

Independent Segment Report  
CASFAA Executive Council - January 31, 2012  
Santa Ana, CA

Independent Segment Co-Chair: Matthew Biergans, Pomona College  
Followup with Kim Thomas for segment volunteers

↔Event planning for Independent Segment members, 2012

- Budget submitted for two training events - summer/early fall
- Partnership with the College Board to bring two 4 hour, in person training sessions on Institutional Methodology to the independent segment.

- Northern and Southern California locations (Occidental College/Pomona College; North TBD)

- Possible topics to cover:

- Why institutional methodology and why now? A philosophical approach

- Home equity: Is an asset really an asset?

- IM Need Analysis for International Students Applicants

- Planning meeting (pending budget approval) with Eddie Arteaga, College Board, Feb 8th

↔Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AICCU) held a conference call on Friday, Jan 27 to address the plan going forward to advocate on behalf of California students to save the CalGrant.

- Primary talking points and action plan are outlined in the Campus Toolkit 2012

- I plan to forward the toolkit to all member colleges in CASFAA to begin encouraging advocacy during Budget Planning process.

- In conjunction with AICCU, enlist members of the Independent Non Profit sector to testify during budget process on the importance of access afforded by Cal Grant funds

↔Maureen McRae will be submitting an article for the Feb/March issue regarding President Obama's recent State of the Union address and his emphasis on rising cost of education

- Planning for the next issue to spotlight a mid-level aid administrator (Assistant/ Associate Director) and provide an article about career progression.

- Currently have an Indep. member lined up to provide an article for the summer issue. Topic TBD.