

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

*Alabama Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
Fall Conference Program  
October 14-17, 2008  
Florence, Alabama*

### **The Financial Aid Administrator: Helping Turn Dreams Into Realities**

#### Tuesday, October 14

3:00 – 7:00	Exhibitor Set Up	Shoals DE
3:30 – 5:30	Executive Board Meeting	Roosevelt

#### Wednesday, October 15

8:00 – 9:30	AASFAA Membership Welcome/Exhibitor Appreciation Continental Breakfast	Shoals DE
9:00 – 1:30	Registration Open	Foyer
8:00 - 12:00	New Aid Officer's Workshop Pre-registration Required Presenters: Phillip Nelson, Auburn University Lissa Powell, USAF	Florence
9:00 – 12:00	Exhibit Area Open	Shoals DE

#### *Concurrent Sessions*

10:00 – 11:30	SunGard SCT/Banner User's Group Discussion Moderator: Melody Caldwell, Auburn University	Sheffield
10:00 – 11:30	Alliant Data Systems Update (Formerly ACCESS) Presenter: Sharon Johnson, Alliant Data Systems Moderator: Tammy Spratlin, SUSCC	Muscle Shoals

12:15- 1:30	Lunch <b>Open to all attendees</b> Special Guests: New Aid Officers	Shoals B
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1:30 – 3:00	Opening Session Business Meeting AASFAA President, Charles Markle, Presiding	Muscle Shoals
3:00 – 5:00	Registration Open	Foyer
3:00 – 3:30	Break	Shoals DE
3:00 – 5:00	Exhibit Area Open	Shoals DE

***Concurrent Sessions***

3:30 – 5:00	TEACH Grant Presenter: Michael Roberts, Dept of Education Moderator: Charles Markle, Auburn University	Muscle Shoals
3:30 – 5:00	2-Year Concerns Moderator: Vanessa Kyles, JDCC	Florence

5:30	Dinner Wear Your School Colors for a “Tailgate” Dinner	Singing River
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**Thursday, October 16**

8:00 – 9:30	Breakfast Buffet	Singing River
9:30 – 11:45	Exhibit Area Open	Shoals DE
8:30 – 12:00	Registration Open	Foyer
9:30 - 11:30	<b>General Session</b> <b>Federal Update</b> Presenter: Michael Roberts, Dept of Education Moderator: Andrew Weaver, UAH	Muscle Shoals
12:00 – 1:30	Association Luncheon SASFAA Update Keith Reeves, SASFAA President-Elect and Associate Director of Financial Aid at Clemson University	Singing River
1:30 – 2:30	Exhibit Area Open	Shoals DE
1:30 – 3:00	Registration Open	Foyer

### ***Concurrent Sessions***

1:45 – 3:15	Verification: What, Why and How? Presenters: Paul Mittelhammer, NSLP Karen Stinnett, Birmingham Southern Moderator: Brandon Dillard, NSLP Join us for a discussion on the what's, why's and how's of verification. We will also cover acceptable documentation, when to submit corrections, and why there are policies and procedures for the verification process.	Muscle Shoals
1:45 – 3:15	Empowering Best Practices in Financial Aid Operations Presenter: David Mee – Performa Higher Education Senior Consultant and Director of Enrollment Services Moderator: Belinda Duett, Huntingdon College David will review his team's recent work in financial aid consulting – specifically trends and opportunities that PHE has discovered as they have assisted financial aid staffs chart a path toward 'best practices.' Common observations and solutions will be shared.	Florence

2:30 Exhibits Break-down Shoals DE

3:15 – 3:45 Break Foyer

### ***Concurrent Sessions***

3:45 – 5:00	Understanding the Differences between Federal and Private Loans Presenter: Dennis Zanchi - EdFund Default Prevention Moderator: Private, PLUS and Stafford Loans are all ways to finance an education. You'll learn about all three loan types and how they measure up against each other over the long term. The session will outline specific terms unique to each loan while providing tools that guide students financing their education.	Florence
3:45 – 5:00	Top Ten Audit Findings Presenter: Michael Roberts Moderator:	Muscle Shoals

5:30 – 6:30 President's Reception Singing River Terrace  
6:30 Association Banquet Singing River

### **Friday, October 17**

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast Buffet Singing River

8:30 – 10:00

**General Session (Fed Q & A)**  
Moderator: Andrew Weaver, UAH  
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Singing River

10:00