

## **MAFAA Executive Council Meeting**

**Friday, May 8, 2009, 8 a.m.**

**Madden's Resort**

**Present:** Kathy Ruby, Robert Bode, Judy Swanson, Kerri Schmidt, Tina Kukowski, Karen Kilzer, Jill Beauregard, Jenny Yang, Diane Borchart, Katie Hendrickson, Greg Troska, Jayne Dinse, Sandra Loerts, Lois Larson, Dick Battig, Jr. Hunte, Jessica Sidla, Dianne Danov, Joni Wiederhoeft, David Vikander, Michelle Ahrendt

### **Introductions and roles**

Lois introduced herself as the incoming MAFAA president. As this was the first (unofficial) meeting of the 2009-2010 team, everyone introduced themselves and explained their role. Jessica is handling both membership and the directory. Greg is chair of the government issues.

### **Tip for Madden's staff**

Dick explained the history of providing Madden's staff with a gratuity. The usual amount is \$500; this amount was approved as the tip for the spring 2009 conference.

### **Planning retreat**

Executive council planning retreat is scheduled for June 9 – 10, 2009, at Madden's in the Madden Lodge and Colonial Hall. All executive council members, sector representatives and committee chairs are encouraged to attend and are asked to bring their calendars. Executive council meetings will be scheduled for every six weeks and those dates will be determined at the retreat. These meetings will be held at Hennepin Technical College in Eden Prairie. They are open to all MAFAA members. Attendance is optional for committee chairs.

At the retreat, MAFAA's priorities will be reviewed and set and committee budgets determined. There are several documents containing past recommendations for MAFAA priorities: the Review of the Financial Aid Profession Task Force Report dated 4/17/09, the Review of the Financial Aid Profession document by Kathy Ruby, the 2001-2002 research from focus groups document by Herald Johnson, and the March 2005 Futures Committee Report.

Lois warned that this is a time of fiscal uncertainty and that committee chairs need to think about what their committees are doing to further MAFAA's mission and how much money they'll need to accomplish this. The budget will be built from the ground up at the planning retreat.

To prepare for the retreat, it is suggested that all participants review the by-laws in the membership directory and the policy and procedure manual (available online).

Submitted by Judy Swanson