STATE ISSUES COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The goal of the State Issues Committee is to identify all financial aid issues that come about by state legislation or CSAC action, that might impact or affect the membership.

CHARGE OF THE STATE ISSUES COMMITTEE

- 1. Research state issues to determine their impact on the membership of CASFAA.
- 2. Review relevant materials on all state issues.
- 3. Draft comments and position papers on behalf of the Association.
- 4. Submit letters to the Legislature to help promote change.
- 5. Communicate findings to the membership through the <u>CASFAA Newsletter</u> and special mailings, as needed.
- 6. Provide representation at all Commission meetings.
- 7. The Chair serves as the CASFAA representative on the CSAC Grant Advisory Committee.
- 8. Coordinate the annual Day at the Capitol.
- 9. Review CSAC Publications

SELECTION, COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF THE COMMITTEE

- A. <u>State Issues Committee Chair: Vice President of State Issues</u>
- B. <u>State Issues Committee Members</u> This committee consists of at least one member from each segment, the Ethnic Diversity Committee, the Graduate and Professional Issues Committee, the lending community, and CSAC.
- C. Recommended Committee Size: 15 members

MEETINGS

This Committee meets a minimum of four times per year by phone conference call, in-person, or other means. The goals of each meeting is to review new state bills that impact the membership, determine positions on each bill, and review updates of CPEC and CSAC activities.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Committee budget is based on projected travel costs of the members, and the expenditures for the annual DAY AT THE CAPITOL project.

REPORTING

The Committee provides reports on state issues as approved and requested by the Executive Council for any CASFAA publication or media, including news alerts as needed to update the membership on areas of interest or concern.

HISTORY OF THE STATE ISSUES COMMITTEE

The CASFAA State Issues Committee was authorized in 1973-74.