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OACRAO Residency Workshop

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Registration is now open for the **OACRAO Residency Workshop** to be held on Friday, June 26 from 9:30AM – 3:00PM at The Ohio State University.

This workshop provides a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues from Ohio’s state institutions to discuss residency issues. The day will include:

- An overview of the latest higher education initiatives in Ohio
- An introduction to Residency
- A panel discussion on Residency Issues, Policies, Procedures and Improvements
- An opportunity for Residency Q&A with a representative from the Ohio Board of Regents

This workshop is appropriate for those new to the profession as well as ‘seasoned’ residency officers. Expect much discussion and information to take back to your offices! The fee for this workshop is \$50 and includes lunch. Use the following link to register.

Mark Your Calendar!

[OACRAO Residency Workshop](#)

Friday, June 26 from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

~ Lunch Provided ~

The Ohio State University - Student Services Building

Please pass this on to others in your office who may benefit from the day. Confirmations will be emailed to those registered. Please email Beth DaLonzo at bdalonzo@muskingum.edu with any questions. See you in June!

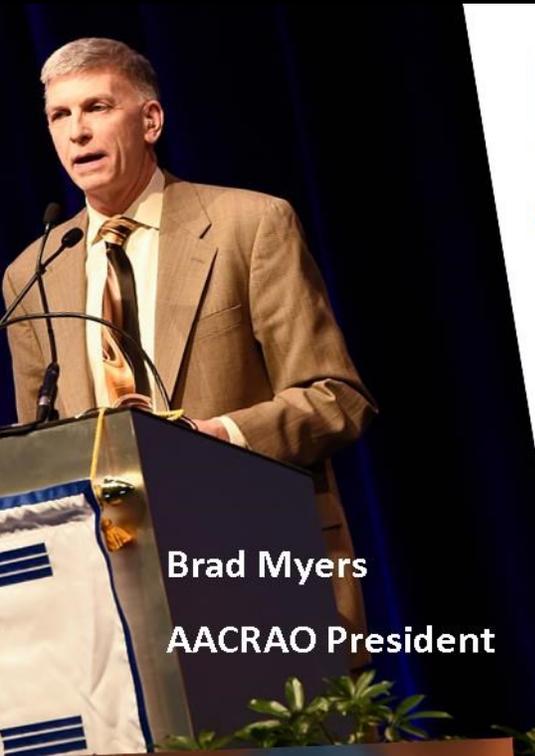
Save The Date!

Please share with your support staff. OACRAO’s Support Staff Workshop will be held on Friday, July 31 at The Ohio State University.

This one day workshop will give our support staff an opportunity to network as well as to discuss some of the trends in higher education. Watch for more information in next month’s newsletter and on your OACRAO list-serve.

Editor - Mollie Miller, Union Institute & University (mollie.miller@myunion.edu). We are looking for additional members to volunteer for the monthly newsletter!

UPDATE: Hilary Seif (featured in last month’s issue of *For the Record*) reports that over \$31,450 was raised to combat canine cancer. Way to go Hilary!



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**Mindy Starcher and
Suzanne Bates**

SPOTLIGHT: Thomas A. Bilger Award Recipient Jack Miner

Last month's newsletter contained lots of highlights from the AACRAO Annual Meeting in Baltimore. You read impressions from many OACRAO'ians who were in attendance. One of AACRAO's highest recognitions is the Thomas A. Bilger Award, which is presented to a member in recognition of consistent vision, service and/or leadership in AACRAO and with seven or more years of volunteer service. This year the recipient of this award was our own, Jack Miner, Director of Operations for the University Registrar at The Ohio State University. We asked Jack to share his thoughts on this accomplishment and how others can benefit from AACRAO.

What are some of the roles you have held with AACRAO?

I am currently serving as chair of the Program Committee that will coordinate the 2016 conference in Phoenix. I have served for the past 6 years on the Program Committee including as Vice-Chair for the Baltimore Conference and coordinator of the technology and data related committees and programs prior to that. In the past, I was also elected Vice-Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, served on numerous task forces, served as chair of the LGBT Caucus and as a member of the Legislative Affairs Advisory Committee.

Tell us how you came to be so involved in AACRAO?

My first really significant involvement in AACRAO was to present a session. I had already been active in OACRAO and was asked to present at an AACRAO conference. After that, I signed up for a committee and started getting more and more involved over the years.

What AACRAO involvement might surprise Ohio AACRAO members?

I have been surprised at how involved I have been with non-OACRAO organizations, especially in the South. I have been invited as a speaker for some years at SACRAO (Southern AACRAO) and at Texas AACRAO. Both are great organizations and it has given me a chance to meet people from those areas who don't attend AACRAO.

How has this added value to your career?

My involvement has made me more effective in my role and has allowed me to learn so much more about higher education and registrar processes across the country. My involvement, as well as others in our office, has an impact every single day on our office and institution. The information we learn at conferences, through AACRAO publications and through the relationships we build with other schools helps us improve our operations and institutional policies. It is so valuable to be able to pick up the phone and ask another institution how they perform some task or solve some problem. As vendor relationships become more important, hearing from an individual you know versus a "canned" reference can be invaluable.

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~ Spotlight



OACRAO MEMBER PHOTO:

AACRAO President Dan Garcia presents Jack Miner the Thomas A. Bilger Award during AACRAO 2015 .

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What are some of the highlights from your participation?

The thing that I have enjoyed the most is getting to know people. The committees and task forces work together so frequently that you get to know each other really well. In the case of the Program Committee, you work with the same number of people for multiple years and travel together at least three times a year. We get a chance to form really strong friendships with not only the other committee members but also with their families. Once someone gets involved they tend to stay active with AACRAO throughout their career so the relationships become long lasting.

What suggestions do you have for people, particularly from smaller schools, who don't have the travel budget to attend the meeting every year? How can they maximize their benefits from membership in AACRAO?

I think AACRAO is more valuable for people from smaller schools and community colleges than it is for the larger schools. Registrars or Admissions Directors at smaller schools are often the jack of all trades so you are often asked to be an expert in a variety of topics. AACRAO is an first-rate resource because it can be a one-stop for a lot of information. The conference itself is worthwhile because of the education, but the opportunity to get involved on a committee or as a presenter allows you to form relationships and network specifically with people from institutions like yours. You may be the only small community college in Ohio or the only Jesuit school in Ohio, but AACRAO lets you network with other schools like yours. Some of my closest colleagues within AACRAO are from other Big-10 schools. They have been an excellent resource and can commiserate on a lot of the same issues.

What is your favorite conference memory?

Not just my top memory but probably my top 10 memories come from the 2005 Annual Meeting in New York (coincidentally where Tom Bilger served as AACRAO President). Coming in early allowed us to see Steel Magnolias on Broadway and shop for knockoff purses in the backroom of Chinatown stores with Mindy Starcher and Frank Yanchak. The funniest memory though was "the Donkey Show". A bunch of OACRAO members came in early and wanted to do something "off the beaten path." What we thought was just an ordinary off-Broadway show turned out to be a raunchy, drug-themed musical based on Studio 54 where we didn't actually sit down during the show. We just wandered around a dance floor while the barely dressed (and some not) actors performed the play around us. Definitely an eye-opener for folks whose first time it was in New York.

What was your worst AACRAO memory?

The year we were in Las Vegas, I was sicker than I have ever been in my life. I was scheduled to do a full day workshop and a couple of sessions during the conference. I was fine when we left Columbus but was so sick the entire time we were in Vegas that I barely left my room other than to do the workshops and sessions. At one point, I slept for nearly 24 hours straight. For the workshop, I had to stand leaning on a chair the entire time to avoid passing out. The surprise though was that I didn't say anything about being sick until the end and everyone was shocked because I still came across as cheery and upbeat the whole day.

WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Do you want to join a fun team where the results of your work are appreciated by people across the state? Do you have free time at the end of every month? Do you have a knack for formatting, fonts, and exclamation points? If you answered "YES" (or even "...maybe...") to any of these questions, contact Cindy Davis (davis.3822@osu.edu) for more information on this FUN, EXCITING, ONCE-IN -A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY! Many thanks to Whitney Ellwood for her dedication as newsletter editor. Whitney has left OSU and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Upcoming Schedule of Events

June 26: Residency Workshop (Columbus, OH)

July 12-14: AACRAO Technology & Transfer Conference (Austin, TX)

July 31: Support Staff Workshop (Columbus, OH)

October 7-9: OACRAO Annual Meeting (Maumee Bay State Park, OH)

November 1-4: AACRAO SEM Conference (Hollywood, FL)