

**MD ASFAA State Report
EASFAA Executive Board Meeting
June 12-14, 2005
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

Greetings from the MD ASFAA!

I just returned from my first Tri-State (DE, DC, MD) Executive Board retreat. For a first-timer, what an enlightening experience it was. Tri-State has many exciting things coming up for 2005-2006.

The MD ASFAA Committee, made up of 10 returning members and four new volunteers had our first meeting this past Friday. At the meeting, former President Rachel Brinkley spoke about old business and 'passed the gavel' to me. The committee will continue to support the MD High School Guidance Counselors workshops throughout the state as well as the successful Bill2Law day in Annapolis. The committee will also look to brainstorm new activities for professional development and networking.

Visit the DE/DC/MD website at www.dedcmdasfaa.org throughout the year for updates about our sponsored events.

I look forward to being part of the EASFAA Executive Board and serving our financial aid profession in the 2005-2006 year!

Respectfully submitted,

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