

NEW MEMBERS

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"ASSOCIATED MEMBERS"

UHEAA Lender Servicing Center:

Tram Le (formerly with First Security Bank)
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Brian Miller (formerly with First Security Bank)
JoRae Bowthorpe (formerly with First Security Bank)

Barbra Emery
Emily Baxter
Sharon Benally
Annette Searle
Patty Sherman

UHEAA Customer Service:

Michelle Riddle
Alison Hirst
Dena Nelson

Official Utah State Emblems

Animal-Rocky Mountain Elk
Bird-California Seagull
Cooking Pot-Dutch Oven
Emblem-Beehive
Fish-Bonneville Cutthroat Trout
Flag-State Flag and Seal
Flower-Sego Lily
Folk Dance-Square Dance
Fossil-Allosaurus
Fruit-Cherry
Gem-Topaz
Grass-Indian Rice Grass
Insect-Honey Bee
Mineral-Copper
Motto-"Industry"
Rock-Coal

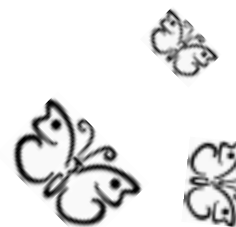
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UASFAA

Spring 2001--Newsletter



President's Greeting

Spring is rapidly approaching and it is a time of change. This will be the first year that the association has gone to an annual conference. We hope that you will find our conference in May to be full of "meat" and little "fluff". We realize each of us has very limited funds for meetings and we want to make our conference attractive as well as informative, so that you want to come and bring your staff. The conference this year will be at Utah State May 23-25 and for 2002, SUU May 15-17. Hopefully with Utah going to one conference per year some of you will be able to participate in RMASFAA. They have an annual meeting which is held each fall. This year it will be held in Wichita, KS October 14-17.

One of the goals I have set for my presidency is to get more involvement from the membership and make the association a useful tool for each of us. I want to put out a call for volunteers to help us in the association. We have committees that need help and it is an opportunity for each of us to share our talents with each other in the association. Listed below are some of the committees and the chair for the current year and the co-chairs who will take over this Fall. We need your help to fill these committees. If you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee or be a co-chair please feel free to call any member of the executive committee or the chair of the committee you would like to serve on. Please refer to UASFAA officers, committees, and chairs.

We are also in need of individuals who will help us with the decentralized training we get each spring and fall. The costs of the training are covered and all you need to do is give us some of your time, and not even a great deal of that. It will give you good information to use on your campus.

Another goal that I had set this year is to have a UASFAA web page. We are well on our way to achieving that goal and I hope by the annual conference we will have something to show you. Peggy Leavitt is doing a great job with this project.

During the Spring Conference we are having Cheryl Leibovitz from the Department of Education present a general session on Friday covering Distance Education. It is becoming more and more of a concern and she wants to help schools know what we can and cannot do. The topics she will be covering are:

1. What exactly is going on and why are we having this conversation.
2. Distance education...what is and isn't allowed.
3. Consortium/contractual agreements...with all of these distance ed courses being shared, and sometimes just simply contracted out, what are the rules regarding these arrangements.
4. Non-traditional education...what are the

issues (enrollment, program eligibility, disbursement, etc.) relative to these new models (distance and other) of delivering education.

We are thinking of inviting other people on your campus who deal with distance education to join us on that Friday. More information will follow as the dates get closer.

I want to thank the committee chairs and each member of their committees for the time and effort they have put forth. We are here to serve you and want the association to meet your needs. In order to do this we need to get input from each of you as to what you want us to do and areas that you want covered in our training. I also want to thank each of you for all you do for the students here in the state of Utah.

Doug Horne

UASFAA Officers

President:	Doug Horne	LDS Business College
Past President:	Jack Dalene	Snow College
President Elect:	Terry Bell	Dixie State College
Associate Member		
Vice President:	Nancy Caldwell	UHEAA
Associate Member		
Vice President Elect:	Reshita Naylor	Zions Bank
Secretary:	Sue Perschon	Snow College
Special Representative at Large:		(Vacant)

Committees and Chairs

Conference: (Spring 2001)	Karen Marsha	Utah State University
Conference: (Spring 2002)	Trudy Smith	Southern Utah University
Government Relations:	Kent Larson	University of Utah
Membership:	Terri Stephens	Davis Applied Tech. Center
Publications:	Regina Smout Jessica Packer Vanessa Liesik	Weber State University
Professional Development:	Cristie Easton Wendy Clark	Salt Lake Community College University of Utah
Nominations, Elections:	Terri Bell	Dixie State College
Electronic Initiatives:	Peggy Leavitt	Dixie State College
RMASFAA Trainer:	Todd Milovich	Utah State University

Upcoming Events

- March 27, 2001** Department of Education Workshop
Morning Session: "Delivery Systems and Queries"
Afternoon Session: "Application Processing 101"
Held At: SLCC
Register on line at RMAFSA.com
- March 28, 2001** Department of Education Workshop
"Packaging in EDEExpress"
(Same as above)
- April 17, 2001** Decentralized Training
1. FERPA/Information Release
2. Packaging
3. Program Participation Agreements -How to Ensure you Maintain Institutional Eligibility.
Held At: SLCC
Register on line at RMAFSA.com
- May: 23-25, 2001** UASFSA Annual Conference-Utah State
Information and Registration online at:
www.usu.edu/finaid/conference
- June: 1-8, 2001** RMAFSA Summer Institute-Colorado Springs, CO
Register at RMAFSA.com
- July: 22-25, 2001** NASFAA Annual Conference-Nashville, TN
- October: 14-17, 2001** RMAFSA Annual Conference-Wichita, KS
- May: 15-17, 2002** UASFSA Annual Conference SUU-Cedar City

Fall 2001 Department of Education
Electronic Access Conference

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| *November | 5-7, 2001 | Reno, NV |
| *November | 28-30, 2001 | Baltimore, MD |
| *December | 11-13, 2001 | Chicago, IL |

Great Internet Sites to Visit

- <http://www.kididdles.com/mouseum/lullabies.html> A comprehensive site of lullabies, foreign and domestic.
- <http://www.usc.state.ut.us/Traffic/BuckLove/bucklove.html> Spread the word to buckle up for love. Sponsored by the Utah Safety Council
- <http://humanspellcheck.com/> A weekly roundup of minor and not-so-minor language snafus in newspapers, periodicals, and web sites.
- <http://www.toonopedia.com/> Don Markstein's Toonopedia - that's all of 'em, folks!
- <http://www.harrypotter.com/> Harry Potter - a magical ride for muggles of all ages.
- <http://www.epa.gov/autoemissions/> EPA Green Vehicle Guide - honk if you hate pollution.
- <http://www.tvguide.com/features/thinking/> What Were They Thinking? - an ode to the top ten TV stinkers.
- <http://www.muppetworld.com/> Muppet World - the most sensational, celebrational, Muppetational...
- <http://www.pseudodictionary.com/> Bring them your slang, your webspeak, your neologisms. The editors of Pseudo Dictionary promise to provide a safe haven for the words and phrases that other dictionaries leave out in the cold.
- <http://www.uebersetzung.at/twister/index.htm>
The "world's largest collection of tongue twisters" features close to 2,000 entries.
- <http://www.sundanceonlinefilmfestival.org/>
Sundance Online Film Festival - watch movie clips from this year's indie entrants.
- <http://www.state.ut.us>
All about our great State!

WORKSHOPS WORTH ATTENDING

USA Funds has created a Debt Management Workshop to give you the most recent information about ways to reduce your school's default rate. The workshop sessions will include a focus group discussion on credit cards, an overview of statistics relevant to debt management, a review of the life cycle of a loan and sharing of some of the most successful initiatives in the industry. (To register, go online to: www.usagroup.com/debtworshop)

The Spring USA Funds Student Loan Workshop will provide you with up to the minute information on policy and regulations, verification, financial aid for the distance learner, and how USA Funds is "There for You". For more information on site location and registration go online at: (www.usagroup.com/schools/conf/confmain.htm)

Also look for the brand new Life Skills Course coming this Spring from the USA Funds Default Management team.

Pumpkin Dip

- 3/4 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 12 oz. brick softened cream cheese
- 2 Tbs. taco seasoning
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/3 cup diced green pepper
- 1/3 cup diced red pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1/2 can chopped olives

Combine above ingredients and serve with tortilla style chips.

It's delicious!!

UASFSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

Peggy Leavitt is a great lady and we are fortunate to have her at Dixie State College and in the financial aid community.

Peggy is a native of Southern Utah. She is married to Ferron Leavitt and is the mother of 5 children and has six grandchildren. She received her B.S. Degree in Business Education at Southern Utah University.

She was hired as the secretary in the Financial Aid Office and about six months later she was appointed to the Director's position. She pulled the Financial Aid Office at Dixie College out of a "real" mess. The challenges and constant changes that take place in our industry are the very things that have kept her interested in her career. She enjoys working with students and encouraging them in their pursuits to better themselves.

Peggy has served the financial aid community for many years. She has served UASFSA as President, Chair of the Conference Committee, member of the training committee, Chair of Publications Committee, and Chair of the EIC Committee. She has also served on the RMAFSA board as Chair of the Conference Committee, Chair of the Publications Committee, Vice Chair of the Publications Committee, and as a member of the Training Committee. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from RMAFSA in 1999.

Peggy is a great person to work with. We have shared a lot of joy, sorrow, and humor over the years. It takes humor to survive in financial aid for twenty years. Sometimes, we have even had the opportunity to do a little laughing at Peggy's expense. There was a time, not too long after she was appointed Director, when she decided to get even with the college's mailman. He would always come up behind her and startle her or give her a little squeeze. So now it was pay back time. One time she was at the back of the building and Bob, the mailman, was sitting at a desk with the Purchasing Agent. Peggy decided to sneak up behind him and blow in his ear (quite a picture). Well that is exactly what she did and the effect was great. However, Peggy was shocked to find out it was someone else.

The Moral of the story is be sure of the consequences before you blow in someone's ear.

(by Terri Bell)