

**COALITION OF STATE UNIVERSITY
AID ADMINISTRATORS**

“to avail the state of those talents, sown as liberally among the poor as among the rich,
which perish without use if not sought for and cultivated ...” – Thomas Jefferson

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Dear COSUAA Colleague,

I am writing to you today to ask you to renew your institutional membership for 2017-18. You may complete the attached invoice or the electronic membership form on our website at www.cosuaa.org. Membership is by institution and comprises the chief financial aid administrator from a four-year state public-funded and controlled university with student enrollments of approximately 10,000 or greater.

Your membership fee helps offset the costs of maintaining our website and makes possible what many consider the best annual financial aid conference they attend all year. In addition, membership entitles you access to the COSUAA listserv where you can turn to your colleagues for quick answers to your most immediate financial aid questions.

Our recent conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico was a great success. Besides perennial favorites such as the Federal Update and Open Forums, we had outstanding sessions on College Student Mental Health Issues and Interventions, Sharing Financial Aid Application Data: Best Practices and Legal Issues, Student Debt: Rhetoric and Realities of Higher Education, Integrating Public Benefits into Student and Financial Aid Services, and Creating Financial Dashboards for Campus Partners and Reporting. Terrell Strayhorn discussed the Challenges of Black College Students and College Students' Sense of Belonging and we learned more about assessing outcomes from Gallup. The ability to have high-level discussions with a small group of colleagues always makes this conference a highlight of the year and many have declared COSUAA as their “conference of choice” when spending their limited travel/professional development funds.

Next year’s conference will be held at the King and Prince Hotel in St. Simons Island, Georgia from April 28 – May 1, 2018, and promises to again bring a great agenda. If you join now, you can attend the conference at a reduced rate; non-members are charged more. I hope you will join me in supporting the Coalition of State University Aid Administrators for the 2017-18 year by completing the attached invoice and sending it with your remittance to the address indicated.

Sincerely,



Rachelle Feldman
COSUAA Chair, 2017-2019