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Spring Greetings!

Welcome to the month of April! Days are beginning to feel like spring! I even notice my tulips peeking out of the ground.

Your Board is taking steps to move forward with the year's planning. During the month of March, the program planning meeting "Ideapalooza" took place and the program committees began the process of session formation and selection. The LAC co-chairs began outreach with their committee and have scheduled a meeting for April 27th at Salt Fork to assess logistics. As April moves on these two groups will get to the nuts and bolts of the planning process and we can look forward to a great meeting at Salt Fork in October.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to attend the AACRAO annual meeting in California, looked like you were enjoying yourselves and learning new things! We all look forward to some sharing of this experience and new knowledge at our meeting in the fall. Special "Thanks" to Chris Dorsten for putting together a great Ohio Dinner evening and accepting the *Elbert W. Ockerman State and Regional Professional Activity Award* for the OACRAO Summer Institute for the organization.

Next up for OACRAO members are the summer workshops. First up is the Residency Workshop on June 4, 2019 at the Ohio State University. Save the date for our upcoming OACRAO 101 and Staff Development Workshops scheduled for July 16, 2019. More details to follow. I hope you can attend. These are great opportunities for us to stay connected and grow professionally in our jobs every day.

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month for that month's publication

Welcome Cont.

Have a great month and please reach out to me or one of the board members if you have any questions or suggestions. The organization is here for the members.

Special thanks to our newsletter editors: Michelle Livingston and Cindy Suter.

Happy Easter! Sue Shepherd, OACRAO President



IDEAPALOOZA!

Bob Bulow, Ohio University

After much thinking and planning in advance, the 2019 Ideapalooza was another successful OACRAO event on March 22. Members of the four OACRAO [program committees](#) gathered together to review and refine session ideas, think about presenters, brainstorm workshop ideas, and keep the ball rolling for planning a great conference program in 2019. At the center of this planning are the committee chairs—Deb Miller, Gina Shackle, Mary Holland, and Tami Sheets—who work diligently to coordinate, organize, and communicate about their content areas.

Key to the successful event were also Karen Greene and Michelle Livingston from Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Each year, they graciously offer to host this planning event and do all the coordination of rooms, food, and general planning for the event. A special thanks to them for all their work.

Thanks to session proposals submitted by OACRAO members, we started the day with around 80 session ideas submitted by 35 different people. That is an amazing place to begin the day of planning (especially for those of us who remember starting these planning meetings with zero ideas)! Some ideas were combined; some new ideas were generated; and some ideas took shape through discussion and collaboration of the committee members. By the close of the Ideapalooza, we had collectively created a more refined list of sessions and workshops to pursue, and right now members are securing presenters for those sessions. I look forward to providing more information about the conference program in the months to come.

AACRAO



OACRAO Dinner Fun!

Elbert W. Ockerman
State and Regional Professional Activity Award



Chris Dorsten accepts
Ockerman Award for Ohio
Summer Institute

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Jayme Arnett, Ohio University

Gov. Mike DeWine released his [recommendations](#) for the state's next budget on Friday, March 15. This is just the first step in the fiscal years 2020-21 budget process, as the budget now goes to the state legislature. In an effort to engage and inform OACRAO members around government relation matters, I will highlight some of the governors interesting higher education-related proposals.

Certificate programs and “micro-degrees”

The state would fund "micro-degrees" for at least 10,000 Ohioans a year at a cost of \$15 million each year. These micro-degrees are low-cost, industry credentials that typically take less than a year to finish.

Financial Aid, Tuition, Grants, and Scholarship Funding

Tuition guarantees would be a requirement for the state's public universities.

Funding for the Ohio College Opportunity Grant would be increased by \$47 million over the biennium. The state would also expand funding for the Choose Ohio First Scholarship, the National Guard Scholarship and the War Orphans Scholarship programs.

According to the state Department of Higher Education, the proposed budget includes an increase of nearly \$50 million in need-based financial aid for college students over the next two years and an additional \$24 million in support for student scholarships in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medical careers (STEMM).

Randy Garner, Ohio's newly appointed Chancellor of Higher Education, reacted favorably to Dewine's state budget proposal for colleges and universities. "After 33 years in the General Assembly and 16 budgets, this may be the most student-focused state budget I've seen for higher education," Gardner said in a news release. "This budget centers on affordability while helping prepare Ohio for a fast-changing economy and high-quality jobs through workforce preparation, more need-based financial aid, and strategic scholarships."

SMALL COLLEGE'S REGISTRAR MEETING

Mel Severns, Mt. Vernon Nazarene University

A total of thirty-five participants engaged in good conversation at the Ohio Private College/University Registrar Meeting that took place at Mount Vernon Nazarene University on Friday, March 15. Registration began at 9:00am with continental breakfast items. Mel Severns kicked off the day welcoming attendees to his campus.

Along with some fun door prizes, the questions were excellent and conversation rich on various topics related to our work in the profession – graduation fees, diplomas, degree dates, athletic participation credit, advising, etc. The group broke for a catered lunch and fellowship at the noon hour, received some OACRAO updates and announcements from current board members Beth Dalonzo and Aftan Dewese, and then met a bit more until the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm. Thanks to all who joined us and be sure to look for an announcement next winter for the annual March meeting tentatively planned to be hosted by Frank Yanchak at Franklin University in Columbus.



RESIDENCY WORKSHOP

Dan Kall, Law Registrar, The University of Toledo

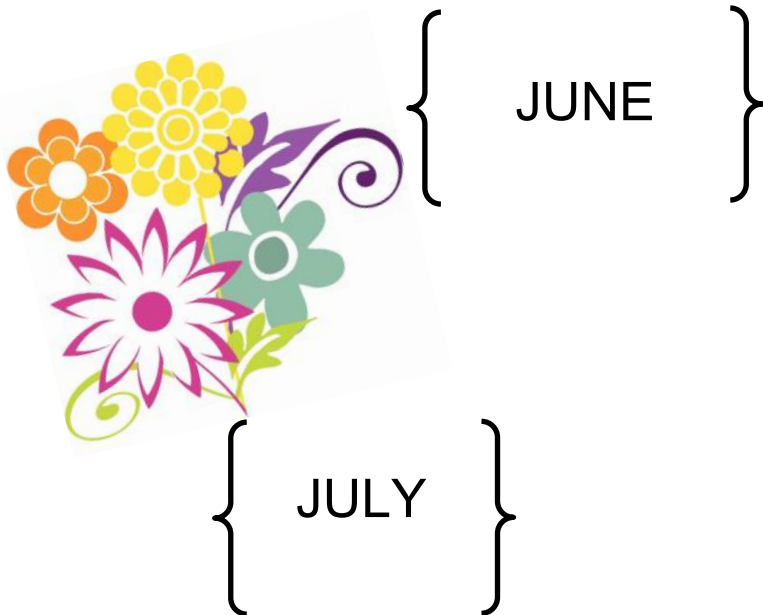
The OACRAO Residency Workshop is Tuesday, June 4 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ohio State University. The cost is \$60 and includes lunch. Two residency officers will lead the panel – a representative from a community college and 4-year university. Michelle Chavanne from the Ohio Department of Higher Education will also be in attendance.

This workshop is appropriate for those new to the profession as well as ‘seasoned’ residency officers. There will be a great deal of informative discussion and lots of information to take back to your office! The workshop also provides a fantastic opportunity to meet with colleagues from Ohio’s state institutions to discuss residency issues. The day will include:

- An overview of residency
- A panel discussion on residency issues, policies, procedures and improvements
- An opportunity for residency Q&A with a representative from the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Registration will open in the next few weeks, so keep an eye on the listserv for more information. Please pass this on to others in your office who may benefit from the day!

SAVE THE DATES!



OACRAO Residency Workshop

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

9:30–3:00

\$60

The Ohio State University

OACRAO Staff Development Workshop

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

The Ohio State University

More details soon!

OACRAO 101 Workshop

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

The Ohio State University

New workshop opportunity for new OACRAO professionals. More details soon!

Visit the [OACRAO website](#) for additional information about programming and for ways to get involved!