WASFAA November EC - State President’s Meeting
Portland, OR
November 8, 2017

In attendance: Anita Kermes (for Daniel Reed, CA), John Bender (ID), Anthony Morrone (NV), Mark Diestler (OR), Becky Phillips (for Fa’aana Tosi, AK), Diana Dowling (AZ), Sherri Padilla (HI), Mary Frances Causey, committee liaison.

- **General announcement** from CA that CA state employees cannot travel to any state that has passed a bill against inclusive gender regulations. This means CA state schools can’t go to NASFAA conference this summer, which will be held in Texas.
- Discussion about **sessions for WASFAA Conference** in Idaho this coming spring. At this time only one state president is committed to attending the conference, but others may. A few committed to being on a panel of state presidents for management topics – i.e. day in the life, what to prepare for, etc.
- Discussion about **WASFAA handbook** last updated in 2011 for state presidents. All agreed this could be a very useful resource for incoming presidents. Mary Frances use the feedback to edit existing handbook and share with this group before proposing changes to WASFAA EC.
- Discussion about **phishing scams** – warn your treasurers and treasurer-elects to expect unusual requests for money that appear to come from other board members. Also watch for requests for annual fee and submission of board minutes – verify before sending – it may be a scam!
- **Call to action**: Anthony will verify name of Bruce Honer’s supervisor or alternate at FSA and we will send out to this group – request is to email them your appreciation for in person trainings that he conducts to help keep it in their budget. Another approach is to send a thank you note to the designated person after Bruce or other FSA trainer completes training sessions in your state.
- **Promise Scholarships** are available in at least three of the western states, discussion about the new ones and about older ones that are getting refined.
- Discussion about attendance for face to face training when population is scattered over large region.

**Topics for next meeting:**
Continuity, succession planning for state association boards

**Reminders from WASFAA EC:**
Please forward monthly WASFAA newsletter to your membership – no restrictions whether the schools are members or not – this is where the bulk of WASFAA updates and news is now shared.

**Upcoming WASFAA EC Meetings:**
February 21-23, 2018 (location TBD)
No meeting at WASFAA Conference
Early June – to coincide with Summer Institute in Reno NV

*Incoming presidents should attend Feb and June, presidents currently serving on WASFAA EC will attend February transition only.*