



MASFAP May 2023 Communication

MASFAP Election Time!

It's time to elect new Executive Board members to the MASFAP Board! The Nominations and Elections Committee is excited to announce this amazing slate of candidates. Thank you for agreeing to run for a MASFAP office, you make MASFAP great! No matter the outcome, the future of MASFAP will be in excellent hands!

The election will go live soon and will be open for at least 15 days. MASFAP elections are held annually and voting is the responsibility of the primary member representing your institution or organization. The Nominations and Elections Committee encourages each member to read through candidate statements and discuss as an institution/organization prior to submitting the vote of your primary voting member. An official notification will go out from our system to the voting member of your institution once the ballot is live.

Thank you again to all of the candidates for agreeing to run—we appreciate each of you!

Cassandra Hicks

MASFAP Nominations and Elections Chair

MASFAP Board Candidates

President-Elect

Val Jensen

Rob Moore

Vice President

Bridgette Betz

Kari Lenz

Treasurer-Elect

Marla Fernandez

Krissy Loenneke

Secretary

Paula Carpenter

Natalie Crawford

Anna Plattner

Anna Zimmerman

Delegate-At-Large—Institutional

Ethan Miller

Hannah Smith

Jessi Tabbert

Beth Walker

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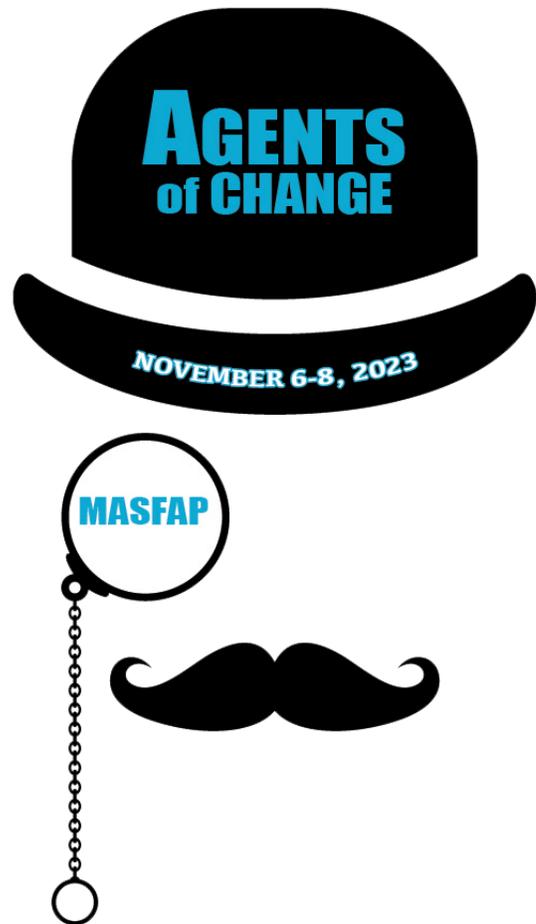
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MASFAP Conference Logo Unveil and Speaker Announcement

The Program Committee is excited to announce Jeff Lanza, retired FBI Agent and Keynote Speaker, as the official speaker for our annual conference, which will be held November 6-8, 2023. Also, check out our logo and theme: “Agents of Change.”

A little about Jeff:

- He was a FBI Agent for over 20 years
- He investigated cybercrime, fraud, organized crime, human trafficking and terrorism
- He has lectured at Princeton University and Harvard University
- He is a published author with two critically acclaimed books
- He appears regularly on TV and has consulted for Oscar winning movie director, Ang Lee
- He has presented around the globe and in 49 U.S. States
- He serves as a certified Kansas City Barbecue judge



More information about Jeff:

Jeff was chosen as the best speaker in the 50-year history of Kansas City’s prestigious Plaza Club. He is a professional speaker who has provided over one thousand presentations on the topics of cybercrime, leadership, crisis communication, ethics, identity theft, body language and more. His clients include 20th Century Fox Entertainment, UBS, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Nationwide, Citigroup, The Young Presidents Organization, American Century, Hallmark, H & R Block, Hess Oil, Standard and Poor’s, Financial Executives International, U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo and others. He developed and presented a program on identity theft prevention which was used to educate a nationwide audience of Citigroup employees. His program on the topic of leadership integrity has been certified for education credits across the United States. Jeff was the 2017 International Keynote Speaker for a cyber security road show in Australia, during which he spoke to businesses about cyber crime prevention.

Jeff was head of operations security for the Kansas City FBI and a graduate of the world-renowned John E. Reid School of Interviewing and Interrogation. He is a certified FBI instructor and has trained numerous government agencies and corporate clients on how to interpret and project body language for more effective interpersonal communication.

In addition to his latest book on the topic of cyber security, Jeff authored speeches for FBI executives and has been published in The Kansas City Star, Ingram’s Magazine and on the FBI National Web site.

Jeff consulted for academy award winning director Ang Lee during the production of “Ride with the Devil”, and he has provided regular consulting services for television and movie production in Hollywood at Steele Films and Granfalloon Productions. Jeff was a major contributor and appeared on camera in a recent episode of The History Channel’s, “America’s Book of Secrets”. He was featured in the companion documentary to the major theatrical release “Runner - Runner”, which stars Ben Affleck and Justin Timberlake. Jeff has been featured in television commercials on the topic of fraud prevention.

Jeff was recruited by the FBI from Xerox Corporation, where he was a Computer Systems Analyst. He has an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven (Connecticut) and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas.

President-Elect



Val Jensen

Institution: Washington University in St. Louis

Current title/position: Deputy Director, SFS

Institution type: 4-Year Private

Years in current position: 10

Years in profession: 2.5

Statement of Candidacy: It is with great excitement that I seek the possibility of being elected to serve as President of MASFAP. I am currently serving the

organization as Vice President and actively planning the Fall 2023 MASFAP Conference. This association has become incredibly important to me as my career in financial aid continues to grow. I have been a member of MASFAP since 2013 when I began my full-time work in aid at Saint Louis University. Prior to arriving at SLU, I worked in Undergraduate Admissions at Webster University for many years. Even though I had exposure to aid and the aid process while at Webster, SLU was my real introduction into the aid profession. While at SLU, one of my primary duties was community outreach. Over the years I had the pleasure of giving hundreds of financial aid presentations to students and families throughout the state and region. It was through my community outreach work at SLU that I became interested in having a deeper involvement in MASFAP and felt compelled to join the MASFAP Early Awareness Committee.

In October of 2017, I departed SLU and moved to Student Financial Services at Washington University in St. Louis. My experiences at several different universities in the St. Louis area have exposed me to a variety of processes and have cultivated a more holistic understanding of the challenges we face in our profession. These diverse perspectives allowed me to represent the needs and interests of MASFAP membership in my role as Delegate-At-Large from 2020-2022. I began my role as VP in January 2023 and although the thought of taking on a task as big as chairing the Conference Program Committee was daunting, the outpouring of support I have received from MASFAP membership and my fellow committee members has been astonishing. This is a true community, and I deeply value the relationships I have developed through my time serving on the Board. For me, MASFAP has become a robust network of connections and friends that I can reach out to when navigating new or challenging aid situations. MASFAP has helped me to view financial aid as my career and not just my job. Holding various positions on the Board has allowed me to give back to the association, and hopefully create these same outlets of growth for other members. Nothing would make me happier than seeing more MASFAP involvement from our membership. The work we do as an association is critical, and I would love to continue to play an active role in this work. For these reasons, I am seeking the role of President. After the time spent with the Program Committee and what I expect will be an outstanding Fall Conference, I am confident that I can fill the role of President of MASFAP in a way that would make the membership proud.

Summary of Professional Activities:

MASFAP:

Early Awareness Committee (2015-2019); Delegate-At-Large (2020-2022); Program Committee (2022)
Vice President (2023)

NASFAA: Member 2013-present

Credentials in Verification, Packaging/Awarding, Needs Analysis

OTHER (previous institutions, other states/regions, other associations, etc):

Webster University, Admission Counselor and Associate Director of Admissions (2000-2013)

Saint Louis University, Assistant Director of New Students/Outreach (2013-2017)

Missouri Association of College Admission Counselors (2000-2017) National Association for College Admission Counseling (2000-2017)

President-Elect



Rob Moore

Institution: Missouri State University

Current title/position: Director of Financial Aid

Institution type: 4-Year Public

Years in current position: 4

Years in profession: 13

Statement of Candidacy:

My name is Rob Moore and I have worked in the financial aid office at Missouri State University for 13 years. I've been fortunate enough to serve as the Financial Aid Director since 2019. Most recently, I've served as the co-chair of the Legislative Committee and worked alongside that great group and our LDP to advocate in both Jefferson City and Washington D.C. on behalf of MASFAP and our stakeholders.

Membership in MASFAP has been a very rewarding experience and I appreciate the mentorships and friendships that have developed throughout my time with the organization. I am honored to run for the President-Elect position and to have this opportunity to continue supporting an organization that has contributed so significantly to my own professional development. Looking to the next few years, our industry will continue to throw us curveballs, but a robust state organization will ensure we all have a wonderful resource for guidance, collaboration, and the occasional commiseration. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute in any way I can.

Summary of Professional Activities:

NASFAA – Organizational Member

MASFAA – Organizational Member

MASFAP – Member of Legislative Committee; Co-Chair of Legislative Committee

MDHEWD State Student Financial Aid Committee

MASFAP & St. Louis Graduates PDI

Financial Aid Panel at MEHEWD's Equity Summit

MOCAN/St. Louis Graduates PDI Panel



Candidacy Statements

Vice President



Bridgette Betz

Institution: Missouri University of Science and Technology

Current title/position: Director, Student Financial Assistance

Institution type: 4 Year Public

Years in current position: 10

Years in profession: 18

Statement of Candidacy:

I am honored to be nominated for the MASFAP position of Vice President. My financial aid career began almost 18 years ago at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly University of Missouri-Rolla). I have worked my way through each job in the financial aid office and now serve as the Director for the Missouri S&T Student Financial Assistance Office. I first joined MASFAP in the year 2005 and have found a tremendous community of dedicated and passionate financial aid professionals and I would be incredibly proud to continue to serve.

I have been directly involved with the MASFAP board throughout my career. First as Secretary in 2017, Technology Committee Chair in 2015 & 2018, and as Treasurer-Elect, Treasurer and Budget & Finance Chair 2019-2021. I also participated in the inaugural class of the Leadership Development Program in which our class focused on introducing new members to serve in MASFAP as well as to challenge the Financial Aid Directors in the state to become more involved and encourage their staff to be more involved. These interactions and growth opportunities inspire me to give back when I am able to do so. I believe that have I have gained a broader understanding and appreciation of MASFAP through my time of service.

This organization has given me (and many others) the gift of ‘community’ and I would truly welcome the opportunity to continue to serve MASFAP as Vice President.

Summary of Professional Activities:

MASFAP: Treasurer-Elect, Treasurer, Budget & Finance Chair – 2019-2021; Technology Committee Chair - 2018; Secretary – 2017; NASFAA/MASFAP Cash Management Credential Training – June 2017; Technology Committee Chair - 2015; Leadership Development Program class of 2015

MASFAA: Diversity & Inclusion Committee – 2014 - 2017; Access/Family Educational Concerns Committee - 2015

NASFAA: CFAA Test Development Volunteer July 2022 to June 2023

OTHER (previous institutions, other states/ regions, other associations, etc.):

UM System Administrative Leadership Development Program Class of 2010

Missouri S&T Staff Council - Secretary (2010), Vice Chair (2011), Chair (2012)

Oracle/PeopleSoft Financial Aid Product Advisory Group – Communications Chair (2011), Vice Track Chair (2012), Track Chair (2013)

HONORS, AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS: 3 NASFAA Professional Credentials, Certified Financial Aid Administrator FAAC®



Candidacy Statements

Vice President



Kari Lenz

Institution: University of Missouri-Columbia

Current title/position: Sr. Student Support Specialist

Institution type: 4-Year Public

Years in current position: 3.5 years

Years in profession: 3.5 years

Statement of Candidacy:

It is an honor to be nominated to run for the Vice President role for MASFAP.

In my short time in this profession and with my institution, I have come to learn from the amazing work that MASFAP and its members do every day for our students. I have worked in higher education for over seven years, yet only starting my fourth year in financial aid this year. At Mizzou, my primary responsibilities are managing our Pell Grant adjustments, Return of Title IV calculations, special circumstance considerations, and packaging. As a processor, my goal is to always serve our students to the best of my ability within federal regulations. In this role, I have quickly come to recognize and appreciate the hard work that all financial aid offices do every day to help students be successful and obtain their educational goals.

I have had the privilege to serve as Co-Chair of the Newcomer Committee previously. Currently I serve on MASFAP's Program, Professional Development, and Newcomer Committees, on which I have served multiple years. I have previously participated in MASFAP's Leadership Development Program, learning from some of our seasoned leaders in the state and advocating for our students at the national level with my cohort. I have presented at the state and regional levels and taught multiple NASFAA credentials at both levels as well. I have a passion to help engage the new members of MASFAP and continue to provide meaningful and relevant opportunities for them throughout their careers. My opportunities with MASFAP have given me the privilege of learning from many leaders and advocates in our state and have a more holistic understanding of the student experience. By serving on several committees since I joined this profession, I have developed many skills and learned from others' experiences on how to create meaningful events for the association. If given the privilege to serve as MASFAP's Vice Present, I will work tirelessly for MASFAP, its members, and the financial aid profession.

Summary of Professional Activities:	participant (2021)
MASFAP: Program Committee (2021-Present), Newcomer Committee (2020-Present), Newcomer Committee Co-Chair (2022), Leadership Development Program (2021 Graduate), Early Awareness Committee (2019-2021), Presenter for various NASFAA Credentials and other conference interest sessions (2021-Present)	NASFAA: Member (2019-Present) Earned Credentials (13): Administrative Capability, Application Process, Campus-Based Programs, Consumer Information, Direct Loans, Pell & IASG, Need Analysis, Packaging & Notification, Professional Judgment, Return of Title IV Funds, SAP, Student Eligibility, Verification
MASFAA: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access Committee (2021-Present), Summer Institute & Leadership Development faculty (2022), Conference presenter (2022), Not-So Summer Institute	Other: Chancellor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities, Member and Secretary (2020-Present), Title IX Panelist (2019-Present)



Treasurer-Elect



Marla Fernandez

Institution: Truman State University

Current title/position: Director of Financial Aid

Institution type: 4-year Public

Years in current position: 4 ½ years

Years in profession: Higher Education – 17 years, Financial Aid – 4 ½ years

Statement of Candidacy:

It has been a joy to be a part of MASFAP, and I continue to be amazed and grateful for the comradery, willingness to help and overall sense of community that exists within this organization. Members of MASFAP selflessly give of themselves and this assistance has been invaluable to me. It would be my pleasure to give back to the group in some way.

I am honored to be nominated to run for MASFAP Treasurer-Elect. Currently, I serve as Secretary and have previously served as the Research Committee Chairperson. I have enjoyed the duties in both roles. It would be a pleasure to further expand my involvement and serve as your Treasurer-Elect next year. If elected, I would plan to continue to be fiscally responsible, maintain and communicate budgets and provide members with the services they are accustomed to while helping to carry out MASFAP's mission.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Treasurer-Elect



Krissy Loenneke

Institution: Southeast Health College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Current title/position: Financial Aid Specialist

Institution type: Private

Years in current position: 3

Years in profession: 12

Statement of Candidacy: I am very honored to be nominated to run for the MASFAP Treasurer-Elect position. I have been in financial aid for the past 12 years, starting my financial aid career at Southeast Missouri State University. In 2020, I left SEMO and began working at Southeast Health

College of Nursing and Health Sciences, as the Financial Aid Specialist. I have served as the Membership Chair for MASFAP for 3 years, as well as participated on numerous committees and in professional development. It is through this that I have been able to expand my passion not only for financial aid but for MASFAP as an organization. I am excited for the opportunity to be able to expand my involvement within MASFAP and continue to serve our state organization in a new role if elected as your MASFAP Treasurer- Elect.

Thank you for your consideration!

Summary of Professional Activities:

MASFAP

Newcomer Committee member – 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Program Committee member – 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Membership Committee Chair – 2021, 2022, 2023

Committee of the Year winner 2022

Awards Co-Chair - 2022

Conference Speaker – 2021 and 2022

LPD participant - 2021

MASFAA

2021 Leadership Symposium participant

NASFAA

Administrative Capability Credential

Application Process Credential

Consumer Information Credential

Federal Pell Grants and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants Credential

Need Analysis Credential

Packaging and Notification of Awards Credential

Professional Judgment Credential

Return of Title IV Funds Credential

Verification Credential

Secretary



Paula Carpenter

Institution: Jefferson College

Current title/position: Director of Financial Aid

Institution type: 2-year public

Years in current position: 1

Years in profession: 18

Statement of Candidacy:

As a recent transplant from Illinois, I was welcomed into the Missouri financial aid community with open arms, and I am honored and blessed to be nominated to run for MASFAP Secretary.

Throughout my 18 years in the financial aid profession, I have found the greatest satisfaction, joy, and fulfillment through team-building and camaraderie with colleagues. ILASFAA, and now MASFAP, has been pivotal in developing and nurturing those relationships, and the friendships that developed have been the most cherished and long-lasting of my career.

I am very excited for the opportunity to join the MASFAP leadership team and to serve the membership as Secretary. I promise to serve in a professional, detailed, and well-organized manner as I carry out the duties of the position, and I will bring my enthusiasm, joy, and love of financial aid community to this very important role.

Thank you for your consideration!

Secretary



Natalie Crawford

Institution: Drury University

Current title/position: Coordinator of Financial Aid/IT & Support

Institution type: Private

Years in current position: 3

Years in profession: 6

Statement of Candidacy:

Hello, MASFAP! My name is Natalie Crawford and I joined the Financial Aid community in 2017. Drury University welcomed me as a member of the FA team and I have learned a lot over my time here. I have had opportunities to join organizations such as MASFAP and to attend multiple conferences to further my professional development. I enjoy networking with my peers and value the knowledge they represent. As I continue to grow as an FAA, I look for new pathways to broaden my skillset so I am very excited to seek the position of MASFAP Secretary. I am a five year member of MASFAP and I have enjoyed various volunteer opportunities within the organization. This position is the next step on my educational journey. I am looking forward to learning more about the dynamics of MASFAP and assisting in any way possible. I hope that the membership will find me a suitable candidate for the position.

Summary of Professional Activities:

MASFAP

Archive Committee member

Communications Committee member

Program Committee member

Membership Committee member

Leadership Development Program 2021 Cohort

Conference Moderator

Conference Speaker - Leadership Development Program

NASFAA Credentials: Cash Management, Cost of Attendance, Federal Pell Grants and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants, Gainful Employment, Need Analysis, Professional Judgment, Student Eligibility, TEACH Grants, Verification

NASFAA U: Higher Education Loan Certificate

VA School Certifying Official Course 2019

Honors, awards and publications:

- MASFAP Committee of the Year Award (2022) - Membership Committee (member)

Secretary



Anna Plattner

Institution: Grand River Technical School

Current title/position: Financial Aid Administrator

Institution type: Career & Technical Education

Years in current position: 4

Years in profession: Higher Education – 4 years

Statement of Candidacy:

I find it a humbling honor to be nominated for the position of MASFAP Secretary.

It has been great to be a part of this organization, and I am grateful for the opportunities it has provided me for personal and professional growth. MASFAP is a wonderful organization of fellow financial aid professionals that are willing to share their knowledge, provide an opportunity to be involved, and make lasting connections. The encouragement I have received from other members of MASFAP has made me feel comfortable to volunteer and become a more involved member.

It would be a pleasure to expand my involvement and serve as your Secretary next year. I look forward to reporting the meeting minutes in the professional, well-organized and detailed format they are currently presented in, and to carry out the mission of MASFAP.

It would be an honor and a privilege to serve as Secretary for the MASFAP organization, and be able to give back to this great organization. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Summary of professional activities:

MASFAP member
Research Committee Chair- 1 year
Newcomer Committee member- 4 years
Archives Committee member- 1 year
2022 Leadership Development Program
Conference Moderator- 1 year

Secretary



Anna Zimmerman

Institution: University of Missouri – Kansas City

Current Title/Position: Financial Wellness Manager

Institution Type: 4-year Public

Years in Current Position: 2 ½

Years in Profession: Higher Education 2 ½, Finance 3

Statement of Candidacy:

I am thrilled to have been nominated to run for Secretary of MASFAP. While still relatively new to higher education and financial aid, I am deeply passionate about supporting students, connecting with peers, and promoting financial wellness. When I joined UMKC, I was tasked with designing and launching our new Financial Wellness Center. Over these last several years, I have been humbled and overwhelmed by the openness and support found in higher education, particularly in the financial aid and MASFAP communities.

Over the last two years, I have served on the Higher Education Financial Wellness Alliance (HEFWA) Programming Committee. If given the opportunity to serve as Secretary for MASFAP, I hope to further the connections between these two organizations. Professionally, I have related experience from serving as secretary for our University's Staff Council. I consider myself to be detail-oriented and eager to learn. I am grateful for your consideration.

Summary of Professional Activities:

Higher Education Financial Wellness Alliance (HEFWA) Webinar Coordinator 2021-Present
University of Missouri- Kansas City Staff Council Secretary 2022-Present
Resolve New England Board Fellow 2020-2021
National Association for Retail Collection Attorneys Spokeswoman 2011-2013
Housing and Credit Counseling Women & Money Board Member 2012

Honors, Awards and Presentations:

University of Missouri-Kansas City Rising Star Staff Award Recipient 2023
Financial Management Association Professional Honor Society Member 2022
MASFAP Annual Conference Presenter 2022
Higher Education Financial Wellness Alliance National Conference Presenter 2022
Higher Education Financial Wellness Alliance Coaching Experience (ACE) Mentee 2021-2022



Candidacy Statements

Delegate-At-Large—Institutional



Ethan Miller

Institution: Southeast Missouri State University

Current title/position: Operations Coordinator

Institution type: 4-year Public

Years in current position: 1.5

Years in profession: 2.5

Candidacy Statement:

I am so excited to be considered for the position of Delegate-at-Large. I've been in the financial aid industry and a member of MASFAP for only a short time, but I've always been passionate about promoting and

supporting equal access to higher education for all students. Since joining the ranks of the financial aid world, I've become quite passionate about serving and advocating for practitioners and providers of student financial aid programs, as well. I've made connections with so many incredible individuals, thanks to MASFAP, and I've decided it's time to give back to the organization that's given me so much already.

If elected, I would work diligently to represent the interests and needs of all members, ensuring that our voices are heard and that our ideas and concerns are effectively communicated to the MASFAP leadership. I believe that every member of our organization plays a vital role in fulfilling our mission, and I am committed to ensuring that everyone has a seat at the table and a voice in the discussion.

In my current role as Operations Coordinator, I have gained valuable experience and knowledge about the challenges and opportunities facing our industry. I am passionate about exploring innovative solutions to these challenges and would work collaboratively with other members to develop new strategies to better serve Missouri's students and families. Additionally, as a current member of the 2023 Leadership Development Program Cohort, I am certain that my skills in these areas will only continue to improve.

I am confident that I possess the leadership skills, knowledge, and dedication required to serve as an effective Delegate for our organization. Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve you and all our members in this capacity!

Summary of Professional Activities:

MASFAP:

Member

Leadership Development Program participant (2023)

NASFAA:

Application Process Credential (2022)

Cost of Attendance Credential (2022)

Student Eligibility Credential (2022)

Direct Loans Credential (2022)

Need Analysis Credential (2023)

Delegate-At-Large—Institutional



Hannah Smith

Institution: Saint Louis University

Current title/position: Assistant Director of New Students

Institution type: 4-year Private

Years in Current position: 2 months

Years in profession: 2

Statement of Candidacy:

As a current Financial Aid professional and MASFAP committee member, I am excited for the opportunity to serve as delegate on the MASFAP board.

I started my career in Higher Education at my alma mater, The University of Tulsa (TU), where I spent 5 years as an Admission Counselor. Though I never imagined myself transitioning to Financial Aid, life took me to Saint Louis, where I found an exciting opportunity as the New Student Coordinator in Student Financial Services at SLU. Combining my experience in Admission and opportunities to take on the challenges of Financial Aid, I have so enjoyed my time on the “dark side”.

Through my MASFAP membership, I feel fortunate to have been able to attend two conferences at the lake and currently serve on the Program Committee.

Given the opportunity to serve as delegate, I look forward to learning more about the organization and its members, gaining a deeper understanding of Financial Aid, and helping those newer to the profession find a sense of belonging in MASFAP. Thank you for your consideration!

Summary of Professional Activities:

MASFAP: Member (2021-present), Program Committee (2023)

NASFAA: Member (2021-present)

The University of Tulsa, Admission Counselor (2016-2021)

Great Plains Association of College Admission Counselors (2016-2021)

National Association of College Admission Counseling (2016-2021)

Delegate-At-Large—Institutional



Jessie Tabbert

Institution: North Central Missouri College

Current title/position: Financial Aid Advisor

Institution type: Junior College

Years in current position: 5

Years in profession: 5

Statement of Candidacy:

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Delegate-At-Large (Associate Member). While I have been a member of MASFAP for 5 years, this would be my first role with the MASFAP Board. If elected, I look forward to the opportunity to represent the Associate Members and share my experience as we support the financial aid community in Missouri.

Summary of Professional Activities:

2015 – Leadership Trenton Graduate

Honors, awards and publications:

2022- MASFAP Leadership Development Program Graduate

Delegate-At-Large—Institutional



Beth Walker

Institution: Saline County Career Center

Current Title/Position: Adult Education Coordinator & Financial Aid Administrator

Institution Type: Technical Center/Clock Hour

Years in Current Position: 1.75

Years in Profession: Higher Education 22, Financial Aid 1.75

Statement of Candidacy:

I am honored to be considered for the position of Delegate at Large on the MASFAP Board. Although I have been in higher education for over two decades, I am relatively a “newbie” to Financial Aid. After serving on the Senior Staff Council as the Director of Advising, Testing, and Career Services at Northern Wyoming Community College District: Sheridan College & Gillette College and adjunct professor for over 16 years, I decided to take an early retirement package and move to Marshall, Missouri. I served as director for a local not-for-profit agency for two years but missed higher education, so I joined the Saline County Career Center in August of 2021 in the role of Financial Aid Administrator and Adult Education Coordinator. I have been on a fast-track learning and maneuvering the multitude of layers of financial aid, along with my other duties as the adult education coordinator, in my one-man office. Good thing I love a challenge!

I have always been very involved with professional organizations and volunteering in my community but have only been a MASFAP member for less than two years. I attended my first MASFAP conference this past fall and knew I had “found my people” for this phase in my professional life. I am enjoying participating in the Leadership Development Program cohort this year as well as serving on the Newcomers Committee. I am so thankful to be supported by such a great organization and I would love the opportunity to serve on the MASFAP Board as a delegate.

Summary of Professional Activities:

Member of the 2023 cohort - MASFAP Leadership Development Program

Member on the Newcomers Committee, 2023

NACADA, CCBA, WyLLA, PTK Advisors Assoc.

Others:

Delta Kappa Gamma [Professional Educator’s Society], chapter president; Kiwanis; NAAPC; Homelessness Project; Saline County Inter-Agency Council; church & civic organizations.