

## **Non Conference Training Committee Board Report – January 2009**

We are pleased to report that we are on track in keeping with our goals and objectives for the 2008-09 academic year. Our major initiative for non-conference training has been to host a year-long webinar series. Our theme for the year is “Self-Assessment for Optimum Compliance”. We are in the midst of a year of interesting and educational training on issues related to audit and compliance. Due to budgeting and the timing of these issues, we felt that the best way to encourage membership support and attendance is to allow our VASFAA members to participate in these web trainings at no charge.

The first three trainings were very successful with over 65 participants logged for each of the sessions. Please see the schedule below for the topics that are being covered in this series. It is the goal of the committee to have an in-person session at the annual VASFAA Conference to “wrap-up” and bring closure to this series. VASFAA President Brenda Burke has suggested that our committee’s webinar series be nominated to NASFAA for a state award. She believes that this series exemplifies how VASFAA has brought affordable value-added training to its membership. A summary of our efforts has been provided to Brenda.

### ***Webinar Topics:***

#### **Understanding the Regulatory Process**

Presenter: Mike Hawkes, ECMC

Date: October 17, 2008

#### **Common Program Review Findings**

Presenter: Janet Dodson, NSLP

Date: December 1, 2008

#### **Compliance: Whose Job is it Anyway?**

Presenter: Pam Rambo, Consultant

Date: January 28, 2009

#### **Proactively Addressing Compliance Weaknesses**

Presenter: Kochie Vaughan, USAFunds

Date: February 18, 2009

#### **Doing Your Own Internal Program Review: Ready, Set, Audit!**

Presenter: Nancy Wilson, TG

Date: March 10, 2009

#### **Becoming a Compliance Powerhouse\***

Presenters: Expert Panel of Financial Aid Professionals

Date: April 26, 2009\*

\*The format has not yet been formalized and it will be held in person at the VASFAA Conference in Roanoke.

We are also on track in providing New Aid Officer Workshops (NAOW) to our membership. We hosted our Fall Workshop in Richmond at ECMC with approximately 17 individuals present from various types of schools. The evaluations indicated that this was a successful workshop and we are working on finalizing the plans for the NAOW that will be held on Sunday prior to the start of the Annual VASFAA Conference.

Respectfully submitted:

The Non-Conference Training Committee

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