

# CALL Minutes

January 12, 2004  
9:00 am – 10:am

1/12/04: Conference Call began at 9:05 a.m. Attended by: Sarah Bauder, Sharon Clough, Zahanna Glotser, Rich Heath (co-chair), Ingrid Valentine, Cissy VanSickle, Nancy Pat Weaver, Taisha Winters, Holly Zaglaniczny.

- 1) Ingrid gave an update on the Spring Hill Symposium, now set for the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of February at the same location as last year. 30 rooms will be “reserved” for the participants who will come from the Tri-State FRC, 6 additional invitees from the EASFAA FRC and 5 from the other NASFAA Regional FRC Chairs or their designees. Suggestions for speakers can be forwarded to Ingrid and she will include and invite to the PRIG association. A dinner will be explored and selected “staffers” will be invited as opposed to the “reception” that was not well attended last year. Participants will be encouraged to re-contact the Congressional staffers for consistency that they met with in the fall. Talking points will be developed in the next few weeks as issues unfold after Congress reconvenes but will include focus on the Pell program. Ingrid will send out the RSVP soon and will need a response to insure the rooms are held.
- 2) In regards to the Hill visits, student “stories will be developed and presented and we will pursue having some selected students accompany the participants on the visits. Beth and Andrea will be encouraged to “search” their files for students that may have “testified” in the last few months at MHEC.
- 3) There was much discussion about Sharon and Rachel’s response to the Verification/IRS match issues. All agreed (at least there were no objections) to endorsing the letters as representative of our association. All were encouraged to respond likewise and voice their agreement with the issues raised. Bob will be asked to send a letter to NASFAA from Tri-State voicing the same concerns. Rich will contact Pat Rhodes regarding the possibility of posting an electronic petition to the Tri-State members raising the Verification/IRS match issues.
- 4) Re-Authorization was briefly discussed, as the time line for passage is debatable. The “most optimistic” are looking at this year before the elections while the “realistic” are not seeing it happen until sometime in 05. There continues to be very partisan bickering, which coupled with the November elections, and the time spent away from the Hill campaigning may prevent an “early” vote.

The conference call was closed at 9:45 a.m. Next conference call scheduled for 2/09/04 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rich Heath

