

# ***2015 TASFAA ANNUAL REPORT***

***On Track for Success!***



***TASFAA 2015***

***TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS***

# ***TASFAA Leadership***

## **President's Letter**

by Anne Walker



Dear TASFAA and Friends of TASFAA,

I want to extend my thanks and gratitude for electing me as your TASFAA President for 2015. I learned so much as President Elect under Melet Leafgreen,

and have appreciated Shannon Crossland's, your new President, guidance and wisdom. Keeping TASFAA effectively running, from board meetings, to training and committee work, is a huge undertaking. The success of TASFAA falls squarely on the shoulders of Texas' financial aid community.

As you read through the annual report, please note all the positive work being done by our committees. As much as I'd love to take responsibility and credit for all that great work, it really is how each person on each committee contributed. I cannot express enough how grateful and proud I am at all you've accomplished.

Finally, I want to ask one more thing of our community. Please continue to volunteer; one of the best things I've learned while serving this year is that TASFAA is only as strong as its membership. Thanks to each and every one of you who did any work for TASFAA. Whether you were on the Board, chaired a committee, or worked on a committee, you are what makes TASFAA Texas strong.

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work so closely with TASFAA for another year.

Best Regards,  
Anne Walker  
Rice University

## ***Officers 2014-2015***

### **President**

Anne E. Walker, Rice University

### **Vice President**

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### **President Elect**

Shannon L Crossland, Texas Tech University

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# TASFAA Mission

## TASFAA Mission Statement

TASFAA is a professional organization with a diverse membership that works toward the ultimate goal of helping students gain necessary resources to promote access and choice in their pursuit of higher education opportunities.

### Mission

The Association fosters commitment to these activities through initiatives collectively known as TASFAA's Preferred Future. These initiatives are: Training and Education; Technology; Outreach and Early Awareness; Partnerships; and Legislative.

### Description

The Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) promotes the effectiveness of student financial aid programs in the post-secondary institutions of the state, facilitates communication among its members, sponsors activities in the financial aid field to promote the professional development and competency of its members.

## TASFAA Volunteer Form

TASFAA is a volunteer organization. Your participation is needed. Membership on a committee benefits your colleagues, students and parents, as well as providing an opportunity for personal and professional development.

If you have further questions regarding the activities of a specific committee, please feel free to contact the current Committee Chair or a member of the Executive Board.

**Please Note:** YOU MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF TASFAA TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE. If you are not a current member please complete a membership application. Don't know if your TASFAA membership is current, find out - [check your membership status here](#).

**Volunteer Now!**

<http://www.tasfaa.org/docs/forms/memVolunteer.html>



# TASFAA Committee Reports

## Archive Task Force

Melet Leafgreen - Texas Christian University, Chair  
Denise Welch - Panola College  
Devon Wiggins - Tyler Junior College  
Cecelia Jones - Wiley College  
Carolyn Jones - Collin County Community College

As TASFAA prepares for its 50th anniversary celebration in 2017, the Board became aware that the TASFAA Archives needed some updating and reorganizing. In the summer, we began talking about selecting a location to display some of the archive material permanently, where it could truly be appreciated by our membership and other higher education stakeholders in the state. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board seemed to be the perfect location, and Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Dr. Charles Puls graciously agreed to allow TASFAA to house our archives there as well as set up some display room in their facility.

TASFAA had an initial meeting with Dr. Puls at the TG headquarters in Round Rock (where TASFAA's archives have previously been housed) in July. In October, the day before the TASFAA conference began in Austin, a group of dedicated Board members spent all day going through every photo, every scrap of paper, and every artifact in the 48 year history of TASFAA. It was a fun and fascinating journey!

Coming up in 2016, the Task Force will request that members begin sending us any materials they have that should be included in our archives. We will also obtain references and financial estimates for digitizing the documents and photos in the archives.

We've made a great start on this important project, and look forward to having some wonderful materials to bring to the conference in October 2017 as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary together!

## Awards & Scholarships

Sefra M. Lopez - Texas A&M University, Chair  
Dede Gonzales - Texas State University  
Bridget Moore - Hardin-Simmons University  
Chris Woodyard - University of Texas-Arlington  
Demetrice Dent - University of Houston  
Casey Wells - Tyler Junior College  
Angelika Williams - Texas State University  
Jael Garcia - University of Texas-Pan American

The Awards & Scholarship Committee awarded 10 scholarships in the amount of \$200 to assist with the cost of the New Aid Officers Workshop in May 2015.

In August, our committee solicited nominations for the Financial Aid Star, Trailblazer, and Hall of Fame awards. We received 2 nominations for the FAID Star award and selected John Sculley from Texas State University. Angela Parkoff of Texas A&M University was selected by the TASFAA Board to receive the Trailblazer award. The committee received 4 nominations for the TASFAA Hall of Fame and recommended Becky Wilson of Texas Tech University for the Unsung Hero of TASFAA and Earl Hudgins of Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center for the Service to TASFAA award.

All of the TASFAA service pins were mailed out at the beginning of November to individuals who did not attend the fall conference.

I will be working with Dede Gonzales, the new committee chair, to create an online application for the Mack C. Adams Scholarship for next year's submissions.

## Years of Service Award Winners

### 50 Years of Service

Ronny Barnes      Panhandle-Plains Management & Service Corp.

### 40 Years of Service

Linda Gonzalez-Hensgen      El Paso Community College  
David Krause      St. Mary's University

### 35 Years of Service

Yvonne Apodaca      El Paso Community College  
Jeffrey Ayers      Panhandle-Plains Management & Service Corp.  
E. Raedean Bolton      Texas Woman's University  
Mickey Lewis      San Jacinto College  
Janie Miramontes      Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
David Schwartz      Texas A&M University  
Lyn Wheeler Kinyon      Baylor University



# TASFAA Committee Reports

## Years of Service Award Winners (cont'd)

### 30 Years of Service

MarQuita Hackett	University of Texas - Tyler
Don Hilton	Ranger College
Cathy Horn	Concordia University Texas
Jeanette Kucera	Baylor University
George Torres	TG
Barbara Waters	Southern Methodist University
Becky Wilson	Texas Tech University
Marcus Wilson	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

### 25 Years of Service

Melissa Bassett	First Marblehead Corporation
Lisa Blazer, PhD	University of Texas - San Antonio
Bonita Coleman	Lone Star College System
Laurie Coulter	Austin College
Stan Eddy	Southern Methodist University
Michelle Enriquez	Citizens Bank
Robin Famiglietti	Sallie Mae
Keri Farrier	Texas Woman's University
Stacy Flood	Austin Community College
Paige Hendricks	Edfinancial Services
Carol Hicks	University of Texas - El Paso
Becky Johnson	Odessa College
Sandra Jones	McLennan Community College
Debra La Grone	Texas A&M University - Texarkana
Debbie Mar	Texas Christian University
Diana Martinez	University of Texas - San Antonio
Cynthia Mayberry	TG
Patrick Reyna	Baptist Health System School of Health Professions
Frank Sanchez	Texas A&M University - Kingsville
Pamela Shuttlesworth	DCCCD
Donna Story	Stephen F. Austin State University
Cassandra Thomas	Texas Southern University
Kathy Williams	ELM Resources

### 20 Years of Service

Heather Beckles-Bright	University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Christine Bowman	Southwestern University
Karen Burnett	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Amy Carcanagues	University of the Incarnate Word
Lori Castillo	Texas A&M University
Michael Chavez	Midland College
Eddie Davis	Southwestern Assemblies of God University
Christine Gauger	University of Texas - Austin
Dede Gonzales	Texas State University
Sergio Gonzalez	Sallie Mae
Charita Hampton	University of Houston
Jennifer Herman	University of North Texas
Tricia Johnson	Wells Fargo Education Financial Services
Joel Juliot	University of North Texas
Mia Myers	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Melinda Oliver	Baylor University

Celinda Sarabia  
Lea Sikora  
Samantha Stalnaker  
Belinda Suarez  
Renee Suryan  
Carmen Tanner

Texas A&M International University  
University of Texas - Arlington  
Tarrant County College  
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi  
SoFi (Social Finance, Inc)  
University of Texas - Dallas

### 15 Years of Service

Judy Adle	Texas State University
Yomaira Arredondo	Dallas County Community College District
Jeanne Ballard	Vernon College
Sherie Banovic	University of Houston
Kimberly Bomnskie	University of Texas - Dallas
Billy Bossier	University of Texas - Austin
Gordon Brannon	Southern Methodist University
Susan Brown	San Jacinto College
Griselda Castilla	University of Texas - Pan American
Yolanda Cleveland	University of Texas - Arlington
Rosemary Cooper	University of Texas - Tyler
Andres Cordero	TG
Jeannette Costello	Dallas County Community College District
Judith Cunningham	TG
Linda Dawson	Texas A&M University - Commerce
Rachel Dixon	Lamar University
Mary Dukes	Texas Woman's University
Donna Everson-Hampton	University of Texas - Dallas
Maria Faber	El Paso Community College
Jacob Fraire	TG
James Gaeta	Southwestern University
Elsa Gaitan	Trinity University
Molly Garrett	Tyler Junior College
Deborah George	University of Houston - Victoria
Dorothy Hampton	University of Texas - Arlington
Sylvia Hampton	Ranger College
Jennifer Jones	Texas Southern University
Melet Leafgreen	Texas Christian University
David Longoria	University of Texas - San Antonio
Elizabeth Lopez	Texas A&M International University
Cindy Luetzow	Southern Methodist University
Susan Marze	Lamar University
Clorene McDonald	Wayland Baptist University
Rosanna Mendiola	University of Texas - San Antonio
H. Rachele' Nixon Garrett	Stephen F. Austin State University
Dolly Pierson	Texas Christian University
Minita Ramirez	Texas A&M International University
Yolanda Ramos	Midland College
DeCha Reid	The CB
Marlene Ruffino	Lone Star College System
Gail Schatte	Texas Medical Association
Lisa Schroeder	Lamar Institute of Technology
Cynthia Scott-Treat	Texas Woman's University
Leslie Singleton	Chamberlain College of Nursing
May Steigman	University of Texas - Austin

# TASFAA Committee Reports

## Years of Service Award Winners (cont'd)

Londa Sutton Harris	Texas State Technical College - Waco
Heather Thielemann	Sam Houston State University
Bianca Tidwell	El Paso Community College
Robert Trevino	University of Texas - Pan American
Paulette Walker	Higher Education Servicing Corp/NTHEA
Brendan Walsh	Stephen F. Austin State University
Casey Wells	Tyler Junior College
Jamie Willis	University of Texas - Arlington
Wanda Zeno	Texas Southern University

## 10 Years of Service

Sonia Adán-Medina	Southwest Texas Junior College
Lydia Babbitt	Southern Methodist University
Paul Burke	Financial Aid TV
William Chandler	Southern Methodist University
Dell Cox	Amarillo College
Pearl Creviston	Central Texas College
Beverly Fields	Frank Phillips College
Sharon Finney	San Jacinto College
Nathan Flory	University of Texas - San Antonio
Veronica Gabbard	Houston Baptist University
Melissa Gandy	Sam Houston State University
Brenda Garcia	University of Texas - Pan American
Jael Garcia	University of Texas - Pan American
Juan Garcia	Texas A&M International University
Edia Hernandez	Midland College
Vicki House	Hardin-Simmons University
Diana Kinto	Lamar State College-Orange
Gabriela Leon	University of St. Thomas
Alina Longoria	Lone Star College System
Iris Madrigal	University of Texas - Pan American
Melanie Martinez	Texas A&M International University
Gabriel Mendiola	University of Texas - San Antonio
Janet Merten	Amarillo College
Stefany Mitchell	University of Houston - Downtown
Kevin Montgomery	Higher Education Servicing Corp/NTHEA
Joyce Myers	Howard Payne University
Debbie Newhouse	Dallas Baptist University
Paul Remmert	University of Texas - San Antonio
Mary Rios	Texas State University
Rachel Romero	Galveston College
William Saenz	Texas A&M University - Kingsville
Angela Speech	Texas College
Sheila Stedham	Lone Star College System
Jennifer Steed	Austin College
Sharon Steele	Lee College
Crystal Thomas	Texas A&M University - Commerce
Christian Torres	Texas Southmost College
Kim Tran	University of Houston - Downtown
Thresa Tyus	TG
Yvonne Vera	San Jacinto College
Breanda Williams	Dallas Christian College
Kay Wright	Brazosport College
Christy Young	Blinn College

## Constitution and Bylaws

**Shannon Crossland - Texas Tech University, Chair**  
**Connie Brown - Texas Tech University**  
**Dede Gonzales - Texas State University**  
**Scott Lapinski - UNT Dallas**  
**Michael Patterson - Texas A&M University, Commerce**

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee created a special section on the TASFAA website, located on the TASFAA Legislative Issues Committee page, to upload the TASFAA Position Papers for reference. The TASFAA Policies and Procedures manual was updated as necessitated for the needs of the Association.

## Fall Conference

**Scott Moore - University of Houston, Chair**  
**Taryn Anderson - University of Dallas, Co-Chair**  
**Chrisana Black - University of North Texas, Co-Chair**  
**Alan Pixley - Co-Chair**  
**Yolanda M Cleveland - University of Texas - Arlington**  
**Demetrice Dent - University of Houston**  
**Lety P Gallegos - University of Houston**  
**Jael E. Garcia - University of Texas - Pan American**  
**Molly M Garrett - Tyler Junior College**  
**Sergio Gonzalez - Sallie Mae**  
**Charita Hampton - University of Houston**  
**Donna King - Grayson County College**  
**Raul H Lerma - El Paso Community College**  
**Marisela O Maldonado - Rice University**  
**Amanda L Smith - Clarendon College**  
**Kay M Wright - Brazosport College**

This year, the Texas financial aid community gathered in Austin for its annual conference. 367 were in attendance this year, nearly a 40% increase in attendance over 2014. In lieu of the attendance issues and unique challenges of the 2014 conference in El Paso, the committee decided not to increase registration fees and concentrate on creating an engaging conference that would capitalize on creating more information and greater networking opportunities. The committee changed the way information was offered to participants. Opting for "track themed" sessions that would target school types (two-year, four-year, etc.) and experience (beginner, intermediate, advanced). In addition, for the first time in many years, the committee opted not to offer every session in the traditional hour and fifteen minute time slot. Time slots varied from 45 minutes, 60 minutes to the 75 minute sessions.

The theme of the conference was "On Track for Success", playing off the various session "tracks" which were offered. Sessions by Jim Briggs, the Tax Detective, TASFAA 2015 president Anne Walker (who did three!),



# TASFAA Committee Reports

## Fall Conference (cont'd)

Megan McClean (NASFAA) and Rick Renshaw (DOE) were all popular. President Anne Walker opened up the conference with a warm welcome and Shannon Folliswell closed it with great anticipation for the 2016 Conference. Through the generosity of the TASFAA Community, we were able to raise \$652 for the Austin Jazz Workshop. The Jazz Workshop also provided excellent ambient entertainment for the President's reception. In addition, 27 runners woke up before dawn to complete the Mac Adams Fun Run and raise \$570.

The committee felt the conference was a great success. Both in terms of attendance and of satisfaction rated by polling. Of those in attendance, 99% reported "Good" or "Excellent" satisfaction with the conference. We would like to thank all of the presenters who did such a great job in sharing information and the board of TASFAA who was supportive throughout the process. In addition, I would personally like to thank Anne Walker, for being a great leader and always supportive. Also, the committee for their tireless work both prior to the event and during the event, they really made this happen by pulling together and meeting some tough challenges head on. With the organizational, hard-working, visionary talents of both Taryn Anderson and Chrisana Black as Chairs for the next conference, TASFAA will only build on the success of the 2016 conference.

We look forward with great anticipation to 2016 and will see everyone in Frisco.



## Legislative Issues

**Christopher D. Murr - Texas State University, Chair**  
**Linda Ballard - Texas Southern University**  
**Shannon Crossland-Followill - Texas Tech University**  
**James Hubener - Dallas County Community College**  
**Michael Patterson - Texas A&M University - Commerce**  
**George Torres - Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation**

### Committee Activity:

- Drafted a letter of support for the B-On-Time Loan Program, which was submitted to the Office of Senator Zaffirini.
- Submitted a letter to the Texas Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee outlining the *TASFAA Recommendations for Increasing Financial Literacy and Responsible Student Loan Borrowing*.
- Revised the *TASFAA Position Paper on State Higher Education Financial Aid Programs* and submitted it to key legislative staff.
- Revised the *TASFAA Position Paper on Federal Higher Education Financial Aid Programs*.
- Continued to send legislative alerts to members via the TASFAA listserv.

### Pending Activity:

- Conduct an annual re-prioritization of committee goals.
- Begin development of a survey to assess the membership's concerns regarding future legislative issues.



# TASFAA Committee Reports

## Membership

Donnie Purvis - Weatherford College, Chair  
Amy Ahlas - Alamo CCD, Co-Chair  
Melet Leafgreen - University of Texas - Arlington  
Anne E. Walker - Rice University

This past year we made a lot of changes in the membership drive.

1. We cleaned up the membership by asking the two year institutions to update their staff in the database.
2. We focused on getting members to renew their membership. We were only 3 members short of our budget.
3. We had a much better turnout for voting this past year we believe due to the memberships being done sooner.

Our next project: We will focus on the four year schools this coming year to getting their staff roster updated and as current as possible.

Side note: Kaplan College has merged into one institution now. They were previously paying 5 separate memberships. The same for TSTC. It's all under one OPEID number now. So, this is affecting our budgets for membership. We had already anticipated this for 15-16. I do believe had we not been in contact with the membership, we would have been caught off guard on this resulting in a short fall on the budget side.

Membership by Type	
Public (2 year)	623
Public (4 year)	772
Independent ( 2 year)	0
Independent ( 4 year)	277
Proprietary	25
Health Related/Nursing	15
Graduate/Professional	32
Consultant	15
Government Agency	20
Guaranty Agency	41
Lender	28
Secondary Market	4
Servicer	28
Other	12
Not specified	6
Active membership	168
Membership did not renew	3

## Nominations & Elections

Melet Leafgreen - Texas Christian University, Chair  
Bridgette Ingram - Texas A&M University  
Stephanie Lopez - Texas State University

We began requesting nominations in March of 2015. This year, we asked nominators to identify why they nominated each individual for office - how long they had known their nominees, how have the nominees served TASFAA, and what strengths and experiences nominees brought to the table. We had excellent participation and received 15 nominations. In turn, we required each candidate to provide a Statement of Candidacy and a resume. In April our committee submitted nominee information to the Board for review. For the first time in several years, we had a whopping 8 candidates for the 4 open Board positions.

On July 1st we sent a "preview" email and encouraged all members to check out the list of candidates and their profiles. A reminder went out on July 24th that the election would open July 31st. Actual voting invitations went out to 137 voting members on July 31st. As of August 12th, 54 of those schools had voted. I asked each of our TASFAA Board members to call 6-7 schools each that week. By August 17th, the number of schools who had voted had climbed to 80 - that's 58% participation!

Elections closed on August 17th, and the following results were sent to President Anne Walker:

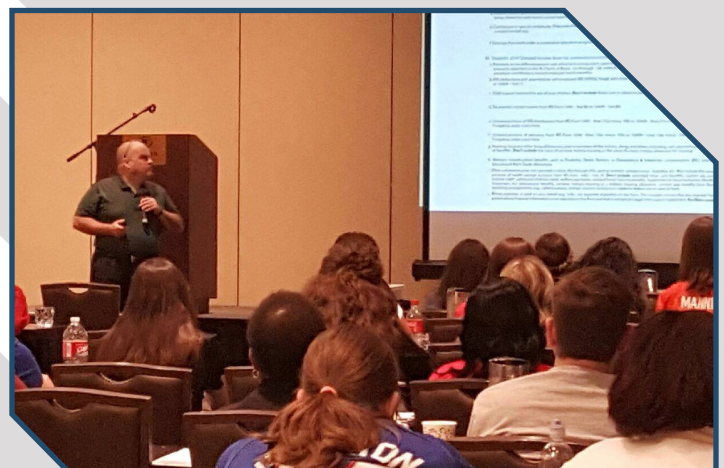
### President-Elect

Alan Ahmad, Alamo Community College District

### Board Members

Eric Cooper, Texas A&M University at Kingsville  
Carolyn Jones, Collin County Community College  
Raul Lerma, El Paso Community College  
Donnie Purvis, Weatherford College

We are proud of this committee's work this year, and are so grateful for everyone's participation.





# TASFAA Committee Reports

## Regional Training

Heather Fountain - Texas A&M, Chair

Melissa Bohnsack - Texas A&M

Angela Parkoff - Texas A&M

Erin Porter - Texas A&M

TASFAA Regional Training in partnership with Texas Guarantee Agency and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) conducted the FY 15 regional training. We welcomed new presenters from THECB and adjusted out training locations and methods this year. We continue to work as a team to find ways to better serve our financial aid community by providing the best training experience at no expense.

This year was definitely a year to remember for the Regional Training Committee. Early on in planning, I became pregnant with twins and was informed I would need to keep travel to a minimum. Luckily, I was able to rely on three of my colleagues, Melissa Bohnsack, Angela Parkoff, and Erin Porter, to assist with conducting these presentations on my behalf. In addition, weather played a major role in the ability for some of our presenters to make it to certain locations.

This year's topics included a NASFAA CORE module: Need Analysis, enrollment reporting, contacting delinquent borrowers, federal and state updates. In addition, we conducted group discussions regarding R2T4 calculations, verification, and 150% subsidized loan limit.

Training was held at 7 sites that included: Houston (2), Dallas/Ft. Worth (2), El Paso, Lubbock, and Austin. The decision was made to move the previous San Antonio site to Austin this year. By providing the training in Austin, we were able to broadcast the training live as well as record it for future watching. This allowed our committee to provide training to those that could not make the trip to one of our locations. Weather prohibited our TASFAA presenters from making it to El Paso. The recordings that were made in Austin proved handy as we were able to show these in El Paso for the presenters that could not make it to that location.

Number of attendees per site as follows:

Location Name	Event City	Event Total # Attended
Eastfield College - Dallas CCC	Mesquite	104
Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus	Fort Worth	55
Lone Star College - North Harris	Houston	69
Houston Community College Southeast Learning Hub	Houston	58
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board also live stream/recording	Austin	74
El Paso Community College	El Paso	39
Lubbock Christian University	Lubbock	85

Breakfast and lunch were provided to training attendees. Food costs were split with TG. TASFAA's food costs totaled \$4833.15. To save costs going forward, we will alter the agenda to start training later in the morning which will allow us to eliminate the need for breakfast.

Overall, the training locations were a success. Moving the training to Austin and being able to record it was a huge win for us. We will continue to do this going forward as we feel this opens up training for numerous TASFAA members. The cost for three TASFAA training committee members was approximately \$2750, which included hotel, flights, and meals.

I would like to express my thanks to Melissa, Angela, and Erin for stepping in when needed. Their assistance and input was invaluable throughout this process. I'd also like to thank Texas Guarantee and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for their willingness to present and contribute to these trainings as well. They are a pleasure to work with and I look forward to working with them again in FY 16.

# TASFAA Committee Reports

## Training

**Tierra Graves - Texas A&M University, Chair**  
**Consuela Mitchell - Tarrant County College District**  
**Melissa Mallett Bohnsack - Texas A&M University**  
**Angela Parkoff - Texas A&M University**  
**Roy Tuberville - El Paso Community College**  
**Russell Jeffrey - Concordia University**  
**William Mack - The University of Texas at Dallas**  
**Yolanda Cleveland - The University of Texas at Arlington**  
**Robert Gaertner - Blinn College**  
**Lauren Miller - Texas Woman's University**  
**Phillip Wambsganss - NTHEA/HESC**  
**Kevin Montgomery - NTHEA/HESC**  
**Karen Trail - Texas Woman's University**  
**Brandy Gilliam - Texas Woman's University**

On October 7th-8th the Training Committee traveled to El Paso, Texas to train new financial aid professionals for the 2014 ABC Conference. The workshop took place at the El Paso Camino Real Hotel and Convention Center. The Training Committee presented on the basics of Financial Aid, including the application process, student eligibility, loans, Pell and campus based programs, verification, satisfactory academic progress and professional judgement.

Shortly after the ABC Conference, the Training Committee gained a new Chair. With the transition of new leadership, we experienced a few challenges. The Training Committee had to find a new location for the New Aid Officers Workshop. After calling and researching new venues, we were able to secure the Hilton in Arlington. In order to reduce costs, we signed a contract for two years. Despite the challenge of securing a new location in a short time span, the New Aid Officers Workshop was a complete success.

The Training Committee welcomed 74 guests from all of the State of Texas to the New Aid Officers Workshop. Our goal was to have a well-balanced workshop with a mix of presentations and hands on activities. Throughout the workshop, we wanted participants to get to know one another and build a network amongst each other. To do this, we included several opportunities for the larger group to break down into smaller groups. We also had a business card swap activity and a reflection activity. Throughout the workshop the Training Committee presented on the application process, need analysis and professional judgement with case studies, TASFA, packaging and satisfactory academic progress. We welcomed the Department of Education back to present on Pell grant, campus based programs and R2T4. The Higher Education Coordinating Board presented on state programs and updates and TG joined us to speak about "The Ins and Outs of loan repayment." They also hosted the infamous "Show What You Know" game.

During the workshop, we invited the TASFAA Board to have dinner with us. The Fun/Activity Committee, which is a subcommittee of TASFAA, created financial aid specific games to play with the attendees and Board members. All in all, after

the workshop we left as a family. Friendships, networks and relationships were built while learning the tools to be a successful financial aid administrator. The Training Committee will have a new Chair for 2015 ABC Conference and 2016 NAOW. It was a joy, honor and learning experience to serve as the Chair of the TASFAA Training Committee.









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