



Lori Vedder

Current Job Title

Director of Financial Aid, University of Michigan-Flint

Experience

- 22 years at various staff levels within the financial aid profession

MSFAA

- 2009 Executive Council Vice-President
- 2009 Finance Committee Member
- 2008 Executive Council Four-Year Public Sector Representative
- 2008 and 2009 Member, State Issues Committee
- 2008 and 2009 Member, Federal Issues Committee

MASFAA

- 2009-10 Professional Development Committee Chair
- 2008-2009 Executive Council Secretary
- 2008-2009 Finance Committee Member
- 2009 Participant, NASFAA Leadership Training, Washington, D.C.
- 2006-07 Member, Conference Program Committee (Honored as Committee of the Year by MASFAA President).

Other

- 2006 - Present College Board, Delegate
- 2002 - Present State of Michigan Police and Firefighter's Survivor Tuition Program, Application Reviewer

Statement of Candidacy:

In today's turbulent and often confusing world of financial aid, now more than ever, our MSFAA membership needs to come together and communicate effectively. The position of MSFAA President (following the transition from President-Elect) has the responsibility to lead the charge. Staying informed and remaining in consultation with the MSFAA Executive Council and informing our MSFAA membership is vital to being an effective MSFAA President. It is apparent that institutions of all sizes and sectors must strive to improve our knowledge, as well as communication, and come together on many levels to speak the voice of MSFAA. The support this communication can provide to our Michigan campuses, colleagues, constituents and profession is important.

As the current Vice-President of MSFAA I established consistency and communication amongst the Regional Directors to reinstitute annual regional meetings in all Eight (8) Regions. Their work is now reflected in meeting minutes on the MSFAA Web page. I have an understanding of budget issues our Association faces having served on the Finance Committee of both MSFAA and MASFAA. As a Four-year Public Sector Representative, I successfully established regular communications in order to inform, remind and survey our active MSFAA Four-Year Public colleagues. Participating as an active member of both the State and Federal Issues Committees, I have been able to stay informed and have learned about the level of information these committees are responsible for; thus the important role they play in MSFAA.

If elected to the MSFAA President-Elect position, I will work to guide our entire MSFAA membership through the ever changing times within our state, mid-west region, and profession using consistent communication, dedicated leadership, increased sector representation and involvement of the MSFAA members.

Assisting the President of MSFAA is a major role of the President-Elect position. I have gleaned a great deal about the workings of MSFAA and the Executive Council these past two years, and feel that the knowledge and experience gained will allow me to serve you well in this capacity.