

**SACAC General Membership Meeting
at the NACAC Conference
Columbus, OH
September 22, 2016**

President Susan McCarter recognized our members who have received awards and recognition at NACAC 2016 thus far: Phyllis Gill, who won the Margaret E. Addis Service to NACAC Award, Stacy Lightfoot, who won the Excellent in Education Award, and Nancy Beane, who will become the NACAC President on Saturday. Congratulations!

Susan introduced the SACAC Board, asking them to stand and be thanked for their hard work.

The Opening Session during NACAC pointed out that we are living in difficult, painful times. Susan shared that the Board revised our Civil Rights Statement during the SACAC Board meeting yesterday and read the statement aloud. The statement will be posted on our website:

“SACAC stands in support of the civil rights of all students and educators, no matter their race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, familial status, or ability. We remain committed to our mission to support and engage our collaborative network of enrollment and counseling professionals by promoting ethical responsibility, professional growth, access, advocacy, and outreach to help all students realize their postsecondary educational goals.

We support our colleagues as we collectively continue the daily work of guiding all of the students in our care.”

Treasurer Ryan Cassell gave a financial report, showing SACAC’s good fiscal health. Our balanced budget of \$476,765 for 2016-17 was approved. Our new fiscal year just began (September 1 to August 31). Our current checking account balance is \$74,390, and our reserve account holds the recommended balance of one budget year, \$478,035.80, as of August 31, 2016. Membership renewals are due now.

Conference Chair Jonathan Ferrell gave an update on our “SuperConference.” This will be the first year that we have had a conference with two affiliates—Rocky Mountain ACAC and Texas ACAC. The Call for Proposals will come out in mid-October, and proposals will be due in mid-December. Please reach out to colleagues in the other two affiliates to propose sessions together. We will open conference registration in early November. You will not be able to make a hotel registra-

tion until you have registered for the conference this year. Jonathan announced our 2019 location in Past President Lauren Sefton's absence: Atlanta!

Professional Development Chair Ivy Brewer shared that Dry Run (training program for new Admissions professionals) will be held at Emory University in July of 2017 and 2018. The Sweet Tea Tour for high school counselors will be in South Carolina in June of 2017. Registration for Sweet Tea opens in late January. We look forward to more webinars; please share ideas and interest in presenting with Dave Mabe (david_mabe@woodberry.org) and Erin McCubbin (emccubbin@mountvernonschool.org), Webinar Chairs.

Susan showed our proposed Bylaw changes, which will (1) bring us in to compliance with NACAC on membership categories and (2) set up a Treasurer-Elect position.

A motion was made to make changes to bring us into compliance with NACAC on membership categories. The motion was seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous (3 separate motions and votes). The changes will occur under 3.1 Classes and Qualifications for Membership. Under a) Voting members, section 1.d. will now read:

“Not-for-profit community-based organizations which provide counseling, admission or financial aid services only to students at the state or local level on an on-going basis.”

In that same section, 1.e. will be added:

“Not-for-profit organizations whose primary activities consist of working on a multi-state, national or international level and providing counseling, admission, or financial aid services to students or to the college admission counseling or financial aid professions.”

Under 2. Individual Memberships of Section 3 on Membership, (d) will be added:

“Persons who were employed at a voting member institution or organization during the current year or immediately preceding membership year who are no longer employed by any member or member-eligible institution.”

Susan then shared the proposed Bylaw changes that will set up a Treasurer-Elect position. The question was asked if we'd be electing a Treasurer-Elect AND a Treasurer, and Susan explained that we'd just be voting on a Treasurer-Elect

the last year of a Treasurer's term. The Treasurer-Elect will not sit on the Board the first year he/she is elected, but will join the Board upon the departure of the Treasurer. At that time, the Treasurer-Elect will be considered the Treasurer.

The addition would occur in Section 5 Officers, under 1.c. The Treasurer:

11. when possible, serve as Treasurer-Elect for one year prior to becoming Treasurer for a three year term. The Treasurer-Elect is elected by the Voting Members of the Association who are NACAC voting members in good standing. The Treasurer-Elect does not sit on the Board of Directors or serve as a delegate until assuming the responsibilities of Treasurer. The Treasurer-Elect position will be filled only during the last year of a current Treasurer's term and will otherwise be vacant.

A motion was made to approve the Bylaw change regarding adding a Treasurer-Elect. The motion was seconded and voted upon with full approval.

A motion to approved was made to add "or Board member-elect" in 7.5 Removal/Vacancies of Office, and the motion was seconded and voted upon with full approval.

SACAC has had much conversation about how we nominate Board members and select a slate of Board members each year, and Brandi Smith came forward to touch on the changes the Governance & Nominating Committee decided upon. These changes do not have to voted upon. The nomination process will become more of an application process. The goal is consistency in the nominations process, and we want to be sure that those nominated know they are being nominated. We will be calling for nominations later in the fall, and a timeline and full explanation will be shared at that time.

A NACAC committee has been put together to reevaluate and rewrite the Statement and Principles of Good Practice, but this will not affect this year's Assembly. We anticipate a fairly quiet Assembly on Saturday this year at NACAC.

Nancy Beane asked SACAC to lead the way in raising \$80,000, this year's goal for NACAC's Imagine Fund. The Imagine Fund makes it possible for underfunded counselors to attend NACAC.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted upon to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 5:20 p.m.