

## **MOACAC General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**10:40am - Noon**

**Via Zoom**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Dawn Michel, outgoing president, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Played NACAC welcome video from NACAC administration team.

### **2. Voting**

1. President Elect - Nikki Hostnik, Saint Louis Priory School
2. Treasurer Elect - Trent Fenwick, Murray State University
3. Alternate High School Delegate - Abigail Jelavich, St. Teresa's Academy
4. Alternate College Delegate - Samantha Thomas, Kansas State University

Voting was done via Zoom in a single slate platform.

**Voting results: 106/110 members present voted and the slate of candidates was approved with 96% of those in attendance voting in favor of the slate.**

### **3. Committee Updates:**

#### **Admission Practices (Kyle Johnson) -**

- From the MOACAC homepage: click => "Resources" => "Admission Practices"
- OR follow this link: <https://www.moacac.org/admission-practices>
- Notice the new **NACAC - Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission**
  - This is for 2020 - 2021, and beyond
- Notice the **NACAC - Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission: How We Got Here and What's Next**
  - Download a PPT to see the history leading to the changes
  - MOACAC members are encouraged to respond to the prompts on the last few PPT slides and send feedback to: [kjohnson@rockhursths.edu](mailto:kjohnson@rockhursths.edu)
    - MOACAC and NACAC will incorporate feedback to best support MOACAC members.
    - Please email Kyle if you have any feedback or suggestions!

#### **Inclusion, Access, & Success (Amber Mitchell/Monica Nickolai) -**

The 5 Braxton Rethwisch scholarship recipients have been announced:

- Amarian Woods, Hazelwood Central High School, plans to attend DePaul University
- Greenlee Rigby, Kirksville Senior High School, plans to attend Truman State University
- Halle Theno, Lafayette County High School, plans to attend Mizzou
- Julie Tovar, Central High School St. Joseph's, plans to attend University of Central Missouri
- Sarvani Kunapareddy, Liberty High School, plans to attend University of Illinois at Chicago

The Inclusion Conference will be June 12-13. Students attending at least half of the sessions will be eligible to apply for an Inclusion Conference scholarship to be applied to their MOACAC member college. If you are a college that can donate swag or e-gift cards for this event, please contact Amber Mitchell at [moacacinclusion@gmail.com](mailto:moacacinclusion@gmail.com).

**International Initiatives** (Trisha Hasbrouck) -

- Ritenour High School student, Maria Castillo Vega is the first-ever recipient of our International Scholarship award!
- She will attend SIUE in the Fall, and she shares her gratitude and appreciation with everyone at MOACAC!

**Membership** (Shelley Gerringer/Mary Giunta) -

- Since the last Board Executive Meeting in November, membership has increased by 61 new memberships (50 alone coming from College and University Rep side). This is probably due to the MOACAC Spring Conference.
- Active Membership is sitting at 667 members (this is 88% from last year of 773). Our goal for this year was 60% so we exceeded this goal by 28%.

**Professional Development** (Darren Meeker) -

NEW CO-CHAIR! - Cabrina Noonan - Ritenour High School - College & Career Counselor  
Cabrina will oversee Tools of the Trade and STL CUBE, and Darren Meeker will continue with KC CUBE and College Counseling Institute.

Events are being planned as in-person events as of right now, and we are working on locations for all programs.

Tools of the Trade will be in early August.

STL CUBE will be held September 1, with KC CUBE on September 2.

There won't be a mid-MO CUBE, but we will hopefully have virtual options.

College Counseling Institute will be held mid-October.

**College Fairs** (Andrew Laue/Michelle Luraschi) -

Executed 6 x 6 college fairs in March and April targeting high school students. A 6 x 6 fair will be held on April 22 specifically for transfer students. Total revenue to MOACAC from the spring programs will be \$12,950.

Currently planning a fall in-person college fair calendar, which will likely be supplemented by virtual college fairs. Release of the in-person fair schedule will be in mid-May. There continues to be a significant amount of uncertainty regarding exactly how fall programming will manifest itself. We are also monitoring decisions being made by NACAC, and are in regular communication with Strive Scan regarding their planning, and the planning of their partners. Michelle Luraschi steps down as co-chair on May 17; Katie Vargas begins as new co-chair.

**Technology** (Mark Nothum) -

Mark is staying on for a second term as our technology chairperson!

Volume of registrations through the website increased, but it was handled easily

Updates to the site are regularly made in order to stay up-to-date

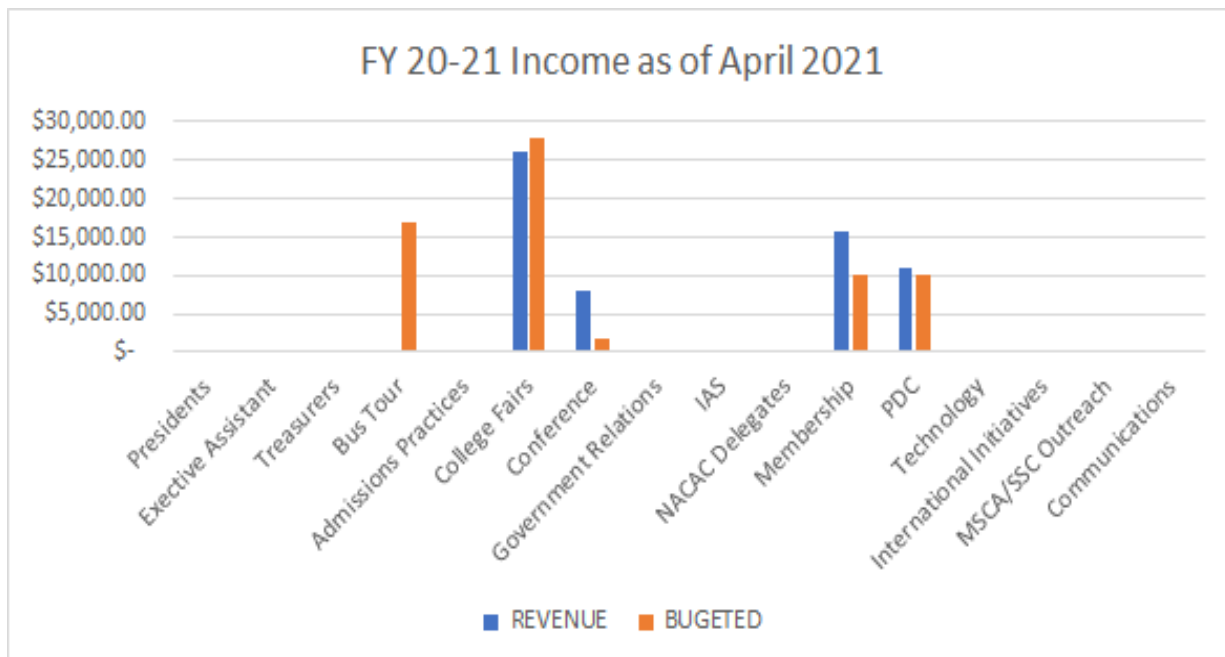
**Spring Conference** (Abby Jelavich/Dixie Williams) -

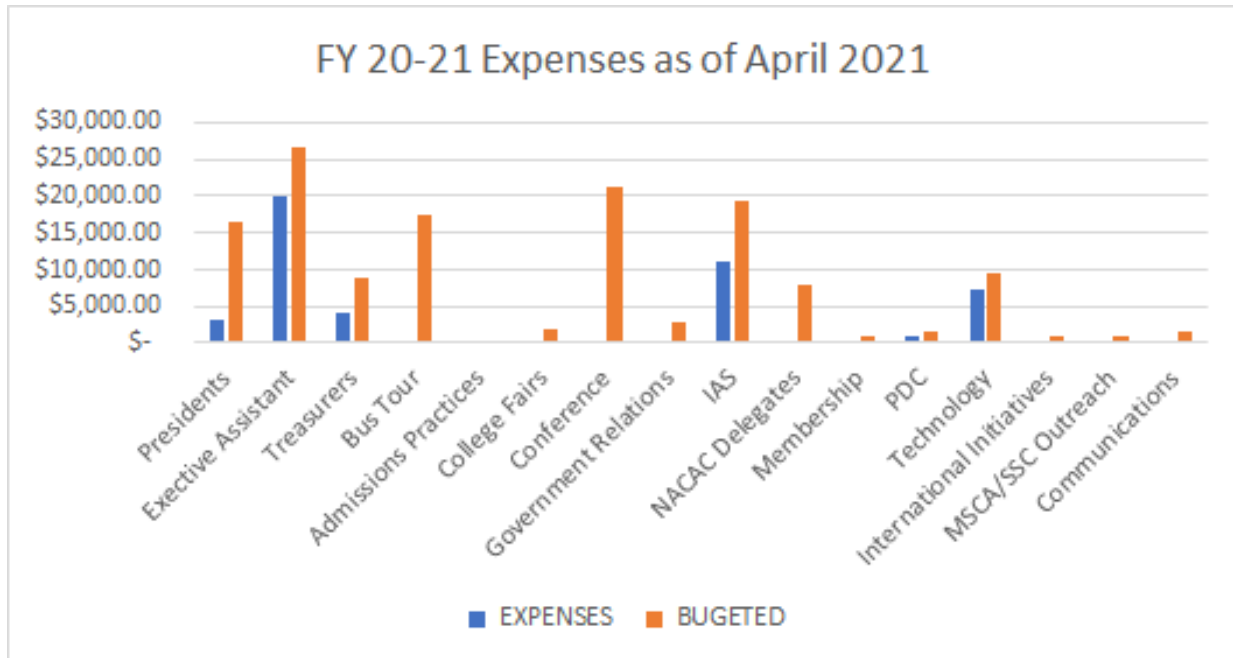
- Thanks to everyone for conference attendance/ and thanks to the conference committee for their hard work.
- Report out on final numbers (i.e. a quick conference recap): number of attendees (170), vendors (6). Sessions were well attended.

**Treasurers** (Tim Eggleston/Meredith Buschmann/Lindsay Tobin) -

- Current funds as of April 1st:
  - Checking: \$238,653.61
  - Money Market: \$26,041.86

- Paypal: \$15,046.53
- Edward Jones: \$214,924,72
- **Total: \$487,198.01**
- We continue to monitor budgets and spending. With the vaccine rollout, hopefully, next fiscal year will look a bit more like previous years and additional revenue can be generated.
- Our commitment is to still fully fund the IAS committee since it directly impacts students financially, college access, students of different socioeconomic backgrounds and diversity training for our executive board.
- Because of this being a unique year, we have been working with the committees to offer free or reduced pricing options to members for events.
- Our biggest source of income for FY 20-21 has been membership, Show Me My Future (fall and spring) and conference.
- This spring, we moved \$50,000 over from our money market account into Edward Jones. As a result, one of our goals for next year is to start ironing out an endowment policy that will be able to support MOACAC in perpetuity with scholarships and other activities for our members and students. We will work with our financial advisor at Edward Jones along with the Presidents to have a policy in place and ready to go for FY 22-23.





**Bus Tour** (Jennifer Tanner) -

Decision was made to pause the bus tour for 2021 due to the pandemic. We are hopeful that the bus tour will resume summer 2022.

**Government Relations** (Peggy FitzGibbon) - No report

**Secondary School Outreach** (Chad Sisk) - MOACAC will again partner with the MSCA (Missouri School Counselors Association) for the MSCA annual conference. The conference will be held November 7-9, in person! MOACAC will host a number of sessions as we have in the past. MSCA looks forward to continuing to exhibit at the MOACAC conference once it's back in person.

## 4. Annual Awards

### 2020 Awards

While the pandemic prevented us from being together last year, we were able to gather nominations for awards. Here are last year's award recipients that we are awarding today:

- Presidential Service Award - Nikki Hostnik (missed announcing this one at the meeting)
- Rising Star Award 2020 - Julianna Graf, Monmouth College; Mark Nothum, Saint Louis University
- Peggy Clinton Award 2020 - Rob Lundien, Park Hills South HS

### 2021 Awards

- Presidential Service Award 2021 - Erin Stein, Notre Dame deSion High School
- Rising Star Award 2021 - Samantha Thomas, Kansas State University
- Peggy Clinton Award 2021 - Nanette Tarbouni, John Burroughs School

**5. Leadership Transition**

- The gavel was passed to Teresa Bont as our new president for the 2021-22 school year. Teresa thanked the executive board and members for their work during very trying times. She also encouraged everyone to reach out to her and the executive board team if they need anything going forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:44am.