President's Highlights- February

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope the winter break was relaxing but didn't slow things down too much! I was still able to find my office last week, and I hope you were also. As we ring in a new calendar year, return from winter break, and start welcoming students back to campus for the spring semester, I wanted to take a moment to let you know about a few developments, as well as some upcoming WASFAA events.

We held our annual election, and I am pleased to say that turnout was high, and we have some great newcomers as well as many familiar faces. Congratulations to the newly elected members, and thank you very much to everyone who ran. We are looking forward to another great year.

Coming up in the more immediate future are a few events I wanted to make sure are on your radar for February and early March. OASFAA hosts its annual conference in just a few weeks, February 5 - 7, at the Salishan Resort in Gleneden, Oregon, which is right on the coast. It's a spectacular setting, and I'm looking forward to being there. The WASFAA Board will meet in Las Vegas, February 19 - 21, for our transition meeting. A few weeks after that, Ashley Munroe and I will be traveling to Washington, DC, to attend the NASFAA Board meeting. Please let either of us know if there are any questions or concerns you'd like us to relay to the NASFAA board; We will be more than happy to do so.

Last but certainly not least is our annual conference, April 5 - 8. I may have mentioned in a previous newsletter that we'll be holding it in Honolulu? As it turns out, I was just in Hawaii over the winter break, and I am very much looking forward to returning for the conference (getting my surfing in and my runs around Diamond Head done—anyone wants to join me?). I also found two additional restaurants in Honolulu. I wanted to recommend: Mud Hen Water [https://www.mudhenwater.com] and Senia [http://restaurantsenia.com]. Don't forget to register for the conference!

Again, I would love to hear from you, so send me an email (scline@cca.edu), tweet at me on twitter, @scottcline or drop a message on the <u>WASFAA Facebook group!</u>