

President's Highlights- September

As most of us are beyond busy this month, I hope you are taking some time for breaks and re-energizing. Despite the craziness, I love this time of year! The leaves are turning yellow, the smell of overripe berries is in the air, darkness returns and I'm excitedly awaiting the first snowfall (I might be alone in this...). I try my hardest to take a morning and afternoon break to head outside for a brief walk in the woods. I might miss a phone call or email, but I'm so much more productive after the refreshing break.

WASFAA volunteers were hard at work this past months to support members and prepare for future events:

The Federal Relations Committee met several times to prepare comments for the Borrower Defense NPRM.

Fall Training will kick off this month. Trainers will be traveling to each state to provide a full day session on SAP and important conversations. Dates, locations and registration will be available soon.

The Jerry R. Sims Management and Leadership Institute will take place in Tempe, AZ November 7-9. This is a great training opportunity for financial aid directors, associate and assistance directors or anyone considering a leadership role within a financial aid office. A [tentative agenda](#) is available now and registration will be open soon.

That November week will be busy in Arizona! The WASFAA Executive Council will be meeting in Tempe, AZ November 8-9 to create a budget for the next year and make sure we're on track to meet our Strategic Plan. The Conference Committee will also be visiting to view the location and continue planning for the 2019 Conference (May 20-22) and our 50th Anniversary Party.

Thank you to all the WASFAA Volunteers! You have all made my role easier. I appreciate your dedication and look forward to seeing all current and potential volunteers this fall as I attend state conferences.