

**AASF~~A~~**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 2003**  
**AU Conference Center – Auburn, AL**

President, Deborah Byrd, called the business meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The president thanked and welcomed all the attendees to the conference. The Auburn Army ROTC presented the Presentation of Colors followed by the national anthem. The invocation was given by Treasurer-Elect, Ben Baker.

Dan Miller presented the AASFAA Humanitarian Project, Children's Harbor. Dan made an appeal to members and attendees to make a donation to Children's Harbor. The donation will be presented to the Executive Director of Children's Harbor at the Luncheon, Thursday, October 16, 2003. A video presentation was shown on what Children's Harbor is all about.

**I. Officer Reports:**

- **Secretary's Report**

Cheryl Newton reported that the minutes of the May and August 2003 Executive Board meetings have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Board. Minutes of the Spring Conference 2003 Business meeting, and the May and August 2003 minutes will be available to the membership via the website. Cheryl made recommendation to accept the minutes of the May 2003 Business meeting. The motion was accepted and approved unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Charles Holloway reported on the proposed and actual budgets as of October 15, 2003. A breakdown of revenues and expenses were reported. Charles made recommendation to accept the financial report as of October 15, 2003. The motion was accepted and approved unanimously.

- **President Elect's Report**

Chip Quisenberry reported on the agenda for the Fall 2003 conference. Thanks was given to Andy Weaver, Dan Miller and their committees for all the work and effort made to bring the conference together. Chip reported that the States Program session will be co-presented by Cheryl Newton and Catherine Brooks, of the State Department of Human Resources.

- **Vice President's Report**

Cindy Massey reported that the NASFAA Training Workshop will be December 10, 2003 at the KHEAA's Office located in the RSA Union Building, Montgomery, Alabama.

## **II. Committee Reports**

- **Legislative Relations (State)**

Dot Wilkinson reported that schools will receive two-thirds funding of state grant programs. A reminder was made of the video conference on FSA Delivery System for next year on October 22, 2003 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. eastern time. A new website is available which provides free information for families on how to apply and to pay for college. More detailed information on [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) will be available on the AASFAA website. NASFAA reports the NCAA Presidents Council is sponsoring a proposal at the 2004 NCAA Convention in January to require institutions to compare financial aid packaging of freshmen and transfer student athletes awarded to other freshman and transfer students. Clark Aldridge, SASFAA Legislative Liaison, has provided information from the Coalition for Better Student Loans which includes, increase loan limits and create a consolidation loan that tracks interest. Feedback on these proposed items will be appreciated.

- **Special Projects**

Tommy Dismukes reported that the committee has a goal to present one financial aid presentation in every county of the state by January 31, 2004. Volunteers are needed.

- **Diversity**

Pebblin Warren reported AASFAA will work jointly with SASFAA in February in sponsoring a financial aid fair Saturday before the

conference. AASF AA membership participation is needed. The NASFAA committee will meet the week of October 20, 2003 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**III. Old Business**

The policy and procedure changes are complete and available on the website.

**IV. New Business**

Information regarding the Spring conference dates are on the back of the program. Conference will be in April 2004. An AASF AA Resolution was read and presented to Dr. William Wall on his retirement of 33 years in financial aid.

**V. Announcements**

Melinda Calhoun gave recognition and accolades to the 29 vendors participating in the conference this year. Door prizes were drawn. Dan Miller gave recognition to the local arrangements committee which consisted on Charles Markel, Ellen Canada, and Melody Caldwell. The bus will board at 5:30 p.m. to Greystone.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Cheryl Newton, AASF AA Secretary