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PASFAA XIII

A record 240 PASFAA members attended the Thirteenth Annual Conference at the Pocono Hershey Hotel, October 4-7.

Each year one of the major points of interest at the Conference is the election of the Association's Executive Council Members. The results of this year's balloting are as follows.

- President Elect                    Arthur James, Harrisburg Area Community College  
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With the passing of the gavel at the Association's business meeting, Jack Ferrara began his term as Past President while John Brugel assumed the Presidency. Chairpersons of the Standing Committees for 1981-82 are

Legislation and Government Relations	William Irwin
Annual Conference	William Boyd
Membership and Elections	Jack Ferrara
Public and Professional Information	Helen Nunn
Professional Standards	Arthur James

As President Elect, Art James will also be responsible for acting as PASFAA's liaison with PHEAA in the training effort, now known as the Pennsylvania Aid Administrators Training Program.

From the President

All PASFAA members are urged to review their priorities and travel budgets. As you know, the EASFAA Conference is scheduled for May 12-14 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. EASFAA has initiated a poll of its membership to more closely estimate the number of conferees. At this time, efforts are underway to identify low-cost flight arrangements. Information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

Pennsylvania is assuming a larger leadership role in EASFAA. Currently, past PASFAA Presidents Renee Saleh (EASFAA Treasurer) and Jack Ferrara (Chairman - EASFAA Professional Development Committee) are serving on the Executive Council in addition to the current PASFAA President. Pennsylvania involvement and support for EASFAA becomes more critical as NASFAA will increasingly tend to be less available to assist at our annual state conference.

Any question or concerns regarding EASFAA activities can be addressed directly to me or to either Renee or Jack.

Executive Council Represents Membership

The names, mailing addresses, and phone numbers of the new Executive Council members are provided on page 1 of the newsletter for members' convenience. Executive Council encourages members to correspond with their representatives and to keep them apprised of concerns and/or questions they would like to have brought before the Council.

Executive Council has set the following dates for its 1981-82 meetings: November 16, 1981, January 4, 1982, March 1, 1982, and May 3, 1982. All meetings are scheduled to be held in the PHEAA Board Room, Towne House.

### Executive Council Meets

Executive Council held its November 16 meeting in Harrisburg at PHEAA, Towne House.

Council approved 1981-82 committee member nominations and operating budgets for standing Committees.

The 1982 Conference Committee will be chaired by William Boyd. Also serving will be Nancy Meyer, Kaye D'Angelo, Bronwen Wagner, and the Chairman of the 1983 Conference Committee, as appointed.

The Government Relations Committee Chairman, Vice-President William Irwin, has named the following members to serve on this committee: Jack Bower, Dan Hudak, Gail Knight, Sally Mahon, Don Raley, and Art Switzer.

President Brugel reminded Council that EASFAA Forums on the self-supporting student were scheduled for November 20 in Philadelphia and January 26 in Boston.

President Brugel announced that Ken Reeher, Executive Director of PHEAA, has been appointed by President Reagan to the National Commission on Student Financial Assistance. The Commission will deal with concerns which remain unsolved, following the implementation of the Education Amendments of 1980. They will be operating with a budget of a quarter of a million dollars and will be addressing such issues as how the special allowance for GSL should be determined and what should be considered a "fair burden of debt". Hearings will be conducted and consultants employed for the study of these questions.

Mr. Reeher addressed Council and shared some of his insights with regard to anticipated changes to the federal aid programs. As a part of the Guaranteed Student Loan Program, he looks for a need test to be required for every applicant, a possible 6% origination fee on loans made, and a cut of between one-half of one percent and one percent in the administrative allowance to the guarantee agency.

### PASFAA Memberships Confirmed

Executive Council has taken notice that a number of individuals may have joined the Association in a membership category which is inappropriate to their professional roles. The Membership is reminded that the category of Membership for which an individual qualifies is Constitutionally defined as:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP shall be the voting membership and shall be limited to persons responsible for the administration of student financial aid and/or having the authority to award aid representing institutions of post-secondary education located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be the representatives of secondary schools, government agencies, foundations, private and community organizations interested in financial aid matters, and representatives of post-secondary educational institutions who do not qualify for Active membership.

The Membership Committee, which is chaired by Past President Jack Ferrara, was asked by Council to review the membership status of individuals and attempt to clarify the financial aid involvement of those whose titles would seem to indicate an institutional role which is inappropriate to their selected PASFAA membership categories.

### Nursing Loan Interest Rates Increased

Effective August 13 the interest rate for Federal Nursing loans increased from 3% to 6%, applying only to loans made on or after August 13. The date the award letter was issued by the school will be considered the date the loan was made. Student acceptance of the award offer or signing of the promissory note will not effect the interest rate.

SOURCE: Irvin Bodofsky, NASFAA Health Professions & Nursing Committee, 09/14/81 correspondence

### Obituary

PASFAA member and colleague Ed Baime died on August 19th of this year. He was the president and owner of the Wheeler School, a finishing and modeling school located in downtown Pittsburgh.

### Pell Grant Audit Guide Distributed

ED has printed and distributed copies of the 1981 Audit Guide for Pell (Basic) Grants. The guide is to be used for Pell Grant audits beginning with the program year ended June 30, 1981. Copies of the Audit Guide can be obtained by writing

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### 1982 Conferences Scheduled

1982 EASFAA Conference  
"Measuring and Managing Financial Resources"

Dupont Plaza Hotel  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
May 12-14, 1982

1982 NASFAA Conference  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Dearborn, Michigan  
July 12-14, 1982

1982 PASFAA Conference  
Marriott Hotel  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
October 3-6, 1982

Report of the Government Relations Committee

- William Irwin, Chairman

The Government Relations Committee is watching closely action in Washington regarding the FY82 (82-83 academic year) budget. A major effort is being mounted by NASFAA and other educational organizations to get the need analysis for campus-based programs separated from that for Pell grants for 1982-83. Known as "decoupling" of need analysis, this is deemed necessary because the Pell need analysis will be very restrictive to keep spending within the budget allocated for that program. The 1980 Amendments require one need analysis for both campus-based and Pell programs, so Congressional action is necessary to allow any different process.

The Government Relations Committee will be sending letters to key personnel supporting early action on this matter. Individual aid officers may want to write Congressmen of their districts urging attention to this particular situation. It should be stressed that action is essential before the December recess to avoid delays in aid processing and delivery for 1982-83.

In other matters, the committee will be meeting with PHEAA staff concerning the 1982-83 state grant. This meeting allows an interchange between the PHEAA personnel and aid officers on the committee concerning plans and options for the grant program and other matters of concern to financial aid for next year.

Finally, in preparation for meeting some of the coming issues in financial aid, it is the intention of the Government Relations Committee to contact aid officers directly for information and assistance. It is felt that the needs of students and of financial aid can best be served by more individual input on the needs for and effects of legislative action in this area. You will be hearing from us.

The Financial Aid Administrator's Psalm

Financial aid is my shepherd; I shall not weaken,  
 It maketh me to lie down among federal regulations  
 It leadeth me beside my unanswered correspondence  
 It restoreth my anxieties,  
 It leadeth me in the paths of bureaucratic rhetoric  
 for its name sake,  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
 shadow of deadlines, I will fear no student . . .  
 for the federal government is with me; its  
 rules and its staff, they confound me.  
 They preparest an audit before me in the presence  
 of my bosses.  
 I annointest my head with aspirin and soothe my  
 stomach with Roloids.  
 Surely guidelines and rules shall follow me all  
 the days of my life, and I will dwell in  
 the pages of the federal register forever . . .

### Maryland Grants Go Out-Of-State

Dr. Kenneth Shook, Executive Director of the Maryland State Scholarship Board, has requested that we publish the following information regarding the use of Maryland state grants at Pennsylvania institutions.

"Maryland residents enrolled as full-time students in degree granting programs at accredited post-secondary colleges can apply for . . . out-of-state General State Program awards. Since these awards are not entitlement grants, we anticipate that as many as 7,000 applicants will receive no offer of Maryland State Scholarship Program assistance. These people have a computed need, but limited funds do not allow the issuance of awards to all applicants. Recipients of awards are selected primarily by use of a ranking system based on the educational contribution of the family (or the student). We write to needy applicants only at the time that an award can be offered, and awards could be generated on any of the following computer run dates: April, July, September, November, January, or March. If a student is offered aid, an acceptance of the aid must be signed and returned to us within several weeks time. Out-of-state colleges are sent billing rosters to verify recipients of grants for the Fall Semester and for the Spring Semester. Awards issued after the start of school are normally placed totally on the Spring Semester billing.

"In counseling your students, you should keep in mind that we have designed a version of the FAF to meet the specific needs of residents of Maryland. The Maryland FAF materials are available from any secondary school guidance office in Maryland or from any college financial aid office in Maryland. Students are urged to apply between January 1 and February 15 for possible aid in the next academic year."

### Contributions Welcome

Please send ideas or articles for newsletter publication to

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