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1. SLGFA Implements Secure E-Mail Policy

SLGFA will implement a new e-mail policy in the summer of 2004 as part of an information security plan to protect non-public personal information (NPI) disseminated between SLGFA and its FFELP partners. More information about the SLGFA E-Mail Policy can be read by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/policies-and-procedures/SecureE-MailPlse.asp>

2. Reality Checked In at AASFAA Spring Conference

The 2004 spring AASFAA Conference was held Wednesday through Friday, March 31-April 1, in the beautiful northwest Arkansas city of Eureka Springs with a reality TV theme. But the true reality of the conference was illustrated Thursday evening when various conference members exhibited their talents during the AASFAA Idol show. Click on the provided link to see the Osbornes, Sonny and Cher and many more guests: <http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/conference/AASFAASp04/AASFAASP04.asp>

3. New Initials and Acronyms Glossary Reference Available

The National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP) Program Regulations Committee has updated the *Glossary of Initials and Acronyms* and it is currently available on SLGFA's Web site. This is a great training tool for new school and lender financial aid personnel. The glossary is an Adobe PDF document. Clicking on either of the following links to access the glossary: [Lenders and Servicers web page](#) or the [Schools web page](#).

4. ED Published FERPA Electronic Signatures Final Rule

The Education Department's interpretation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) was amended to provide general guidelines for accepting "signed and dated written consent" in electronic format under FERPA. A notice announcing the final regulation was published in the *Federal Register* Wednesday, April 21, 2004. These regulations are effective May 21, 2004. Click on the provided link to read the final regulation: http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/regulatory/FERPA_E-SigFinalRule.asp

5. Common Manual

The most recent **Revisions to the Common Manual**, approved **March 18, 2004, (Batch 112)** by the *Common Manual* Governing Board are currently available. These revisions have also been included in the integrated version of the *Common Manual*. Questions regarding the *Common Manual* should be directed to the SLGFA Policy & Compliance Division at 800-622-3446. The *Common Manual* Policy Committee has released **Common Manual Training Brief #10**. *Common Manual* Training Briefs are located on SLGFA's *Common Manual* web page in the same PDF document format as the *Common Manual*. More information about the Training Briefs and Revisions to the *Common Manual* can be found by clicking the following link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/cm-revisions/Marchrevisions/March2004/Batch112-TrainBrief10.asp>

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