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.