

OASFAA Guiding Principles and Objectives

First Principle: Provide quality educational opportunities through a coordinated system of professional development for all members.

Objectives:

- A. Assess the educational needs of members incorporating components such as the level of experience, responsibility, and institutional mission.
- B. Provide relevant educational opportunities in a variety of formats.
- C. Provide systematic evaluation of previous educational activities.
- D. Provide opportunities to develop and nurture future leaders of the association.

Second Principle: Promote financial aid awareness to all students to ensure access and choice to higher education.

Objectives:

- A. Promote awareness of, and planning for higher education for students and parents.
- B. Facilitate partnerships to achieve financial aid awareness.
- C. Disseminate financial aid information using a variety of communication techniques.

Third Principle: Enhance communication to members.

Objectives:

- A. Disseminate association information in a timely and cost effective manner.
- B. Provide current information on topics pertinent to student aid delivery.
- C. Produce and arrange a means for networking between and among members.
- D. Encourage the participation of new members.

Fourth Principle: Advocate and encourage individual members to be politically aware and pro-active relative to regulations and proposed legislation.

Objectives:

- A. Encourage membership to affect public policy initiatives.

- B. Provide information regarding impact of proposed legislation and current regulations.
- C. Advocate involvement by members on issues affecting the profession.
- D. Act as educational voice to the legislatures and other constituencies.

Fifth Principle: Uphold and promote high standards of ethics, integrity and professional competency.

Objectives:

- A. Operate by NASFAA Statement of Good Practices.
- B. Guarantee the integrity of the association by regular review of the constitution, policies and procedures.

Sixth Principle: Appreciate and value the diversity of individuals and institutional missions.

Objectives:

- A. Promote opportunities for diversity in committee and leadership positions.
- B. Encourage participation of a diverse membership.

Seventh Principle: Provide comprehensive, systematic planning and evaluation to ensure the future direction of the association.

Objectives:

- A. Review and update annually a comprehensive five year plan.
- B. Assess performance as it relates to the annual and long range goals of the association.

Eighth Principle: Pledge fiscal responsibility.

Objectives:

- A. Provide accurate and timely reports that define the financial condition of the association.
- B. Provide fiscal controls that protect the financial operation of the association.
- C. Review and update annually the fiscal five year plan.