



Association elections are coming soon! And when I say “election”, don’t automatically think “someone else”. This means you! Consider the many, many benefits of serving in SDASFAA leadership, and refer to Micah’s email from earlier this week for details. Speaking of Micah... Micah Hansen, our topnotch SDASFAA Past President, reflected on the last few years and shared his thoughts on the SDASFAA Presidency. Micah, thank you for your service as our Commander in Chief!

Micah Open Mic

Making a commitment to a 3 year gig was not anything I expected to be doing when I started SDASFAA, but somehow a few persistent folks talked me into it. Turns out I had a BLAST! I’ll admit that I was a bit nervous about taking on the level of commitment and the time I thought it would take. The good thing is that there are a lot of great SDASFAA members that helped make my years successful and easy to manage. The biggest challenge I faced was not to get myself into a panic over something, and remembering that I could reach out to our membership if I needed help with something.

In my time as President I enjoyed working with the Executive Committee (always have and still do) in discussing what SDASFAA is doing, and where SDASFAA needs to look for growth. This year in particular was an interesting experiment in the change to our High School Counselor Workshops and partnering them with the CCASD workshops. We thought it was critical to get info to our counselors prior to the usual December workshop or they might decide to get the info somewhere else and be a loss of participants for us. Early discussion had a few concerns with the time of year, but once the time arrived our volunteers rocked it! The feedback from our volunteers and the participants was positive and helpful in planning for the future workshops.

We also had the task of hosting the RMASFAA Annual Conference this year out in Rapid City. To say it was a success feels like an understatement. The hard work of our membership was reflected in being selected as the RMASFAA committee of the year. The conference committee and our membership made an impression on the RMASFAA membership that I know will be remembered by those who joined us for the conference. It is also the membership that made that responsibility go from seeming an insurmountable task to an enjoyable and easy one.

I have a lot of great memories and new friends to credit to my time since being elected to the President-elect position. It has been an honor to serve as SDASFAA President, and thanks to our membership and your assistance it has been great!

Micah Hansen

Past President, SDASFAA Executive Board

RMASFAA Open Mic

Have you ever thought about...

- Presenting at your State, Regional or National Conference?
- Becoming a Board or Committee member on your Financial Aid Association Boards?
- Approaching your Vice President with an idea to increase productivity?
- Applying for the supervisor position in your department?
- How your mood sets the tone for the day?
- Achieving your goals one step at a time?
- Making a commitment to be a part of a team?
- How great it would be to have a professional mentor one phone call away when you need them?



If you have pondered these thoughts, check out what **RMASFAA's Leadership Pipeline** can help you achieve. Leadership training and mentoring is available for RMASFAA members. Applications are available NOW for October of 2017:
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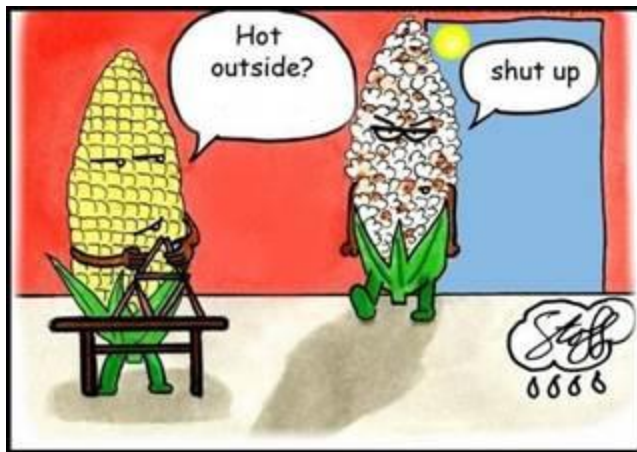
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- SDASFAA Board Meeting: July 17, 2017
- SDASFAA High School Counselor Workshops:
 - Sept. 6: Aberdeen, Northern State University
 - Sept. 7: Watertown, Lake Area Technical Institute
 - Sept. 11: Rapid City, Western Dakota Tech.
 - Sept. 12: Pierre, Capitol University Center
 - Sept. 13: Mitchell, Mitchell Technical Institute
 - Sept. 14: Sioux Falls, Southeast Technical Inst.
- RMASFAA Annual Conference:



- SDASFAA Fall Decentralized Training: November 14-15, 2017
- SDASFAA Spring Conference: April 30-May 2, 2018



Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to help. Have a great weekend!
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