



Daniel T. Barkowitz
Statement of Candidacy
FASFAA President-Elect

It is with honor and humility that I accept the nomination for FASFAA President-Elect. I am committed to serving the association's vision and mission, and believe that I have the combination of skills, experience and vision to lead our vibrant and active association.

I entered the financial aid profession 30 years ago and have been blessed with the opportunity to work for different types of institutions and in many different roles. With experience in both private non-for-profit and public education, as well as my time working as a technology consultant, loan servicer, and loan originator, I have a breadth of experience which will help me connect with and learn from all of FASFAA's varied and valued members.

When I began my financial aid career, I was very fortunate to be able to learn from experts in our field at state, regional and national conferences. Because of the impact these associations had for me, I began to volunteer in my state, regional and national associations in various training, support and leadership roles. I welcome the opportunity to use my experience with training, mentoring, policy development, needs analysis, technology, legislative affairs and credentialing to serve in a leadership role for FASFAA.

I bring people together to collectively explore solutions to common problems. During my career, I have served in leadership roles as an advocate for students and for financial aid programs, for the advancement of student aid. These positions have provided me an opportunity to work with varied constituencies, meeting with higher education leaders throughout the country. In my previous jobs I have been commended in the areas of problem solving, organization and communication skills, initiative and leadership, and personal integrity. I look forward to providing solid leadership for FASFAA using these key skills.

As FASFAA enters its second fifty years, I pause to reflect that our profession has a relatively short history. Financial aid staff entering the field today represent the third or fourth generation of new aid professionals. How will we serve them, mentor them and prepare them for our future together? How will we work to support our more experienced administrators and reengage them in our professional development and association efforts? As we approach a likely reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, how do we ensure that our ideas and voices are part of the conversation? This is an exciting time to be a part of the financial aid profession, and to be part of such a robust state association for our profession.

I gratefully accept the nomination for FASFAA's President-Elect. I pledge to do all I can to support each of you, and find ways for you to connect with our excellent state association and with the broader financial aid community. And I pledge to represent FASFAA to our region and to NASFAA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

NAME: Daniel T. Barkowitz

CURRENT POSITION: Assistant Vice President of Financial Aid & Veterans' Affairs
From: July 2017
Valencia College, FL

SELECTED PREVIOUS POSITIONS: Dean of Enrollment Management
St. Johns River State College, FL

Dean of Financial Aid / Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Columbia College and School of Engineering
Columbia University, NY

Director of Financial Aid & Student Employment
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA

Financial Aid Consultant
Cedar / Crestone, PA

Director of Financial Aid
Lasell College, MA

Director of Operations and Training
Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, MA

Account Representative
Knight Tuition Payment Plans

EDUCATION: M. Ed., Human Resource Education
Boston University, MA

B.Sc., History
Northeastern University, MA

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

NASFAA Angoff Study Judge (Credential Review)
NASFAA U Online Courses Product Examination Group
Policy Rapid Response Team
Editorial Board of the Journal of Student Financial Aid
Technology Initiatives Committee
Conference Presenter

SASFAA Faculty Member, Enrollment Management Symposium
Conference Presenter (Pre-Conference Faculty)

EASFAA	Professional Development Committee Conference Presenter
FASFAA (Florida)	Conference Presenter / Volunteer Regional Trainer
MASFAA (Massachusetts)	Recipient of MASFAA's Presidential Award Executive Board Member Chair, Professional Development and Training Chair, Annual Conference Chair, Newsletter Chair, Just the FACTS Training for New Aid Officers Technology Committee Conference and Session Presenter
568 GROUP	Needs Analysis Sub-Committee Member Chair, Sub-Committee on International Needs Analysis
FLORIDA COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK	Presenter, 2017 Summit Summit Planning Committee, General Session Speaker, Presenter, 2018 Summit
OTHER	FAFSA Design Team Higher Education Loan Coalition Invited Participant Relay For Life, Social Media Coordinator, Team Lead, and Participant Religious School Instructor, Grades 6 – 12 Founding Director, Jewish Actors Workshop (JAWs), a teen theater program Frequent Interviewee for Radio, Newspapers, Television on Financial Aid Topics, appearing on CNN, in New York Times, Inside Higher Ed, Boston Globe, and others