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President's Message

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by Laura Coponiti, SWASFAA President



Greetings SWASFAA Members, Wow, 2011 is rolling right along. It is hard to believe we are almost half way through the year! The end of March and all of April proved to be a very busy time for me as the SWASFAA President. I started off with a visit to Albuquerque, NM for the NMASFAA board meeting and conference, then a trip to Washington, DC for a NASFAA Finance Committee

meeting, to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the OASFAA conference and a SWASFAA Conference Committee meeting, and then finally to Arlington, TX for a SWASFAA board meeting. Although it was hectic, I truly enjoyed the opportunity and experience. Thanks to New Mexico and Oklahoma for your great hospitality.

The Nominations and Election Committee is now soliciting nominees for the 2012 year. The open positions are President-Elect, Secretary, Oklahoma Delegate-at-Large, and Texas Delegate-at Large. If you are interested in running or know someone who you believe would provide great leadership to the association, please notify Lee Carrillo at lcarrillo@csm.edu. Please consider giving of your time and energy to this great organization, I think you will be surprised at what you get back from the experience.

Congratulations to David Page for being elected as a NASFAA Representative-at-Large and to Michael Rodriguez for being elected to NASFAA's Nominations and Elections Committee. We know you both will do a great job representing SWASFAA.

Andrew, Shannon and their committee members have been working hard planning our conference and boot camp, so mark your calendars now for November 14th-18th, 2011 for a week of training at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Boot Camp will be the 14th-16th and SWASFAA's Annual Conference will be the 16th-18th. We will have trainers from SWASFAA, NASFAA, the Department of Education, and Jeff Baker will be giving the

Federal Update. If you enjoy a smaller and more personal training you are going to love what SWASFAA has to offer!

It is my sincere hope that you enjoy the SCAN and that you will be an active part of SWASFAA this year.

Sincerely,
Laura Coponiti

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Arkansas Report

by Bronwyn Sneed, Arkansas State President

In January 2011, a new year began for AASFAA resulting in a change of officers and board members. Bronwyn Sneed, Director of Financial Aid at Southern Arkansas University took over as president, Kattie Wing serves as President-Elect, Julia Robison is Past-President, John Jefferson is Past-Past-President, Alan Pixley is Treasurer, Lavonne Juhl is Secretary, Michelle Cordell is Secretary Ex-Officio. The delegates at large are: Mark LeBahn, Denise Hammond, Tammy Harrison, and Karen Williams.

AASFAA held our spring conference, AASFAA "Reg" Hunt, on April 14, 2011, at Harding University in Searcy, AR. Conference Chair, Kattie Wing and her committee did an outstanding job helping the membership search the "regs".

During June, we are planning a spring training for new aid officers that will be conducted by experienced directors and SLGFA staff. This is the first time that this has been offered in our state in awhile and based on surveys from our membership, we found there is a huge need for this type of training. Rita Toland, Training Chair, and her committee are busy preparing for this training which will be held at Student Loan Guarantee Foundation of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Fall Conference will be held October 20 – 21, 2011 at beautiful Lake DeGray outside of Arkadelphia, AR. Shelia McManus will serve as fall conference chair and she is in the planning stages getting her committee, programs, etc.

AASFAA continues to plan for an ever-changing and productive year in 2011.

New Mexico State Report

by Amanda Hammer, New Mexico State President

NMASFAA had a "Rockin'" March 2011! Some members of the association started the month off by attending the FSA Regulatory Updates on March 8-9.

Then we ended the month with more great training at our annual conference, "Rockin' Thru the Ages" at the Hard Rock Hotel in Albuquerque. It was great to see new faces and old friends. We had approximately 80 attendees and each person that was there brought something special to the conference, whether it was through questions, presentations and/or their bright, shining voices at karaoke!

This year we also had numerous recognitions for years of service and leadership. We also presented awards to Lee Carrillo for his leadership to both NMASFAA and SWASFAA, and to Judi Sears who will be retiring from New Mexico State University, Carlsbad. We appreciate all of the work that everyone does and this is just a small token to say Thank You!

We are also working on cleaning up the list serv to be available to paid members only. This is a manual process for us, and we are still verifying that all staff members are included and that the dues have been paid for the institution.

OASFAA News

by David Baron, Oklahoma State President

Oklahoma has had a busy year so far for 2011. March 22nd OASFAA President, David Barron, President Elect, Mendy Schmerer and Legislative Chair, Scott DeBoard, went to the State Capitol to meet with legislators. They informed Senators, representatives and key members of the Governor's staff about OASFAA and the resource

financial aid administrators can be to law makers. Since that visit some financial aid administrators have received requests from law makers for input to key issues that

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Article Submission

Submit your articles, staff updates, photos or other items of interest for the SCAN to **Sara Elliott at selliott15@cnm.edu**. Questions can also be sent to the same address.

DEADLINES

Deadline for articles to be received for inclusion in the Fall 2011 edition of SCAN will be August 15, 2011.

SWASFAA CALENDAR

Check the calendar on the SWASFAA website for events happening in your state and region. If you have events you'd like to add to the SWASFAA calendar, please notify **Sara Elliott at selliott15@cnm.edu**.

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State Reports

impact our state grant programs. OASFAA hopes to further promote and develop our presence at the capitol and continue to be a positive resource for Oklahoma lawmakers.

March 31ST OASFAA held its most successful support staff training ever. OASFAA had over one hundred people attend the training held at Moore Norman Technology Center. The training was free and lunch was provided as four different sessions on customer service were offered. Dr. Joyce Allman presented, "Exemplary Service is More than a Smile." The Oklahoma College Assistance Program provided training for the three other sessions, "Telephone Skills... What not to do", "Dealing with Difficult People at Work", and "Successful Workplace Communication". There was lively discussion, group projects, and many laughs to be had.

The annual OASFAA conference was held April 13th – 15th at the Hard Rock Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We were "Rockin' Through Financial Aid". Over 200 people were in attendance at the conference. Since there was not a government shut down our regional trainer, Kevin Campbell, was able to attend and provide very valuable up to date information on Pell and SAP. Conference presentations can be found at our web site: <http://oasfaaok.com/inside/archive.php>. Tim Woods was our guest speaker and received outstanding accolades on the conference evaluations for his presentation on Dr. Seuss. Congratulations to our colleagues whom received recognition for their contributions over the past year:



Andrew Hammontree, Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships at Francis Tuttle Technology Center received the **Distinguished Service Award**.



Dustin Davidson, Financial Aid Coordinator at Moore Norman Technology Center received the **Philo Brasher Award**.



Penny Gandy, OCAP Manager of Outreach Services, received the **Partner Award**.

It was a great conference with timely training and information as well as good food, folks, and fun. At the annual conference we finalized the election ballot and we organized the vote in May.

Please welcome with us the newly elected OASFAA Board members for next year.

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| President-Elect | Becky Garrett, University of Central Oklahoma |
| Secretary | Lori Perry, Rose State |
| Treasurer-Elect | Dustin Davidson, Moore Norman Technology Center |
| Delegate-At-Large | Scott DeBoard, University of Central Oklahoma |

On July 1 the current board will transition out and the new board will take the reins. The very capable Mendy Schmerer (pictured above), from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, will take over as President of OASFAA for the 2011-2012 year.

2011 Conference Update

by Andrew Hammontree, Committee Chair

The annual conference will be held at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, OK, on November 16-18, 2011. The conference committee is busy planning informative sessions to meet your needs. With all the changes in the financial aid industry, training is more important than ever, and our goal is to present you with the best training available. Trainers from the Department of Education will be at the conference along with other presenters from our region and elsewhere.

One of the great advantages of attending the SWASFAA conference is the smaller setting, which gives you an opportunity to talk one-on-one with the trainers - an opportunity you might not get at the FSA Conference. Remember, this is your conference, and we want to make sure you get what you need from the conference. If you have any suggestions for session topics, you can contact me at ahammontree@francistuttle.edu.

We are planning to have a silent auction at this year's conference to help raise money for the Logan Ware Professional Development Scholarship. The purpose of this award is to help defray the cost of professional development for individuals who would otherwise not be able to attend the SWASFAA conference or other

SWASFAA activities due to institutional budgetary constraints. Please plan to bring an auction item to this year's conference so we can help raise money for this important fund.

We hope to have a tentative program available in July. More information is forthcoming, so be watching the SWASFAA listserv.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Hard Rock in November!

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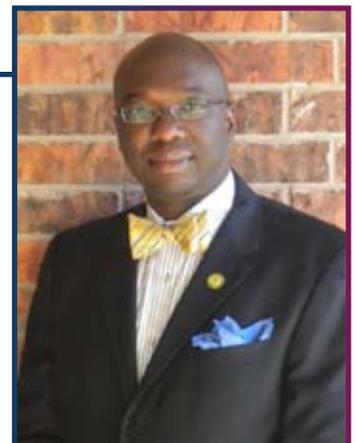
Top Five Items of Interest on SWASFAA's Webpage

by Sara Elliott, Committee Chair

1. Nominations / Election Information (check swasfaa.org for more info through the summer)
2. Conference/Boot Camp/Exhibitor information: http://swasfaa.org/docs/conferences/toc_conferences.html
3. Board Meeting Minutes at: http://swasfaa.org/docs/committees/BoardDirectors/minutes_index.html
4. Membership directory at <http://swasfaa.org/docs/restricted/Members/memSearch.html> (if you have had staff changes please update your school's contacts)
5. Update your profile at <http://swasfaa.org/docs/forms/memIndivUpdate.html>.

David Page

David Page was promoted in early 2011 to Vice President for Enrollment Management & Director of Financial Aid at Philander Smith College.



OGSLP Changes Its Name; Expands Free Services for Schools

In an effort to respond to recent changes in the federal student loan industry, the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program (OGSLP) has adjusted its business model and changed its name to the [Oklahoma College Assistance Program](#) (OCAP).

Since 1965, OGSLP functioned as Oklahoma's designated Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) guarantor and provided numerous other services that support outreach, college planning, personal finance education and student loan management.

Moving forward, OCAP will no longer guarantee student loans but, instead, will focus on expanding the reach and scope of these existing programs and campaigns. Through their college access program, [UCanGo2](#), and financial literacy initiative, [Oklahoma Money Matters](#), OCAP provides free borrower support, default prevention and outreach services to campuses, community partners, counselors, borrowers, students and parents.

"We're excited about the opportunities this change provides," said OCAP's Executive Director, Rick Edington. "We may have a new name, but our commitment to customer service and serving Oklahoma families remains strong. We look forward to continued collaboration with schools and community partners as we grow together and find new ways to meet the needs of Oklahoma students."

To learn more about OCAP's services, visit [OCAP.org](#) or call 800.442.8642 (toll-free).



A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Financial Aid Office

by Joe Carlin (<http://www.netfunny.com/rhf/jokes/92q3/loanapp.html>)

While picking up some financial aid forms at one of the Universities in the Twin Cities, I came across a pamphlet discussing different loan programs, which also included advertisements for different banks in the area. One of the much more humorous ones was one for Twin City Federal, which was titled

"Get a Degree without the Third Degree", followed by a bogus student loan application which looks something like this:

1st HUMONGOUS BANK Student Loan Application

Name (if any) _____
Middle Last First

Address _____

Last 34 address _____

Sex: Male Female Not Sure

Are you an illegal alien? Ja Si Oui Da

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Annual income \$ _____
(if over \$3,000, where did you get the nerve to beg us for a loan?)

Astrological sign _____ (Stop here if you're a Leo or Taurus)

Grandmother's maiden name _____ Her World War II service record? _____

Last book you read:
The Joy of Saxophone Mad Manhattan telephone directory

Your favorite number from 17 to 39: _____ (this will be the interest on your loan, if you're lucky enough to get one from us)

Are you now on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" list? Yes No

In 7,000 words or more, discuss the International Monetary Fund and its ramifications related to the Chicago White Sox infield and Victorian matters

(use back side, if needed)

If you miss a payment on your loan, what is your preferred method of torture?
The Rack Iron Maiden A night with Lawrence Welk *

Do you like to fill our forms?
(We have more when you complete this one) Yes Goodbye

Do you secretly like your father's Oldsmobile? Yes Maybe a little

Do you sleep in Pajamas? Underwear? Nude?

State your college major. (Must be one of these to qualify for student loan)
Swine diseases Harpsichord tuning History of chewing gum

Do you still believe in
Santa Claus? Easter Bunny? Professional wrestling?

Are you willing to be polygraphed, scrutinized, notarized, and steroid tested to obtain a loan from us?
Absolutely Positively You betcha Of course Certainly Sure No problem

If all of the above is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, sign here in the presence of 12 witnesses (preferably Supreme Court Justices and Nobel Prize winners)

Signature Date

* Quite horrible, considering he's dead