

# THE NCASFAA BEACON

## Special Edition—February 2008 Statements of Candidacy for President-Elect and Vice President Nominees

Information will be provided soon regarding how to cast your vote! Please join the board in thanking Rance Jackson and the current Nominations Committee for their hard work. They have provided us with a slate of very qualified and talented individuals.

Can't decide? You can hear the nominees for President-Elect and Vice President speak before voting opens at the spring conference April 14-16 in Wrightsville Beach, NC.

### 2008-09 Slate of Candidates

#### *President-Elect*

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#### *Vice President*

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#### *Two-Year Public Representation*

Chad Williams, Randolph Community College

#### *Proprietary Representation*

Vickie Fleming, School of Communication Arts



**Paul Coscia, Guilford College**  
***President-Elect Candidate***

I am truly honored and grateful for the nomination. Many thanks to the Nomination Committee for the opportunity to give back to an organization that means so much to me. I have been fortunate having had Board leadership experience in and out of the financial aid arena. I have sat on the Board of Directors of the ARC of Greensboro, and just recently finished my term as President of a board at a local Greensboro hospital. The opportunity to represent the NCASFAA membership would be an honor.

The moment I attended my first NCASFAA Conference I was hooked. I could feel something in that big room that afternoon in Wilmington. I know today, what I felt was the dedication to the students we serve in North Carolina. Since that day, eight years ago, I have tried to be involved as much as I could with NCASFAA. With Dana Kelly's encouragement, I became a trainer and attended the NASFAA "Train the Trainer" sessions in Washington D.C. After the training, I was able to teach several conference sessions on Federal Regulations. Later, Dana's and Bill Cox's encouragement would lead me to the Treasurer position.

The past year and a half, as Treasurer, has proven to be quite rewarding. With all the changes taking place in our field, I have been able to help steer NCASFAA through the financial uncertainties that we have faced. I was able to represent NCASFAA in Washington D.C. last year and visit the offices of Senator Richard Burr and Congressman Howard Coble and express our concerns with the Sunshine Act and the Star Act.

I feel that my experience with NCASFAA as an involved member and as the Treasurer have prepared me, along with the Board, to continue our mission to support and further educate our membership. In doing so we can assure that the students of North Carolina continue to receive the best possible assistance. I will continue the relationships that have been forged with our fellow organizations throughout the country. It is crucial that we continue to be a voice both regionally and nationally in student financial aid.

I ask for your support.



**Lisa Koretoff, Guilford Technical Community College  
*President-Elect Candidate***

Thank you for the opportunity to run for President of NCASFAA. My service to NCASFAA has been one of the most satisfying and rewarding parts of my career. I am strongly committed to this association and the people it represents. I would be honored if I were granted the opportunity to lead NCASFAA.

Our profession has been in a constant state of change, especially over the past year. It's important that NCASFAA continues to rise to the challenges of meeting the needs of its members. Training, relationship-building, advocacy, and good stewardship are all important parts of a healthy professional organization. If elected, I will use these tools to guide NCASFAA through these uncertain times and to help it emerge a stronger organization.

My promise to you is to always do my very best and to work hard for NCASFAA. I appreciate your support.

*Employment*

Director of Financial Aid  
Guilford Technical Community College  
Jamestown, NC  
1995 – present

Financial Aid Supervisor  
College of the Sequoias  
Visalia, CA  
1992-1995

Director of Audit and Conversion Services  
Donald G. Watson & Associates (financial aid consulting firm)  
Fresno, CA  
1987-1992

*Organizations*

NCASFAA

Vice-President  
Fall conference chair (1999 and 2007)  
Conference Committee member  
Long Range Planning Committee member

Diversity Issues Committee member  
Site Selection Committee member  
Technology Committee chair and webmaster (8 terms)  
Legislative Advisory Chair

SASFAA

Conference Committee  
Local Arrangements Committee

NASFAA

Editorial Advisory Board, *Student Aid Transcript* (twice)

CCCSFAAA (CA Community College Student Financial Aid Administrators Association)

Region V Representative

**Rachel Cavanaugh, Cape Fear Community College  
Vice President Candidate**



Assistant Director of Financial Aid & Veterans Services  
Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, NC

University of North Carolina at Wilmington graduate

I spent 21 years in banking and have spent the last 8 years in financial aid. I started with Cape Fear Community College on February 14, 2000. I have been a member of NCASFAA since April 2000. I have served on the Executive Board for 4 years-2 years as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and 2 years as Chair of Professional Development—

Support Staff (currently serving in this position). I have served on the Program Committee 4-5 years. I started volunteering on the Program Committee with the encouragement of Linda Smiley to be involved as our organization is of such importance.

I have enjoyed every minute of my involvement and look forward to continuing to serve.

**Jane Kamiab, North Carolina School of the Arts  
Vice President Candidate**



My affiliation with NCASFAA has been so meaningful to me since I began in the Financial Aid profession in 1993. I remember well the very first NCASFAA Fall Conference and New Aid Officers Training I attended in Fall 1993, even remembering that Kay Stroud and Sally Dodd were in charge of the training at that conference! Now this year, I am serving as the Professional Advancement—New Aid Administrator Chair.

Serving as Vice President would allow me to continue this ongoing progression of knowledge and mentoring to those new in Financial Aid by those with some experience in the profession. (Yes, I have plenty of gray

hair now compared to 1993, although I don't mean to insinuate that Financial Aid has been the cause . . .!) Being Vice President would allow me to "pass the baton" of experience, as others have done and continue to do with me. The collegiality and generosity of knowledge of those in NCASFAA is one of the many pleasures and rewards of the profession, and I would be happy to pass that on to new aid administrators through service in the office of NCASFAA Vice President.

*Education*

M.M. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
B.A. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington

*Financial Aid Experience*

North Carolina School of the Arts  
1999-present Director of Student Financial Aid  
1993-1999 Assistant Director of Student Financial Aid

NCASFAA Board  
1995-96 Publications and Publicity Chair  
2007-08 Professional Advancement—New Aid Administrators Chair