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2009 PASFAA Elections

Submitted by
Keri Neidig, Editor

PASFAA is pleased to announce the 2009 elections. This year, positions on the ballot include president-elect and representatives for the following sectors: BT&T, ISS, nursing, PASSHE, private, state-related, two-year. Thanks to all who agreed to run for PASFAA office!

President-Elect	Kenneth Grugel	Clarion University of Pennsylvania
<i>Sector Representatives</i>		
Business, Trade and Technical (BT&T)	Debra Woodcock	Lancaster County Career & Technology Center
Institutional Support Services (ISS)	Ken Shutter	PHEAA
Nursing	Lenny Slemmer, Jr	Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences
PA State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)	Dorothy Body Robert Foulz	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Private	Matthew Stokan	Waynesburg University
State Related	Joni Trovato	University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Two-Year	Melissa Wisniewski	Harrisburg Area Community College

Make Your Vote Count - August 19 - September 4

Submitted by
Dwight Horsey, Past President

Voting is an important right of all PASFAA members. It enables you to select the colleagues who will represent you on PASFAA Council. It's time for us to once again select representatives for next year's PASFAA Council.

Time is a commodity that gets more and more precious as each day goes by. It seems that just finding the time to do our jobs gets more and more difficult each year. We all work hard every day to serve our students, staff and institutions. The nominees for the positions on Council have all agreed to donate some of their time to serve you, the membership. This responsibility is not something to be taken lightly. The role of PASFAA is more important than ever as we deal with the regulatory changes, budget constraints, hiring freezes and program changes that are now taking place. These nominees are willing to look beyond the issues facing them on their campus to work for the betterment of the organization and the profession as a whole. So I ask you to take a few minutes to do your part and vote.

PASFAA is our organization and service on Council is a great way to give back to an organization that is there for us. I have said many times that serving on PASFAA Council has enabled me to meet and work with some of the smartest, most compassionate people around. This year's slate of candidates once again bears that out. Each of them is willing to bring their unique talents to the table to support you. So I ask you to do your part and support them.

PASFAA's 2009 election will take place beginning August 19 and will conclude at the close of business on September 4. Final election results will be communicated to the membership once all candidates have been notified of the outcome, but no later than September 11.

All eligible voting members who have paid membership dues for 2008-2009 will receive an email notification with instructions to complete the online voting process. This email will contain a URL address to access the voting portal along with the member's user name and password. Members may then review election information or proceed directly to the ballot information page by selecting "Proceed to Voting". Please read instructions carefully. You may vote only once – please review your ballot prior to submission. All votes are final.

In the event only one candidate is running for a given office, your vote is still very important as it shows support for that candidate.

On Behalf of the current PASFAA Council, I want to thank all those who are running for office.

Kenneth E. Grugel (Ken)

President Elect

**Director of Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs
Clarion University of Pennsylvania
1981 - Present**

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Juniata College, PA
Assistant Dean of Student Services/Director of
Financial Aid
1976-1981

The College of Wooster, OH
Assistant Director of Financial Aid/Residence Hall Director
1974-1976

EDUCATION

The University of Toledo, B.ED., Social Sciences
The Ohio State University, M.A., College Student
Personnel Work
LaSalle University, LA, Ph.D., Higher Education
Administration

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member - NASFAA, EASFAA, PASFAA

ORGANIZATIONS

PASFAA

1987-89	PASSHE Sector Representative
1990 to present	Presenter, Guidance Counselor Workshop
1999-02	Vice-President
1999-02	Chair, Government Relations
2002	NASFAA State Committee of the Year
2002	Recipient, Leadership Award
2003-04	Chair, Don Raley Summer Institute
2004-05	Chair, Finance and Development
2006	Recipient, Distinguished Service Award
2008-09	Chair, Teleconference Committee

EASFAA

Numerous conference presentations



NASFAA

1996-99	Transcript Editorial Board
2000-04	Editorial Board, Journal of Student Financial Aid
2004-05	Graduate Issues Committee
2005-06	Leadership and Development Committee
2006-08	Chair, Research Committee
2008	NASFAA Co-Committee of the Year
2009-10	Federal Issues Committee

"It's a fantastic time to be a financial aid administrator! I should know...I have 35 years of practicing the craft. The changes that are in the wind are the most student-centered that I have seen in years. I have waited thirty-two years to see any substantial change in the federal verification process and simplification to the FAFSA. I bring a strong history of financial aid administration to my PASFAA colleagues and the students of Pennsylvania. We live in a time of economic uncertainty when our services to students, their families, and our institutions are needed more than ever. As President of PASFAA I will be open to any and all suggestions as to how we can improve the administration of our association, after all "It's a Family Affair".

Matthew C. Stokan

Private Sector Representative

**Director of Financial Aid
Waynesburg University
2002 - Present**

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Director of Finance
Career Education Center, Piscataway, New Jersey
2000-2002

School President
Springfield College, Springfield, Missouri
2000

Director of Student Finance
Corinthian Colleges, Incorporated, Pittsburgh, PA
1997-2000

Assistant Director of Financial Aid
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
1989-1997

EDUCATION

Duquesne University, BA, 1978
Mt. St. Mary's University, MA, 1982
Mt. St. Mary's University, Master of Divinity 1982

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member - PASFAA, 1989-current; NASFAA, 1989-current
Pennsylvania State Grant Advisory Board
Sallie Mae Advisory Board

PASFAA

2007	Spring Training Presenter
2007	Annual Conference Presenter
2008	Spring Training Conference Committee
2008	Conference Committee
2008	Annual Conference Presenter



"I am proud to say that I have been in the financial aid profession for over twenty years now. During that time, I have had the opportunity not only to experience the many facets and challenges of financial aid but, more importantly, the chance to meet and become friends with so many wonderful people in the financial aid community. Those experiences and relationships have been invaluable to me through the years. They have enabled me to succeed in a world where true success is measured not by money but by how many students' lives we have touched, affected and improved. It is that same belief in the value of higher education that inspires me daily that also compels me to run for the position of PASFAA Private Sector Representative. To be able to make a difference in peoples' lives is what makes everything we do worthwhile. I firmly believe that my experience will also enable me to do just that with PASFAA".

Leonard J. Slemmer Jr.

Nursing Sector Representative

Director of Financial Aid and Budgets
Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences
2002 - Present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Budget Analyst, GPU Energy, Reading, PA
1994 - 2002

Consumer Lending Auditor, Meridian Bank, Reading, PA
1988 - 1994

EDUCATION

American Institute of Banking , degrees in Commercial Lending,
Consumer Lending, General Banking, Real Estate Lending

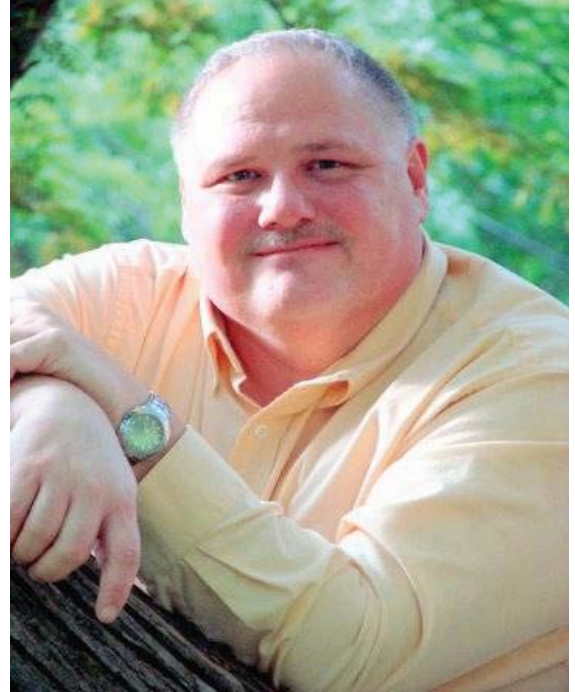
Reading Area Community College, AS, Business Management

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member : EASFAA, PASFAA

PASFAA

2007 Spring Training Presenter



“As a Director of Financial Aid at a small school with a strong nursing program, I have seen constant change in our financial aid office through regulatory and institutional policies. I know from my own experience that continuous communication with co-workers, other school financial aid officers, regulators and official higher education representatives is the only way to fully achieve compliance on these changing issues. I feel that as Nursing Sector Representative I would be able to contribute to the communication of nursing programs throughout Pennsylvania. This communication would be open dialog to all members, enabling all nursing programs to have access to information that is critical in our changing regulatory environment. This form of networking is necessary to help fully understand the challenges we face and to move forward in compliance.

Personally, I feel that as Nursing Sector Representative, I would be able to contribute to the regulatory process by forwarding any concerns and issues from other nursing programs to representatives that are active in the regulatory process. This would be beneficial to all programs moving forward. The more we use our voices, the more we can achieve. Thank you for your consideration.”

Melissa A Wisniewski

Two-Year Sector Representative

Financial Aid Specialist
Harrisburg Area Community College
12/2004 - present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

York Technical Institute, York, PA
6/2004-12/2004 Student Loan Coordinator

EDUCATION

BS, Business Management, Millersville University
MBA, Millersville University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member - PASFAA since 2005, NASFAA

PASFAA

2008 Member, Newsletter Committee
2008 Participant, Leadership Development Training
2005 Participant, Fundamentals Workshop

Harrisburg Area Community College

2007, 2008 Member, Math, Science, and Allied Health Summer Academy Committee
2006, 2007 Member, Outstanding Student Worker Award Committee



“As a student worker at Millersville University, I was introduced to the positive effects of PASFAA at a young age. I remember staff being excited to attend the annual conference and returning with tons of new information to share with the office. As a fairly new member to the financial aid profession, I am eager to get involved with PASFAA and get to know the participants better. This August I completed my master’s degree program and am excited to have been given this opportunity to embark on a new challenge.”

Debra A. Woodcock

Business, Trade & Technical Sector Representative

Director of Financial Aid
Lancaster County Career & Technology Center
2003 - Present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Lancaster County Career & Technology Center
 Adult Education Manager, 1995-2003
 Instructor, Information Technology, 1990-1995

Computer Technology Consultants, York, PA
 Computer Programmer
 1985-1990

EDUCATION

Consolidated School of Business, ASB, Computerized Office Management

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member - PASFAA, PACTA

PASFAA

2003 - Present Presenter, Clock Hours
 2007 - 2009 Business, Trade & Technical Sector Representative
 2007 - 2009 Membership & Governance Committee

PACTA (PA Assn. for Career & Technology Administrators)

1994 - Present Chair, Adult Coordinators Conference Committee
 Presenter



"I am seeking to re-run for office as PASFAA's Business, Trade & Technical Sector Representative. Now that I have served my first 2-year term as BT&T Sector Representative, I have found out just how important it is that BT&T sector members be represented at Council meetings and have a voice in the processes that PASFAA takes on behalf of all its members. During my first two years I found that I had a lot to learn about the position and feel that going into a second term with the knowledge of what is expected as the BT& T sector representative will benefit all BT&T Sector members.

As we all know there have been a lot of changes over the past two years in the world of financial aid, with more changes yet to come. I believe that open dialogue, the sharing of information, the exchange of ideas and networking among the BT&T members will become more important as we move forward and will encourage communication among all members. While serving as the BT&T Representative and because Business, Trade & Technical institutions face many unique challenges each and every day, I will work to ensure that the BT&T Sector plays an integral part in all of PASFAA's activities and will work to keep all BT&T sector members informed of the changes and challenges we are sure to face over the next two years.

PASFAA has proven to be a great asset to me in my current position as Director of Financial Aid, and I am honored to have been nominated again for this office and look forward to the having the opportunity to serve again as your representative".

Dorothy Body

PASSHE Sector Representative

**Assistant Vice President for Financial Aid
Edinboro University of PA
2001 - Present**

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Wicomico Board of Education, Salisbury, MD
Substitute Teacher
2000-2001

Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL
Director of Financial Aid
1999-2000

University of MD Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD
Director of Financial Aid
1988-1999

North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, NC
Associate Director of Financial Aid
1988-1989

Governors State University, University Park, IL
Financial Aid Advisor IV
1984-1988

EDUCATION

Governors State University, Bachelor of Arts, Board
of Governors
Governors State University, Master of Public
Administration

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Past member of ILASFAA, NCASFAA, SASFAA, AASFAA,
DC-DE-MDASFAA
Current Member PASFAA, EASFAA, NSEA

DC-DE-MD ASFAA

1996-1997 Vice Chairperson

U.S. Department of Education

1997 Focus Group on Financial Aid
Training Needs

NCAA - Div I

1997-2000 Financial Aid Committee

EASFAA

2008-2009 Federal Relations Committee

NSEA

2006-2007 Diversity Committee
2004-Present Federal Relations Committee



"It would be my privilege to serve as PASSHE Sector Representative to the PASFAA Council. As a seasoned financial aid administrator, having served at both public and private schools, I would continue the rich history of providing comprehensive and quality service to students, parents, the various funding agencies, as well as the community. I am committed to assisting PASFAA attain its goals if am the elected representative for PASSHE."

Robert A. Fultz

PASSHE Sector Representative

**Assistant Director of Financial Aid
West Chester University of PA
2006 - Present**

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

SunTrust/ Education Loans, Wilmington, DE
Account Executive/Assistant VP
May 2004 - September 2005

Delaware Technical & Community College,
Wilmington, DE
Assistant Financial Aid Officer
1993 - 2004

Widener University, Chester, PA
Assistant Director of Financial Aid
1990 - 1993

Spring Garden College, Philadelphia, PA
Director of Financial Aid/VA Officer
1988 -1990

Manor Junior College, Jenkintown, PA
Director of Financial Aid/VA Officer
1987 - 1988

EDUCATION

Millersville University of PA , BA – Dual Major in
Psychology & Philosophy

Wilmington University, MS in Management Dual Masters
Degree: Public Administration (MPA) & Human
Resources Management (MHR)

H&R Block
Certificate in Tax Preparation

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member NASFAA, EASFAA, PASFAA et al

PASFAA

08-09 PASSHE Sector Representative/PASFAA
Council Member
07-08 Volunteer - Channel 10 Financial Aid
Hotline
07-08 Volunteer - FAFSA Completion Day
02-03 Volunteer - AES/Mapping Your Future
Internet Chat Room
90-91- 98-99 Volunteer - Pennsylvania Financial
Aid Hotline



EASFAA

03/04 Council Member as Chair of DE/DC/MD
ASFAA (Tri-State)
95-96 & 96-97 Council Member as Delaware President

CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

Curtis Institute, Philadelphia, PA
Delaware College of Art & Design, Wilmington, DE
Delaware Technical and Community College,
Wilmington, DE

"I greatly enjoyed being your representative for the 08-09 year, and finally getting to know some of you a little better at the sector meeting. I feel like there is still much more to accomplish and hope to continue during these tumultuous times and to provide the stability and continuity that will help to take PASSHE and PASFAA forward."

Joni L. Trovato

State Related Sector Representative

Assistant Director of Financial Aid
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
2006 - Present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown, PA
1998 - 2006, Student Accounts

Mount Aloysius College, Cresson, PA
1993 - 1998, Student Accounts

EDUCATION

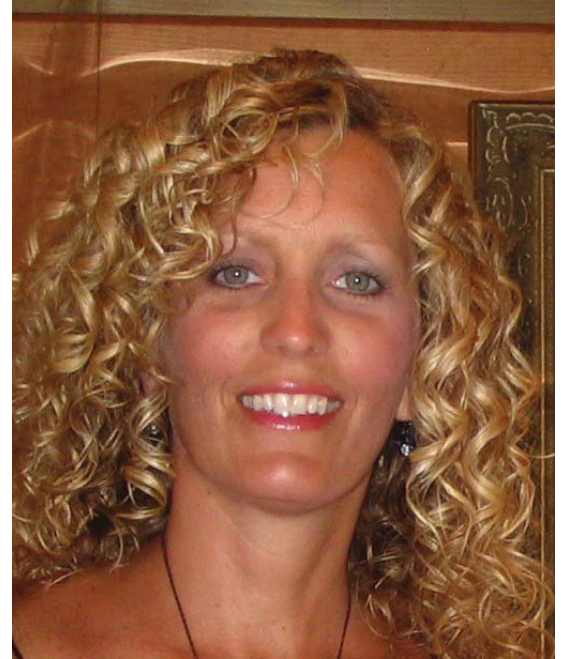
Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Indiana University
of Pennsylvania, 1991

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member of NASFAA, EASFAA, and PASFAA

PASFAA

2009 Spring Training Committee Member
2008 Conference Committee Member
2008 & 2009 FAFSA Completion Day
campus coordinator



“Having worked in the financial aid world at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown for the past 11 years, eight in our Business Office and three in our Financial Aid Office, I have come to see not only the importance of our work but, more importantly, the affect that our work has on the lives of so many people. I not only believe in the value of higher education but the crucial role, especially in this day and age, that financial aid has in it. As a member of PASFAA, I have had the privilege of witnessing first hand the value that our organization plays in higher education and thus, in peoples’ lives. I firmly believe that the key to PASFAA’s continued success is in the willingness of its members to donate their talents and time when called to do so. In the past few years, I have assisted in both conference and training sessions. Now, I look forward to the next challenge of representing my sector on PASFAA council.”

Ken Shutter

ISS Sector Representative

**Assistant Vice President
Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency**

1990 - 2004, Vice President Marketing and Client Affairs
2006 - present, Assistant Vice President, Client Relations

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

CIT/Student Loan Xpress/ Education Lending Group
2004 - 2006, Vice President Regional Accounts

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
1990 - 2004, Vice President Marketing and Client Affairs

United States Navy
1984 - 1988, Cryptologic Technician, Petty Officer Second Class

EDUCATION

Thompson Institute, Associates Degree,
Business Administration
United States Naval Training Cryptologic Technician
School, Pensacola, Florida NTTC Cory Station

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Active Member - EASFAA, PASFAA

PASFAA

2008-present ISS Sector Representative

PELA

2009-present Vice President

Education Finance Council

Consumer Bankers Association Participant

"As a long time member of PASFAA I am seeking this position to help support the association from the perspective of the non-education Institutions who bring unparalleled support necessary for Pennsylvania students and families to realize the dream of higher education."

