



FASFAA

To FASFAA Membership and the Executive Board:

I'd like to start by thanking the membership and the executive board for the opportunity to run for FASFAA President-Elect for the 2018-19 year. It is an honor to volunteer and run for the office and represent our association needs.

I have spent the majority of my financial aid career involved with FASFAA. I have served as various positions on the FASFAA Conference Committee and Executive Board. In 2013-14, I served as Local Arrangements Chair, 2014-15 Registration Co-Chair, 2015-16 Secretary and Conference Co-Chair, 2016-17 Secretary, 2017-18 Conference Co-Chair and Scholarship Chair.

I played a key role in the inaugural launch of the FASFAA Leadership/Mentorship program in 2014-2015. I am extremely proud of the success of the program where many of the participants have continued in volunteering with FASFAA at various events or serving on the Executive Board. While serving as your Secretary, I gained vast experience in the daily operations of running the association. I learned of our rich and successful history and heritage. I also learned the importance of clear and direct communication as I served as historian and provided FASFAA's members with all the recorded minutes from each meeting. I have had the pleasure to serve under five different FASFAA Presidents. Each has provided me great mentorship and experience. I will draw upon such experience to serve as your President-Elect.

FASFAA has provided me many benefits throughout the years. It has offered both professional and personal growth. I continue to stay involved because I am passionate about our field. I am passionate about participating in an organization that offers rewarding relationships, the opportunity to advocate for member and association needs, and the chance to leave a legacy by honoring our rich tradition while also fostering new opportunities for growth.

The financial aid landscape is constantly changing. It is a critical time in our arena as Higher Ed Reauthorization continues to be a hot discussion among ourselves and our lawmakers. Programs such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness, Grad Plus, and campus-based funds continue to be threatened. On a macro-level, we saw changes to FSAG awards and administration, changes to Gainful Employment disclosure regulations, and student loan disclosures. The administrative burden placed on aid administrators has never been greater than it is today. Now more than ever, FASFAA can play a key role through advocacy.

The purpose of our executive board is to represent membership needs and concerns and continue to drive the success that FASFAA has experienced throughout the years. If elected as your President-Elect, my focus will be advocacy, volunteerism, and growth while also celebrating our rich history. It is important that we continue mentoring and developing leaders within our field and

also developing leaders and new faces on our Executive Board. WE can do so by strengthening our relationships and communication with our membership and offering opportunities to contribute through volunteerism. It can start now with your votes. Historically, the number of members that exercise their membership right to vote has been low. You have the opportunity to leave a legacy, You have an opportunity to contribute to the success of FASFAA by electing leaders who will represent your needs. Today, I ask for you to vote for EXPERIENCE and continued progress.

Thank you for your support. Tracy Wiles