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# HAPPY FEBRUARY!

By Chris Dorsten, OACRAO President

I hope that your new year/spring semester has gotten off to a great start! Hopefully you are staying warm and so far our winter weather has been mild. I will admit I'm hoping for one good snow storm and then I'll be ready for sunshine and warmer temperatures.

The Board met remotely in early January and we are excited for a busy year with OACRAO. Committees have been finalized and we are excited for them to begin their work for the year and for our Annual Meeting in October at Maumee Bay! In the coming newsletters we will begin to share information regarding upcoming events such as the Summer Institute and the Residency Workshop!

One challenge I have for you is if you've not followed OACRAO on Facebook, I challenge you to follow us over the next year as we have some exciting member engagement activities to help you connect with other OACRAO members. Prizes may be awarded to participants!

I look forward to seeing members in March for the planning meeting and in New Orleans for AACRAO.

As always if you have any questions about OACRAO, please feel free to reach out to me at [chris.dorsten@tri-c.edu](mailto:chris.dorsten@tri-c.edu) or 216-987-3014.



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!



### Meet Zach Reichard!

#### Tell us about yourself-anything you want to share!

College campuses tend to have a vibrant energy and that really drew me to a career in higher education.

#### What do you do at Ohio University?

I am the Registrar Services Analyst. My responsibilities include issuing security to our student information system, creating course requisites, and helping with the registration process. I've only been here a year, so it feels like I learn new things every day.

#### How did you come to your current position?

I was working in the Registrar's Office at a small, liberal arts college in Kalamazoo, Mich. I saw the opportunity to move to a new position at Ohio University and applied to the job. It's been quite the change from a college that only had 1,500 students to an institution the size of OU.

#### Outside of work, what do you like to do?

My wife and I recently had our first baby, so I'm spending a lot of time with her learning how to be a dad. I also started a master's program this fall, so between those two life-changing events, I don't have a ton of free time. When I do have free time, my wife and I like to visit new places and find a craft brewery to try a few beers.

#### Are you originally from Ohio?

I am originally from Michigan. I got my undergraduate degree from Western Michigan University. Before starting my career in higher education, I worked as a reporter for a newspaper. I made the switch in 2012 when I started working with a student group at Western Michigan University.

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Ohio Small College/University Registrar Meeting

When: Friday, March 13, 2020

Where: Franklin University

Time: Registration at 9:00, Begin at 9:30, Done by 3:00

Provided: Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Good Conversations & Time Away

*More details will follow on the OACRAO Listserve!*

### OACRAO PLANNING MEETING

Friday, March 6, 2020

More information to come!

## IDEAPALOOZA!



OACRAO is proud to have a long history of providing our members with great conference sessions. To continue that tradition, we need your help!

On March 6th, we will host the Fourth Annual Ideapalooza where members of the programming committees begin working on the conference program for the 2020 OACRAO Conference in October. For a successful meeting, we need your ideas. Please consider **submitting a [session proposal](#) online by February 21st.**

Here are some tips for your submissions:

- Take this opportunity to share your innovative ideas, best practices, staff training techniques, business process improvements, practical solutions, or professional development.
- "Borrowing" ideas from somewhere else is OK. Suggest ideas you've seen and enjoyed at other conferences, or review AACRAO sessions for ideas.
- Submitting an idea doesn't mean you have to be the presenter; OACRAO has many great presenters and many great idea generators, and both are valuable.
- You can use the same online form to submit a workshop idea; just include a note that it might be good for a pre-conference workshop.

The brainstorming you do now will significantly impact the content of the conference in October! Please take some time to submit a few ideas using the [online form](#) and help ensure that the conference program is substantive, relevant, and balanced. Please contact Tina Hickman ([tina.hickman@marietta.edu](mailto:tina.hickman@marietta.edu)) with any additional questions.

## OHIO AACRAO DINNER!

Who is going to AACRAO? Ohioans planning to attend the AACRAO conference in New Orleans, mark your calendar for the OHIO dinner on Tuesday, April 7 at Brennan's Restaurant (417 Royal Street New Orleans). Join us for dinner at 7:00 p.m. Brennan's Restaurant has been a New Orleans restaurant tradition since 1946. The cost is \$40 per person, which includes a three course meal and soda/coffee/tea. Adult beverages will be available for an additional cost.

Registration will take place via [Member Clicks](#). Reminder emails will be sent via the OACRAO listserv. Reservations are required by March 30 to ensure accurate attendance. I look forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans! Please contact Molly McDermott-Fallon ([mcdermms@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:mcdermms@ucmail.uc.edu)) with any questions.

