

President's Message

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The Salt Lake City 2003 NASFAA Conference was a success, thanks in part to our UASFAA member volunteers. I received a nice letter from Dallas Martin and the following excerpt expresses his, and NASFAA's, appreciation for your involvement:



"On behalf of NASFAA, I want to thank you and your Utah colleagues for all that was done to make those in attendance at the recently concluded NASFAA conference in Salt Lake feel so welcome and well provided for during their stay. The enthusiasm of your UASFAA colleagues is admirable and it was a pleasure for us to have the opportunity to work with so many of them.

The success of a conference the size of ours is always dependent upon the work of local volunteers. I hope you will extend our appreciation to all of your Utah colleagues for a job well done."

Sincerely,
Dallas Martin
President

Let me add my thanks for your efforts as well. Thanks goes to the many volunteers who made commitments to serve and then professionally followed through and completed their assignments. Wendy Clark served as NASFAA's local arrangements committee chair. She and her committee, consisting of John Curl, Cristi Easton, John Garrigues, Johanna Harper, Jon Hazelgren and Lynn Jensen were simply great. In Dallas Martin's words, the entire volunteer team was "first rate".

Our July 8th UASFAA business meeting was a success as well. It was good to meet with you at the Little America Hotel and enjoy a delightful repast. Sincere thanks goes to our associate members who sponsored the event by way of generous contributions to the general budget.

Your UASFAA membership affords yet another valuable training opportunity on October 29 when the RNASFAA Decentralized Training workshop will be held at SLCC's Miller Campus. Hopefully, every member institution will be able to take advantage of the valuable instruction, discussions, and reference materials that are only available to workshop participants. Each of the nine important issues to be addressed in the training applies to every member institution. I hope to see you there.

Finally, let me say it is a pleasure for me to work in the field of Financial Aid with genuine, sincere people such as you who are committed to helping others. I value our friendship and look forward to forging new friendships in the future.

Kent

Terry Bell receives an UASFAA award for 28 years of service in the financial aid community. Congratulations again!

