

OASFAA Board of Directors
Candidate Biography Template
Candidate for 2023-2024

I am:

* Perry Diehm

My current position is:

* Director of PGS Financial Aid

My current (and former, if desired) institution is:

* Southern Nazarene University

I have served in financial aid for:

* 38 years in Kansas and Oklahoma

I am running for the office of:

* Treasurer-Elect

If elected, I feel I will be able to serve OASFAA:

*Ensuring accurate and timely payment of the association's financial obligations as well as making sure membership dues and other incoming financial funds are correctly credited. I will work with the other board members to maximize the limited financial assets of the association.

My current and/or previous experience(s) with OASFAA includes:

*I served as the Local Arrangement Committee Chair for the 2022 OASFAA Conference. I served as OASFAA Secretary for 2022-2023 and was a panelist for Satisfactory Academic Progress and Professional Judgement at the 2023 OASFAA Conference.

My current and/or previous professional experience(s) includes:

* Currently on the NASFAA Rapid Response Network and the Department of Education group working to modernize the FAA Access portion of the Department of Ed website. I have served on numerous committees for KASFAA (the Kansas association) and served as the Southeast Region lead for the KASFAA High School Counselor Training Sessions. I have presented at several KASFAA meetings. I served on a financial aid panel for US Representative Dennis Moore in Kansas City, KS. I appeared on a radio call-in show for the Kansas City, MO National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate answering questions mainly about Professional Judgment. In Kansas, we had a FAFSA phone-a-thon for several years. Students and parents would call the Capitol building in Topeka and ask financial aid questions. I was a panelist for several years and directed it for one year. Worked for several years at the Kansas College Goals Sunday events to help parents and students complete a FAFSA. Also went across the state line for two years to help the Missouri Association (MASFAP) get their College Goals Sunday program started.

Some personal information I would like to share about myself includes:

* I am married to Sheila and have two grown children and a dog. I love all sports, especially Nebraska Football and the Kansas City Chiefs. For any English Premier League (soccer) enthusiasts, I am also a diehard Leicester City Foxes fan. I currently play disc golf and played regular golf until my body gave out. I enjoy most kinds of music from classical to hard rock. I have begun to toy with photography and entered several shots in the Oklahoma State Fair last year but won no ribbons. (There is always next year!)

Please include a headshot to be used on the OASFAA website!