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It's hard to believe that so much time has elapsed since our Annual Conference was held in Athens... Absolutely!!!! Many thanks to the Ohio University personnel and the LAC, co-chaired by Deb Benton and Jane Pidcock, for providing the locale and a very successful meeting for everyone. The comments you made on the evaluation forms confirmed that you were pleased with all aspects of the Conference. A recapitulation of some of the highlights can be found in this newsletter.



This year the AACRAO Annual Conference was held in New Orleans, April 9-12. I hope you were able to go to the big event. The Ohio contingent is always well represented in number and quality when it comes to attendance and participation in the program session.

Keep your eyes open for forthcoming announcements of Workshops currently under development by our V.P. Workshops, Martha Hicks. If you have any Workshop topics or ideas you would like to have considered, don't hesitate to contact Martha at hicks.2@osu.edu.

Mark your calendars and make your plans now to attend what is expected to be a most exciting event when Indiana, Michigan and Ohio join together to present a, first-ever, joint Conference in Toledo this November 1-3, 2000. Of particular interest this year will be the number of Admissions people attending because Admissions attendees always outnumber the Registrars at the Michigan conferences.

As always, the cycle continues: Admissions people are beginning to develop budgets and plans for the next recruiting year and finalizing this year's entering class, and Registrars are preparing degree audits and plans for graduation of the Class of 2000. I hope part of that precious commodity called time can be set aside this year to attend a Workshop, the Great Lakes Conference, and to support OACRAO in any way you can. Thank you.

Byron Thorsen
OACRAO President



Obviously, planning for a conference of this nature and scope is no small task and is not accomplished overnight. Under the able leadership of Brad Myers, a first organization meeting of representatives from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio was held last year at the 1999 AACRAO meeting in Charlotte. Since then, each of the state organizations have held their planning meetings to identify and develop topics for the conference. Bob Myers, V.P. Programs, conducted the planning session at Ohio Wesleyan University on February 25th and collected many exciting topics from the 30-plus committee members in attendance. Brad, acting as coordinator for the **Great Lakes Conference 2000**, has been meeting regularly with Bob and his counterparts from Indiana and Michigan since then. All reports, to date, point to a Conference the likes of which you don't want to miss.

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An AACRAO Message from Gene Schuster

Greetings fellow OACRACOns:

I wanted to take this chance to thank all of you for your support and encouragement while I've been serving as Secretary/Treasurer-VP for Finance with AACRAO. I have to admit without it, I wouldn't have made it through these almost last two years. Hard to believe it's been that long.

Thanks to your newsletter editorial staff, I'm provided this chance to let you know a little more about some things involving AACRAO that may not be readily apparent. First, the major news has to do with finalizing AACRAO's incorporation. While the Board took the legal action to incorporate our association, thereby releasing its members from individual liabilities involving AACRAO, we all felt it was imperative to move our traditional governance procedures into legally acceptable corporate By-laws. A wide-ranging group of members spent four days working on doing just that last Fall. The draft was widely circulated and at the December Board meeting (when your incorporated it's the Board that the law recognizes as the organization) they were adopted. But to the Board members, that wasn't the last step in this process. We asked the membership to ratify them in New Orleans, and the new Bylaws were supported.

From the VP for Workshops

Thanks to all of you who attended one of the pre-conference workshops at the OACRAO annual conference in November. Great topics and great presenters! Special thanks to all presenters, including Barmak Nassirian and Jacque Gourley from AACRAO and Jim Noe (Mt. Carmel College of Nursing) for the Government Relations session; Dave Sauter (Wright State) for the "Beyond Y2K" follow up; and to Kate Carey and Dr. Sharon Brehm for the Ohio Learning Network session.

I am already starting to think about ideas for our spring/summer workshop series, as well as our preconference workshops at the Great Lakes 2000

The second piece of news isn't so good. This year fewer than 60 of AACRAO's members volunteered to become involved in AACRAO's structure/programming activities. This is a real concern as there are a lot more needed than that. AACRAO is an unusual association with a large number of committees used to accomplish its work. I think of it as a unique strength but it only works if enough members make the sacrifice to make it work. We need our most experienced professionals to be involved for the association to continue building. If we don't have that involvement we will either not be able to do anything else or must pay staff to do the work. It's a real dilemma. AACRAO isn't likely to survive if it can't offer more than an Annual Meeting and SEM to the members.

Enough down side, I hope you've felt the association stabilizing. It is being run in a business-like manner by some very talented staff. Please let me know what you think about AACRAO's communications level. We've been trying to get up to the right speed. It seems a lot better to me but if you have unmet needs please pass the suggestion my way.

As a matter of fact, pass any suggestions for how to improve AACRAO to me. I'll use them all!

conference November 1-3, 2000, in Toledo, Ohio. I did get a few ideas from folks in November, but it's not too late to submit ideas for consideration. Also, don't be shy if there is a topic in which you have expertise and you would like to present as a workshop. Please pass along workshop topic ideas you have to me at (614) 292-1431, or hicks.2@osu.edu.

Happy New Millennium to all!

Martha Hicks
VP for Workshops



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Air Force Institute of Technology

- Donna Collins is the Associate Admissions and Record Officer at the Air Force Institute of Technology.
- The newest staff member is Robert Carpenter. He joins Richard Evans and Cherry Anderson as an Admissions Counselor.

Case Western Reserve University, Weatherhead School of Management

- Marian Hogue is now the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs.

Cleveland State University

- Sue Lindsey is the new Registrar at Cleveland State. Previously, she was the Director of Institutional Research at CSU.

Cuyahoga Community College

- Karen Kopp began as Office Manager of Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus Admissions and Records Office on January 3, 2000. She is replacing Gail Steinle who retired this past fall.

Hocking College

- Brian Ralph, Director of Admissions at Hocking College, is leaving this position January 5th to assume the role of Vice President for Enrollment Services at Bethany College in West Virginia.

Mount Vernon Nazarene College

- Ron W. Fox is the new Director of Admissions. He comes to Ohio from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California, where he was Associate Director of Admissions and Multicultural Affairs.

North Central State College

- North Central Technical College became North Central State College on August 1, 1999.
- Effective January 1, 2000, Mr. Steve Williams became the Coordinator for Student Records and will function in the role of Registrar. He may be reached at swilliam@ncstate.tec.oh.us.

Oberlin College

- Oberlin College has hired Ron Bowman as the Associate Registrar. Ron was previously employed by Notre Dame College of Ohio as Director of Admissions and Records.

Ohio State University

- A new Transfer Re-Engineering Center has been created in the Registrar's Office to evaluate and post credit for transfer students. We plan to automate the current process to increase efficiency.

- Kathy Newman-Gall has been promoted to Associate Registrar. She is responsible for Degree Audit, Commencement, Athletic Eligibility, and Transfer Re-Engineering.

- Brad Myers has assumed the role of Registrar effective February 14, 2000.

Wittenberg University

- Gene Roller has been filling in the Office of Assistant Provost for Academic Services as a sabbatical replacement for the current semester.

Xavier University

- Marc Camille has been named the new Dean of Admission at Xavier University. He assumed his duties Mid-August, coming to Xavier from the admission staff at the University of Miami, FL.
- Michael Kabbaz has been hired as the Coordinator of Information and Technology in the Office of Admission, effective January 3, 2000.
- Lisa M. Wendel, Associate Director of Admission has assumed the role of coordinator of International Admission.



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OACRAO '99 in Athens... ABSOLUTELY! OU hosts annual OACRAO conference



For the first time in 40 years, Ohio University hosted the 1999 Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (OACRAO) Conference on November 3, 4, and 5. Hocking College, Marietta College, Rio Grande, Shawnee State and Washington State also helped host the conference. The conference theme was "OACRAO '99 in Athens...ABSOLUTELY!" Staff members from institutions from around the state made the trip to Athens for the annual meeting.

Held at Baker Center, The Ohio University Inn and Conference Center and the Amerihost Inn, the conference consisted of informative sessions regarding current issues in registrar and admissions processes and exhibits from vendors showcasing their products.

OACRAO participants also had a chance to socialize and relax Wednesday and Thursday evenings with two theme parties. Wednesday was "Spirit Night," at



Nelson Commons - everyone wore his or her college attire and enjoyed food, entertainment and door prizes. Presidents

from some of the host schools attended, including OU President Robert Glidden and his wife, Hocking College President John Light, Rio Grande President Barry Dorsey, and Shawnee State President James Chapman. Other special guests included Dr. and Mrs. Gary North and two former OU Registrars – Robert

Mahn and Larry Terrell and their wives.

The recipients of the four 1999 OACRAO Scholarship were announced at Wednesday's dinner. One recipient was able to attend.

The "Singing Men of Ohio" performed favorite college songs, and Ohio University Registrar Bill Jones joined them, performing a special serenade to Renee Glidden and Marty North. The evening ended with karaoke.



Thursday evening was "Jeudi Gras" at Ping Center. The evening included a Mardi Gras-style carnival with Cajun food, jazz, juggling, tarot card reading, tattoo parlor, roulette wheel, balloon art cowboy and caricature artist (a very popular attraction). These activities helped get the participants in the spirit for the upcoming national AACRAO conference to be held in New Orleans, April. 9-12, 2000.



Jones was very pleased with the event and said, "I am really proud it was hosted here. The location [of OU] causes curiosity because it's remote. The participants certainly got a feel for what our campus is like." Jones also said a main reason the conference had not been held in Athens for so long was due to location and the lack of a conference facility on campus. Meetings and sessions, as well as the social events, were held in university facilities. A shuttle system transported OACRAO members from place to place, allowing participants got to see more of the campus than at previous conferences.



OACRAO '99 Co-Chair Jane Pidcock said, “[Plan-ning] has been a challenge since we don’t have a conference center, but it really is a unique experience to be able to have the conference in a college setting. We really enjoyed the opportunity to bring OACRAO to Athens.”



Planning for the conference began a year ago between the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) and the Office of Continuing Education, which helps plan and coordinate all university-sponsored programs such as the OACRAO conference. Pat Davidson and Michael Greenfest worked with the OACRAO LAC Co-Chairs Debra Benton and Pidcock, along with the 27 members of LAC.

Jones also alluded to the “wonderful agenda of presentations” held during the conference. Participants got the chance to receive information on a variety of topics and issues, such as distance learning, enrollment management, records and registration, productivity, performance feedback, and Y2K. Participating vendors gave presentations on their products and services, and four pre-conference workshops were offered.

Three OACRAO members were honored for their contributions to the organization. In recognition for their years of service to OACRAO, Ken Bogard, (Miami University Registrar) and Mary



Jean Roach (Ohio Wesleyan University Registrar) were each given a lifetime honorary membership to OACRAO. Both are planning retirement before next year’s OACRAO Conference. Jim Noe, Dean of Student Affairs at Mount Carmel College of Nursing, was awarded the Linus J.



Ryland Award for his outstanding service to the profession and to OACRAO.

A highlight of the conference for Benton was the welcoming speaker – OU Head Football Coach Jim Grobe. Grobe spoke on goal setting, team building, and positive attitude. “He gave an excellent talk,” Benton said. “He had a good message and attitude and everyone enjoyed his speech.”

Thursday, a Vendor’s Showcase was held in the 1804 Lounge in Baker Center. Vendors had a chance to set up displays for their products and services. Fourteen vendors participated in the conference, including CARS Information Solutions, CollegeNet, Connecting Point, Credentials LLC, Data General, Datatel, Inc., Feicke Web Inc., Jostens, Marketeers, Matrix Imaging, Performance Printing, Scrip-Safe, SCT and Tri-State Business Services were the companies participating in the conference. Benton and Pidcock commented that vendor support is very important to the success of the OACRAO Conference, and they were very pleased to have such a good showcase.

Jones commended the Co-Chairs and the committee for the success of OACRAO '99. “Deb and Jane were the ones that caused it all to happen,” he said, “and the committee members did an excellent job.”

Other participating OACRAO members, who offered thanks and praise to the LAC and OU, shared Jones’ sentiments.

“Thank you and the rest of LAC for a great time in Athens. You all did a wonderful job and the conference was great,” Connie Goodman, Assistant to the Registrar at The Ohio State University, noted.

Bowling Green State University Assistant Registrar Nadine Johnson said, “Thank you and your committee for making my first OACRAO meeting a great experience. The sessions were very informative and the evening dinners and entertainment were the best. Thanks again for a wonderful time.”

James Hamberg, Director of Records and Registration at Columbus State Community College, added, “I had a great time in Athens – it was my first visit and well worth the trip.”

OACRAO Committees for 2000

The following committees have been established for the Year 2000. Terms end November of the year indicated. Thanks to each of you for volunteering. Your commitment of time and resources is what makes OACRAO a top-notch organization.

Executive:

Byron Thorsen, President, '01
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 Earlen Durden '00
 Chris Michael '00

Gene Palmer '00



**AACRAO
 Annual Meeting
 New Orleans
 April 9-12, 2000**

A good time was had by all in New Orleans for the annual meeting. Congratulations to our own Gene Schuster on his election as President-Elect. Look for more about the conference in the next issue of OACRAO News.

Ken Bogard Retires

Provost Ronald Crutcher cordially invites you to a reception marking the retirement of Kenneth H. Bogard, Jr., University Registrar. Friday, May 12, 2000, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Remarks at 4:30 p.m.). Location: 154 Marcum Conference Center, Miami University. Gift contributions can be sent to Lucille Hautau. Office of the Registrar (Please make checks payable to Miami University.) RSVP to Lucille Hautau at 529-8796 or email at her at Hautaula@po.muohio.edu.

If you would like to contribute a note or photo to be included in a book of memories to be presented as a surprise to Ken at his retirement, please send your remembrance to Lucille Hautau, Office of the Registrar, by May 1, 2000.