

SASFAA

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2004 UPDATES

Message from SASFAA's President Ron Day



SASFAA 2004
Access - the Key to Brighter Futures
Birmingham, Alabama

SASFAA's 41st Annual Conference is quickly approaching. It will be held February 15 – 18, 2004, at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. Zita Barree (Conference Chair), the Conference Committee, Mike Reynolds (Local Arrangements Chair), and the Local Arrangements Committee have all done a tremendous job in planning a wonderful conference. The theme is "Access – the Key to Brighter Futures." For information, go to <http://www.sasfaa.org/docs/conferences/2004/index.html>. I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

As part of the pre-conference activities, the Diversity Committee, in conjunction with AASFAA, will host a FAFSA workshop on Saturday, February 14th at the BJCC. Area schools, counselors, and high school students have been invited. If you would like to volunteer for this very worthwhile activity, please contact Ms. Mary Givhan, givhan@mc.edu.

The SASFAA Community Service Project will be Kid One Transport. Kid One Transport is a non-profit transport system for children and expectant mothers who are in need of medical care when they are ill and are without means of transportation. This project will give you the opportunity of purchasing raffle tickets for various items with all proceeds going to Kid One. AASFAA Local Arrangements has done an exceptional job with this opportunity. For additional information, go to <http://www.sasfaa.org/docs/conferences/2004/CommunityServiceProject.pdf>.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Zita Barree, zmbaree@vcu.edu or me, rday@bsc.edu. Take care.

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The SASFAA "Spotlight" Shines on SCASFAA Keith Reeves, SCASFAA President

Nominations and Elections

The Nominations and Elections Committee, chaired by Anita Elliott (Columbia College) is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for 2004-2005 offices:

President Elect:	Nancy Garmroth, Spartanburg Technical College Kim Jenerette, USC-Spartanburg
Vice President:	Hank Fuller, The Citadel Elizabeth Lomas, Clemson University
Secretary:	Martin Carney, Furman University Tamy Garafano, USC-Columbia
Member-at-Large:	Jeff Holliday, Anderson College Tabatha McAllister, York Technical College

Elections will be held at the annual spring conference in Myrtle Beach.

Spring Conference

Embracing Change - Swimming in the Sea of Opportunity! SCASFAA will certainly be embracing change for its Spring Conference when after 25-plus years we change the venue for the conference from Springmaid Beach Resort to a new site! SCASFAA's Spring Conference will be held April 18 - 21, 2004 at Ocean Dunes Resort & Villas in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The conference committee, chaired by Cheryl Hughes (SC Student Loan Corp) is hard at work developing a conference to inform and enhance professional development. Sessions for the conference will include the Federal and State Updates, a Reauthorization Update, Resolving Conflicts in Determining Eligibility, Diversity, NSLDS for Dummies, Electronic Student Communication - Getting Rid of Snail Mail, Coping with Change, Leadership, COD/XML, and Effective Publications - Getting the Word Out. To date - guest speakers include Yolanda Adams from the Department of Education, Larry Zaglaniczny from NASFAA, Ron Day - SASFAA President, Bonnie Wallace from Citibank and Byron Wiley from the Office of Access & Equity at Clemson University.

In addition to the quality sessions noted above, conference attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy team building during the SCASFAA Olympics, embracing a fun evening of talent and networking with our colleagues!

Support Staff Symposium

SCASFAA will provide a one-day support staff symposium in early March. This symposium, designed for administrative and clerical level staff will provide mini-workshops on stress management, time management, team building, etc.

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2004 SASFAA Annual Conference, Birmingham, Alabama Zita Barree, Conference Chair

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The 2004 SASFAA Conference in Birmingham, Alabama is less than two weeks away! The Conference Committee chaired by Zita Barree, and the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Mike Reynolds, has been hard at work developing the best conference ever for you.

The conference section of the SASFAA Web site (www.sasfaa.org) and then click on the Conferences button on the left-hand side of the main page) has lots of great information to help you plan for your attendance at the conference. You can find:

- An updated agenda as of January 26 that includes all the same information that will be in the printed program you will receive at the conference;
- Menus for all the food functions at the conference, including our visit to the beautiful Birmingham Museum of Art for the President's Reception on Sunday evening;
- A checklist you can use to make sure you pack everything you need for the conference and so that you know where to go and what to do when you first get to the hotel. The checklist will also highlight a few of the special activities that are in store for you in Birmingham;
- A list of the Conference Committee members in case you need to contact any one of us with questions or concerns;
- And much, much more!

As of January 27, there were 676 people registered for the conference, of which 129 reported that this would be their first SASFAA conference! It's not too late to register online at the SASFAA website. We look forward to seeing you in the "Magic City" of Birmingham!

SASF^{AA} Elections for 2004-2005

Karen Koonce, Past President and Chair of Nomination and Elections Committee

SASF^{AA} Candidates and Balloting Information

Please don't forget to vote in the upcoming election. Show your support for the candidates.

Candidate photos and candidacy statements are found in the *December 2003 SASFAA Newsletter*. The newsletter can be accessed from the SASFAA Web site at <http://www.sasfaa.org> and clicking on Newsletter and then the December 2003 edition. This newsletter update also contains photos of the candidates and the office they are seeking.

On-Site Voting

Conference attendees will be able to cast their ballot on-site. Voting times during the conference will be as follows:
Monday, February 16 – 8 AM until 4:30 PM
Tuesday, February 17 – 8 AM until Noon

Absentee Balloting

SASF^{AA} members who do not plan to attend the annual conference can submit an absentee ballot. The absentee ballot is located on the last page of the *December 2004 SASFAA Newsletter*. The SASFAA Web site can be found at <http://sasfaa.org>. The absentee ballot can be printed. Karen Koonce must receive the completed absentee ballot no later than February 11, 2004. The mailing address is included with the ballot.