announce the results of the WASFAA election:

President-Elect: Steve Herndon
Vice-President: Kay Soltis
Secretary: Kathryn Anderson
Treasurer-Elect: Peter Miller
Ethnic Diversity-at-Large: Frank Silva

These members will be part of the 04-05 Executive Council leadership along with:

President: Jim White
Past-President: Kate Peterson
Treasurer: Lana Walter

and a representative from each state association as well as a Segmental Representative-at-Large.

We had almost a 50% membership voter turnout - we thank you for taking the time to mark the ballot and participate in the process.

Congratulations!

Nominations & Elections Committee Members:

Jim White
Frank Green
Renee McCloud
Leonard Walker

Submitted by Catherine King-Todd, Chair
CASFAA (California) Report Greetings from California!

Submitted by Ena Hull, Past-President

CASFAA hosted its annual conference this past year December 14th—16th in beautiful Monterey, California at the Monterey Conference Center. The theme was “Treasuring Our Partnerships” and we had a record number of attendees with well over 1,200 members attending the festivities. Our keynote speaker was retired Colonel Consuelo Castillo-Kickbusch who opened the conference with a fantastic presentation on the power of education, where she moved the audience to both tears and laughter. Next, the program committee developed a training curriculum for both beginning and advanced aid administrators with the NASFAA Core materials serving as our foundation. The committee also created a flexible schedule that allowed for more networking opportunities by setting an “open” lunch period during the second day of the conference. Many of our vendors used this time to sponsor luncheons for our members and set up “meet and greet” events for new members.

We also had an entertainment program which included dancing to a disc jockey one evening and concluding with a 70’s themed event called “Monday Night Fever” where our CASFAA colleagues donned their best 70’s attire and danced the night away to a retro-band named “Double Funk Crunch.” As you can see by these conference pictures, the folks in California had a great time working hard and playing hard.

Finally, we welcomed our new incoming President Wayne Mahoney from Southwestern School of Law and the new Executive Council for 2004. Our new council includes the following individuals:

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CASFAA also presented its highest honor award of Lifetime Membership to the following two individuals this year:

**Donna Palmer, Retired Financial Director of Loyola Marymount University**

Donna Palmer is one of the most respected financial aid figures in the nation. It is seldom that we see leaders of such character and ability. She is a person who has served in numerous capacities for a wide range of financial aid bodies, including CASFAA, WASFAA, NASFAA, the College Board, AICCU, and the California Student Aid Commission.

Many of you will remember her as an expert financial aid trainer who possesses not only the technical knowledge needed but also the unique ability to convey complex financial aid issues in the simplest of terms. Part of that skill comes from her thoughtful approach to training and sincere desire to understand others’ needs and perspectives.

While she has recently retired, there is no question that she will continue as a financial aid advocate and will long be remembered by the financial aid community. Please join us in congratulating Donna Palmer as a recipient of CASFAA’s highest honor, the Lifetime Membership Award.

**Dr. John Anderson, Retired Financial Aid Director, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo**

John is known throughout California, and indeed the entire western region and the nation, as one of our most capable and dedicated financial aid leaders. He has spent
year upon year serving not only CASFAA, but also WASFAA and NASFAA, and has always done so with the utmost attention to excellence. His integrity and his clear sense of vision have made him a valuable part of CASFAA, and for that we owe him our heartfelt gratitude.

Some of you may remember John as one of CASFAA’s most talented fiscal advisors who has a particular flair for figures and who has provided both CASFAA and WASFAA with much-needed guidance on their growing investment portfolios. Others may remember him for his unabashed, yet ever-so-constructive candor. He is a true leader and respected colleague.

He is now enjoying a well-deserved rest, as he recently retired as a financial aid director from what he enjoys referring to as “THE” Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo. Please join us in congratulating John Anderson as the recipient of CASFAA’s Lifetime Membership Award.

Jerry R. Sims, Distinguished Service Award

We in CASFAA have had the good fortune to have with us a very special person: a person who has shown himself to be not only an exceptional leader, but an exceptional individual who has touched so many of us in so many ways. His name is Jerry Sims, and I am sure I speak for all of us when I say that his recent passing brings a great sense of loss...the loss of someone who was at once a friend, an advisor, a colleague, and a tireless CASFAA leader and supporter.

It’s difficult to believe that someone as vivacious as Jerry could be gone. He had an enormous amount of energy and invested much of that energy in financial aid community activities, most notably WASFAA and CASFAA. He was, in fact, the last word on volunteerism. Those of us who knew Jerry remember him as a thoughtful person who enjoyed both family and friends and lived life to the fullest. He never hesitated to speak his mind, but he always did so in a gentlemanly manner.

For all his accomplishments including his WASFAA presidency, his service on the CASFAA Executive Council, and his many years of service on the CASFAA Conference Committee, Jerry was a remarkably modest individual who was every bit as comfortable operating behind the scenes as he was being on the scene. He gave so much to CASFAA. It was our pleasure to dedicate this year’s conference to Jerry Sims.

Other mentionable awards include the following:

Meritorious Service: Mindy Bergeron, JFK University

Distinguished Service: Los Angeles Mayor’s Office for Free Cash For College
Distinguished Service: Pat Hurley, Glendale Community College

Rookie of the Year: Rita Fellows, San Joaquin Delta College

Creative Leadership: Tim Bonnel, California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office

Committee of the Year: Federal Issues Committee

President’s Award: Justene Adamec, legal counsel for CASFAA

President’s Award: Steve Arena, San Joaquin Delta College

President’s Award: Tim Bonnel, California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office

President’s Award: David Levy, CalTech

That’s it for now and we look forward to seeing everyone in May for the annual WASFAA conference.

Webster Has A New Entry:

Real-Time (rēəl tīm), n. 1. the act of moving data so fast it takes your breath away. 2. the method by which ELMNet routes student loan transactions and status inquiries. 3. a tool that gives you answers now. adj. 4. the definitive answer on how to process student loans: Real time loan processing means origination and changes are done immediately. 5. the most complete and current loan inquiry system available: Real time loan inquiry gives me all the loan information I need in a single screen.

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The late fall and winter months are traditionally slow for IASFAA. But although we haven’t had any events since our fall conference in October, committees have been working behind the scenes.

The bylaw committee is reviewing proposals for both the bylaws and constitution with a fine-toothed comb. Proposals we will present to the membership include housekeeping changes, such as more clearly defining and adding to officers’ duties. The committee is also considering adding two new offices to the board: secretary-treasurer elect and representative-at-large, hoping with the latter office to be able to involve representatives of proprietary schools in a more active role in the association. This topic was discussed at the June IASFAA board meeting. We are also proposing that we extend our election deadline from March 1 to April 1.

The finance committee is also at work trying to put our fiscal house in order. We are researching the possibility of using Quicken on-line to enable all officers to view the books, thereby not having to refer to the secretary-treasurer for up-to-the minute details. We are researching past years’ records to develop fiscal reports for the past few years (July 1 – June 30 -- the treasurer’s report for the past several years presented activity from October to October, coinciding with our fall conferences). Since our elections are right around the corner, we hope to recruit members with an accounting background to run for the office of secretary-treasurer. We are counting on the next person to hold this office to develop a proper bookkeeping system and to write detailed procedures for the office.

On a final note, all other officers have written procedures which have been put on our website for members to consult when considering running for office. Plans are also in the works to have a new, up-to-date, and user-friendly membership roster on the web as well as a list of former presidents for those history buffs in our association.

### WFAA (Washington) Report

**Clara Capron, WFAA President**

**WFAA ELECTION RESULTS**

The newly-elected members of the Washington Financial Aid Association Executive Committee, effective July 2004, are as follows:

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In addition, I am pleased to announce the Conference Co-Chairs for the Fall 2004 WFAA conference:

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### MEMORY OF VERA HOOVER:

**CONFERENCE 2004 SCHOLARSHIP**

Vera Hoover, a much-loved member of the Washington financial aid community, passed away on December 31, 2003. Vera had recently retired after serving in a series of progressively—responsible positions at Eastern Washington University over the last 30 years, with her most recent position consisting of Systems Analyst. In honor of Vera’s many contributions to the financial aid profession, WFAA will offer a complimentary fall 2004 conference registration and conference lodging to a first-time WFAA conference attendee. The financial aid staff at Eastern and Vera’s husband, Larry Hoover, are playing a large role in creating the applications process. Bruce DeFrates, Director of Financial Aid at Eastern states, “Vera was known for her work on WFAA committees, was a good friend and colleague, and will be greatly missed.”
STATEWIDE STUDENT BUDGET SURVEY

Student Budgets Chair Carla Idohl-Corwin of South Puget Sound Community College has initiated steps to conduct a statewide student budget survey. Carla and her committee members are in the process of developing a survey instrument and determining the means for collecting data. John Klacik, Associate Director of Student Financial Aid of the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Kate Bligh of Nellie Mae played major roles in creating the last WFAA survey. Their renewed participation is appreciated on this new project. In addition, Evelyn Hawkins, Associate Director for Research of the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board, has agreed to lend her expertise toward development of the survey and data analysis.

NEW WEBSITE THROUGH ATAC

Electronic Services Chair Wendy Joseph of Tacoma Community College reports that the WFAA website contracted through ATAC Corporation should “go live” any day now. She and members of her committee have done an outstanding job of coordinating with WFAA Executive Committee members, ATAC, David Minger of Lake Washington Technical College and others, to ensure a smooth transition and make our new website a reality.

MISSION STATEMENT/POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The WFAA Executive Committee recently approved a mission statement and policies and procedures document drafted by Past-President Mary Edington. Creating these documents was a substantial undertaking and will serve as a foundation for WFAA activities for many years to come.

TRAINING REQUEST, NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS TO U.S. DOE

In coordination with WASFAA, a letter was sent to the U.S. Department of Education requesting training in the calculation of aid eligibility for students in non-traditional programs of study.

$2,000 CONTRIBUTION TO WASHINGTON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

On January 30, 2004, the WFAA Executive Committee voted to approve that WFAA provide a $2,000 contribution to Washington Dollars for Scholars Program.

TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO NASFAA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE


WFAA continues to plan, provide, and continuously improve upon a vast array of services offered to WFAA members and our constituents. In addition, we look forward to collaborating further with our sister aid organizations and WASFAA, for purposes of contributing to our profession and improving service to students.
OASFAA (OREGON) REPORT
Jim Eddy, OASFAA President

ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Our annual conference at Salishan Lodge in Gleneden Beach, Oregon was held February 8-10, 2004. Our theme was “Celebrating Our Common Thread,” with a quilting motif tying the sessions together. The meeting was very well attended; Tom Mortenson was his usual firebrand self as our keynote speaker, focusing on access issues and taking our schools to task for succumbing to enrollment management practices. OASFAA provided 17 full-cost scholarships to our members to make it possible for them to attend the meeting.

SPECIAL ELECTION:

A special election was held on February 10 for our current year President-Elect position. Dave Allen, Director of Financial Aid at Multnomah Bible College/Seminary, was elected as our President-Elect and will become OASFAA President on June 1 of this year. Talk about hitting the ground running... congratulations Dave!

SLATE OF CANDIDATES APPROVED, 2004-05

Executive Board:

- President-Elect: Rod Boettcher, Mt. Hood Community College; Mary Jo Jackson, Clackamas Community College
- Secretary: Michelle Holdway, U. of Oregon; Tracy Lehman-Marquit, Oregon Institute of Technology
- Vice-President, Proprietary Sector: Scott Money, Art Institute of Portland; Abril Hunt, Concorde Career Institute
- Vice-President, 4-Year Public Sector: Donna Fossum, Western Oregon U.; Judy Saling Field, U. of Oregon
- Vice-President, 2-Year Public Sector: Anna Manley, Rogue Community College; Laurie Neil, Central Oregon Community College
- Vice-President, Independent Sector: Anastasia Dillon, Lewis & Clark College; Cindy Pollard, Warner Pacific College

OASFAA ON TELEVISION AGAIN, 2003:

OASFAA and Oregon Public Broadcasting television again presented our annual television event, “Financial Aid for College” on Thursday, December 11, 2003. Special thanks to Patty Brady-Glassman, Oregon State U.; and Tracy Reisinger, U. of Portland, for another outstanding outreach program.

SUPPORT STAFF WORKSHOP:

Our annual Support Staff Workshop was presented on Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at Willamette University in Salem. The event co-chairs were Judy Gjesdal and Heidi Elder, from Marylhurst University, and our featured keynote presenter was humorist and motivation speaker Leigh Anne Jasheway.

FINALLY... FA 101 TURNED 10 THIS PAST YEAR

FA 101, our novice aid administrator training, celebrated its 10th year of operations at our most recent offering on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at Linfield College. Co-chairs for this great training institution are Linfield College’s Dan Preston and Crisanne Werner. Happy 10th birthday!