

**January 2017**

Greetings and Welcome to a brand new year!

It is my honor to serve as SDASFAA President for 2017 and I'd like to start by saying thank you to those I have already reached out to for guidance and support - thank you! SDASFAA is a group of gracious and thoughtful colleagues who do not hesitate to lend a hand.

This will hopefully be the first of many communications you receive throughout the year as I endeavor to keep you informed of the happenings of the Association. Should you have questions at any time, or would like to offer comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [becky.pribyl@northern.edu](mailto:becky.pribyl@northern.edu).

Here's the latest:

- The 2017 SDASFAA Committees have been assembled. Thank you to all who volunteered! Your commitment of time and talent helps make SDASFAA the service organization that it is. Please see the attached pdf for assignments.
- The Executive Board will be holding our first meeting of the year via conference call on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The agenda is attached and includes the list of current Board members. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have an issue you'd like brought before the Board.
- NASFAA has created a scholarship and requested that each region choose a recipient. RMASFAA has asked each state to collect applications. The scholarship is open to degree-seeking, full time students but preference is given to current, full time employees working in a financial aid department. The [NASFAA Dallas Martin Scholarship Application](#) is available online – please return completed applications to me by **February 1**.
- For those of you looking to spread your wings, RMASFAA is looking for candidates to serve in the following leadership positions beginning this October: President Elect, Vice President Elect, Treasurer Elect, Secretary and Associate Member Delegate. If anyone is interested in exploring these opportunities, please let me know.

I look forward to working with you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you and Happy Friday!

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