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Letter from the MASFSA President



I am excited about serving as President of MASFSA this year. The Board looks forward to providing you with another year of great service from your state organization. Please join me in welcoming our new MASFSA board members for this year. They are as follows:

President:	Sheila Atherton, Western Michigan University
President Elect:	Peggy Davis, Southwestern Michigan College
Past President:	Dave Wilcox, Eastern Michigan University
Vice President:	Melissa Rauch, Aquinas College
Treasurer:	Shelia Steward, Wayne State University
Recording Secretary:	Rhonda Cobb, Henry Ford Community College
Four year School Rep:	Holly Furlo, Saginaw Valley State University
Two-year School Rep:	Fiona Gray, Washtenaw Community College
Private School Rep:	Mike Hague, Adrian College
Director of Assoc. Members:	Audrey Atkins, NCO Financial Systems, Inc.

We also had many new people join our committees. This will ensure that our organization continues to grow and provide the best service to our group.

We had a great turnout for our second annual MASFSA conference in May in Ypsilanti. It was nice to meet and talk with many of you. We received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from the schools and vendors. The conference committee is currently planning our next year's conference which will be held in Grand Rapids in May 2007.

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Our goals for our organization this next year include providing an excellent conference for our membership, developing and updating our website, an increase in use of the list serve, providing our membership with current regulation changes and news in the industry, and retaining and recruiting new members.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at sheila.atherton@wmich.edu or 269-387-4224.

I look forward to working with all of you this next year.

Sheila Atherton
President
MASFSA
Western Michigan University

Issue Highlights:

- 2007 MASFSA Conference Information
- Become A MAFSFA Member
- Member Committee Update
- Website Update
- New Member Spotlight
- 2006 Conference Recap
- Article: Interim Final HERA Regulations
- Professional Development Committee Update

To sign up for a MASFSA membership, please visit our website to fill out an application:

www.masfsa.org



New members have joined MASFSA. Listed below are additions to institution and associate membership:

New Institution Members

BAKER COLLEGE

- Nancy Belill
- Tammy Carr

CLEARY UNIVERSITY

- Kerry Kinzinger
- Carol Fox

JACKSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Pamela O'Keefe

MARYGROVE COLLEGE

- Cheryl Styczynski
- Lisa Lambert

MICHIGAN INSTITUTE OF AVIATION

- Catherine Vorst
- Heather Wiles

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

- Jan Wilson

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY

- Sandra Turnquest
- Jason Sullivan

New Associate Members

CHASE BANK

- Renee Suryan
- Jennifer Sutch

HIGHER ONE

- Jack Debaar
- Bob Reach

TOUCHNET INFORMATION

- Dave Swan

TRANSWORLD SYSTEMS

- Ed Motto

We welcome our new members!



Member News

Promotion of MASFSA Conference Committee Chairperson Daisy Lipsey

Please join us in congratulating Daisy Lipsey from Western Michigan University on her recent promotion. Daisy has accepted the manager position of the Bronco Express Student Team (BEST). This is the new One Stop Shop area for students that WMU is opening in mid October 2006. Daisy has nearly 20 years of experience at WMU in various areas of Accounting Service positions working with staff and students. Daisy is looking forward to the opportunity and challenges her new position brings for students and WMU.

Baby Announcement!

Autumn Booker of NCO Financial Systems, Inc. and her husband Michael welcome Sienna Bella Capitano. Born July 5, 2006, 9lbs. 4oz., 21.25 inches.

Congratulations!



News From the Professional Development Committee

The Professional Development Committee welcomes our new committee members and thanks our existing members for the hard work throughout the year.

Website

We are starting this year off with a bang! We have hired a professional Web Designer to help us keep our website updated and secure. Browse our web site and view the changes that have been completed.

Conference links have been added and additional links will be provided for members to browse for upcoming conference information and viewing conference photos. A secure Member Log-In ID will be added for members to view current newsletters, membership list and much more. Look for updates to come.

You can access the website at www.masfsa.org. We look forward to your comments and suggestions to help us improve our website. Contact Karen Reddick, PDC Chairperson at kreddick@ncmstl.com.

Newsletter

Our newsletter has been restructured and redesigned to enhance all important information. We welcome any comments or questions and especially any member news. This can include promotions, marriages, birth announcements, etc. We want to know what's happening with our members! Please direct any of the above to Karen Reddick at kreddick@ncmstl.com. We also thank our hard working committee and our friends at NCO.

List serve

Thanks to everyone who has been utilizing the list serve. It is a great vehicle to ask questions or get information out there to our members. We would like to encourage everyone to use it. If you would like more information contact Dave Wilcox at dwilcox@emich.edu.

Department of Education Releases HERA Regulations

The Department of Education released interim final regulations related to the Higher Education Reconciliation Act (HERA), as it applies to student loan programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA). This includes the Perkins Loan Program. The regulations can be viewed by highlighting the following link and pasting it into your web browser:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/06-6696.htm>

The update, available at <http://ifap.ed.gov/nsldsmaterials/PK200602.html>, also includes links to download updated deferment type codes and deferment usage codes.

2006 Conference Recap

Our second 2006 Annual MASFSA Conference was held at the Eagle Crest Marriott Resort and was a tremendous success. The facility was wonderful and the resort staff did an excellent job.

Our keynote speaker Mary Jane Mapes motivated us with a speech that set the tone for the entire conference. The sessions following the opening speaker added more excitement and the desire to find out what the next day would add. Among them, Chad Echols of Williams and Fudge informed us with pertinent information on Bankruptcy and Litigation. Chad's upbeat personality made the session very informative and interesting for all those who attended the session.

Feedback from conference attendees was very positive:

"Mary Jane was excellent-I would love to hear her again. Be sure to include this kind of inspirational speaker in future conferences."

"Chad Echols (legal counsel at W&F) was excellent and knowledgeable-bring him back."

"Accommodations were splendid we look forward to next year."

Many of the conference participants spent time between sessions networking with each other, talking about what they had learned in a session or telling each other how much they were enjoying the entire conference.

It is important as your conference chairperson, to know that everyone was enjoying the conference and getting information to take back to their schools in making your jobs easier or to improve processes.

We look forward to the 2007 MASFSA conference at the prestigious Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI

-Daisy Lipsey, Conference Chairperson

2007 Conference Update

Our 2007 conference will be held May 20, 21, and 22, 2007 in Grand Rapids, MI at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center.



2006-2007 Board Members

Officers

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Vice President	Melissa Rauch	Aquinas College
Treasurer	Shelia Stewart	Wayne State University
Secretary	Rhonda Cobb	Henry Ford Community College
Past-President	Dave Wilcox	Eastern Michigan University

Representatives for Schools and Vendors

Four-year schools	Holly Furlo	Saginaw Valley State University
Private schools	Mike Hague	Adrian College
Community Colleges	Fiona Gray	Washtenaw Community College
Director of Associate Members	Audrey Atkins	NCO Financial Systems, Inc.

2006-2007 Committee Members

Conference Committee

Daisy Lipsey (Chairperson)	Western Michigan University
Sally Laws (Co-Chair)	Western Michigan University
Peggy Davis	Southwestern Michigan College
Jim Fariss	Recovery Management Services, Inc.
Mike Hague	Adrian College
Carolyn James	The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Joyce Kammerzelt	Conserve
Scott Medley	General Revenue Corporation
Victoria Pirrung	Enterprise Recovery Systems, Inc.
Melissa Rauch	Aquinas College

Membership Committee

Pat Gammalo (Chairperson)	Security Credit Systems, Inc
Larry Hauser (Co-Chair)	Immediate Credit Recovery
Sheila Atherton	Western Michigan University
David Cox	Campus Partners
Patricia Davis	Merchants & Medical
Kevin Hunt	Williams & Fudge
Beverly Savage	Baker College
Jason Thomas	Regional Adjustment Bureau
Shelia Stewart	Wayne State University

Professional Development Committee

Karen Reddick (Chairperson)	National Credit Management
Autumn Booker	NCO Financial Systems, Inc.
William Cartwright	Wayne County Community College
April Ewing-Miles	Wayne State University
Fiona Gray	Washtenaw Community College
Lori Hartung	Todd, Bremer & Lawson, Inc.
Martita Lawson	Adrian College
Michelle Loedeman	Western Michigan University
Dave Wilcox	Eastern Michigan University