



AASFAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes Virtual Meeting 03/05/2025

Taylor Hilyer - President
Cierra Smith – Past President
Jamie Burt – President Elect
Robert Douglass – Vice President
Gail Beggs – Treasurer
Vickie Johnson – Treasurer Elect
Laticia DuBose - Secretary
Stephanie Miller
Donna Boutwell
Shannon Jones
Lisa Lilley
Vickie Johnson

Meeting started at 2:06, Quorum established.

Rounds of Success: Stephanie Miller shared that her team was recognized as the most helpful department on their campus!!

President Update: Several people attended the SASFAA conference. The sessions were really good. Taylor served as needed for the SASFAA conference.

Treasurer Update: The treasurer report looks good. The funds reported does not reflect the number of members registered for the spring conference. Checks are in the mailbox. The Treasurer made a motion to move money from the Electronic Services expense to Professional Fees because our taxes increased. Motion passed unanimously.

Sponsorship Report: We need to approve Ernest and Inceptia. Cierra will work with Shannon to get sponsors updated.

Conference Committee: The committee is working hard on the agenda. We need to work more on the charity. More information is needed from the sponsors. The committee is progressing and meeting every couple of weeks. A survey will be sent to members registered for the conference to ask if they will participate in “New Aid” workshop.

Membership Report: RSA responded back and will present at the conference.

New Business:

Stephanie Miller: Rodney from PNC bank will not be able to attend the conference but would like to support the conference but we don't have an a la carte option.

Stephanie Miller made a motion to have a \$500 "Friends of AASFAA" sponsorship, would include a website Banner advertisement on the AASFAA webpage. The advertisement would run through June 30th, 2025. This also includes recognition on the conference program. The motion passed unanimously.

In previous meetings, board members discussed allowing high school counselors attend conference sessions and giving them the option to join AASFAA. The governance committee confirmed that based on current AASFAA bylaws; counselors could not become members of AASFAA. The governance committee made a recommendation to update the bylaws to have an associate member, which would allow high school counselors to become a member, however associate members would not be able to vote or hold an elected office. It was also suggested that we start training counselors earlier prior to the release of the FAFSA application and to partner with ACHE to help train counselors. AASFAA could offer the training and charge the counselors a fee. Stephanie will work with the governance committee to word the potential change in bylaws to add the option of an associate member. This will be presented for a vote at the spring conference.

Robert Douglass: We need to begin next year's conference planning. Research for site location should begin early. Taylor suggested partnering with Mississippi and possibly Georgia for virtual training. Robert as a member of the conference committee, will begin preparation for next year's conference and training.

Adjourned at 3:09