

President's Highlights- February 2019

January- my least favorite month. There is nothing exciting going on, since everyone celebrated in December. It's cold and dark. Just last week, it was -46 degrees in Fairbanks, with less than 6 hours of daylight. Luckily, there are a few great WASFAA events coming this winter and spring to keep me busy and distract me through this month.

The Conference Committee has been hard at work creating a fascinating program. With sessions on enrollment management, communicating with students and maintaining compliance, there is a lot to offer. I hope you'll join us May 20-22 in Tempe, Arizona as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. The Communications Committee collected several logo designs from our members. The top two will be shared at the end of February. You'll have the chance to vote on your favorite and the winner will be revealed at the conference. We have some very skilled designers in the region!

The Federal Relations Committee is creating talking points for the members that will join me for hill visits at the NASFAA Leadership Conference. If you are headed to the conference in Washington DC and would like to join WASFAA leadership in advocating for student aid programs, please contact me.

The Ethnic Diversity Action Committee is proposing a name change to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Awareness (IDEA) to more accurately reflect the population of aid administrators WASFAA serves. Please view the February Newsletter for more details. Please take a moment to let us know [what you think about this proposal](#). While any change would require a vote of the membership later this spring, the committee would like feedback early.

So many amazing opportunities for WASFAA's future are in front of us. This is all because of great volunteers. I would like to take a moment to thank all of you willing to run for office in December. Each candidate was a qualified volunteer willing to spend their time and energy to assist other financial aid administrators. I look forward to working with them next year and in years to come.

President:

Scott Cline, California College of the Arts

President-Elect:

Anthony Morrone, Nevada State College

Vice President:

Kelley Christianson, Central Washington University

Secretary:

Nicole McMillin, Idaho College of Osteopathic Med.

EDAC Rep-at-Large:

Jannine Oyama, University of Hawaii

Ashley Monroe
WASFAA President
2018-2019