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**D**ear OACRAO Colleagues,  
This edition of *for the RECORD* is packed full of information for our upcoming conference at Maumee Bay State Park! If you have not [registered](#) and made your [hotel reservation](#) (be sure to mention OACRAO) there is still time! Do it now! Really, do it now! You can finish reading this after you have registered. I'll hold your spot.....

OK. Welcome back! That registration process was easy, right? The annual conference officially begins on Wednesday, October 7 and goes through Friday, October 9 at noon. However, if you want to come early the Local Arrangements Committee has some exciting events planned for Tuesday afternoon.

The annual conference is a great opportunity to network with your colleagues, learn new things, learn about opportunities from our exhibitors, and meet great people. I have been involved with OACRAO since 1991 when then Ohio University Registrar, Larry Terrell, served as OACRAO President. (You must be thinking did she start OACRAO as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader like College Credit Plus!)

There have been many changes since then and I've met lots of great people through the years! This organization provides more than just professional development, but also personal relationships that continue for a lifetime.

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## 2015 OACRAO Conference Registration

**Have you registered for OACRAO 2015? If not, what are you waiting for?!?**

This year's conference is sure to be illuminating, enlightening, and instructional, edifying, revelatory and useful, plus any other synonyms for *informative* that you can think of! The conference also allows plenty of time to network, catch up with old friends, and make some new ones during the fun activities that are planned such as the pre-conference pontoon boating or wine/beer tasting activities. During the conference enjoy nature hikes, dinner at a local casino, or just sitting by a fire conversing with friends.

Visit our OACRAO site at <http://www.aacrao.org/state-regional-aacrao/ohio> to register and then contact Maumee Bay State Park Lodge at 1-800-282-7275 to make your room reservation at the special OACRAO rate of \$121 per night. If you have any questions regarding registration please be sure to contact Cheryl Gloege ([cgloege@otterbein.edu](mailto:cgloege@otterbein.edu)) or Sue Shepherd ([sshepherd@aultman.com](mailto:sshepherd@aultman.com)) for additional information.

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

**GOFUNDME:** Scholarship Committee has a Go Fund Me Page! <http://www.gofundme.com/oacrao>.

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I look forward to *Leading the Way at Maumee Bay* and am thankful for the great colleagues who have worked so hard to prepare for you!

Cheryl Gloege (Otterbein University) and Sue Shepherd (Aultman College) have an awesome team planning for the conference. Chris Dorsten (Cuyahoga Community College) and the Program Committee have fabulous sessions ready to go. Beth DaLonzo (Muskingum University) has preconference workshops you won't want to miss. Angela Ford (Ohio State University) and the Scholarship committee are getting some great donations for the silent auction. Jeannine Shambaugh (Aultman College) and the Nominations and Elections Committee have prepared an excellent slate of nominees – don't forget to vote. Jeannine Shambaugh and the By-Laws committee have proposed some changes to our By-Laws – don't forget to review them. Molly McDermott (University of Cincinnati) and the Membership and Mentoring Committee have great things planned for our new members! Also, if you have not checked out the new website do it! Webmaster Angela Ford, Secretary Cindy Davis (Ohio State University), and the Communication Committee have done an outstanding job in updating and transitioning to the new site!

I can't wait to see you all and meet our new members!

Best regards,  
Debra M. Benton  
OACRAO President

## OACRAO Annual Conference Workshops

Plan to attend one of this year's pre-conference workshops ~ Choose between two very timely topics –

### **Veteran Students and Military Connected Students: Military Benefits and Issues in Higher Education**

Come and learn more about various issues regarding military benefits and services within higher education. You will hear from those “in the trenches” about our students who are either veterans or have some connection to the military (active duty, National Guard/Reservist, TOE/transfer of entitlement). Topics will include federal and state benefits, record-keeping and state auditing, enrollment certification, and transition issues from soldier to student.

#### **Presenters for Veteran's Workshop**

Timothy Rhoton, Coordinator of Registration. Certification Processes & Residency Officer, Miami University  
Bill Schroeder, Educational Consultant, State Approving Agency  
Harry Dulick, Education Liaison Representative for the Veterans Administration, Cleveland office  
Janet Mallen, Senior Assistant Director for Student Success, Miami University and US Marine Corps. Veteran

### **College Credit Plus - Where We Are Now?**

This session will include representatives from both public and private higher education as well as from the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Discussion will include how schools are approaching all aspects of the program - from admission to reporting to advising to ensuring quality instruction in the high school setting – and much more!

#### **Tentative Presenters for CCP Workshop**

Robert Callahan, Director of Dual Enrollment Programs, Ohio University  
Emily Tully, Director of Government Relations, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities Of Ohio  
Tim Dorsey, Director, Recruitment and Enrollment Management Cuyahoga Community College  
Lauren McGarity, Director of Special Projects Department: Legal, Policy & Legislative Services  
Ohio Department of Higher Education

## WANTED: OACRAO Mentors

Have you had a wonderful experience with OACRAO, are you looking for a way to get involved, did you have an amazing mentor!?! Sign up to be a mentor for 2015 OACRAO Conference at Maumee Bay State Park. Mentors help first time attendees acclimate to the conference and help them meet new people outside of their organization. **Mentors responsibilities include touching base with your mentee before the conference and attending a new member reception prior to the President's reception on Wednesday October 7.** If you are interested please email Molly McDermott ([Molly.McDermott@uc.edu](mailto:Molly.McDermott@uc.edu)). Thank you!

## 2015 OACRAO Conference Entertainment

This year's OACRAO conference will be filled with fun activities from start to finish! Here is a brief itinerary, starting with the Tuesday activities.



### Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup>

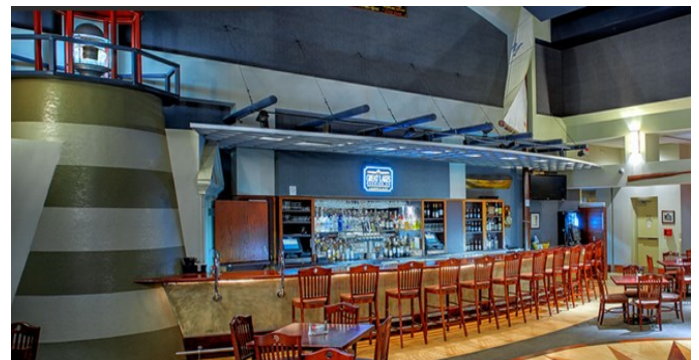
**Pontoon Boat Cruise:** Enjoy a relaxing pontoon boat ride along the Michigan/Ohio border waters of North Maumee Bay and Lake Erie! This event is weather dependent and money will be returned if we are unable to go. We will be carpooling to Fisherman's Cave Boat Rental, which is about 16 miles Northwest of the Maumee Bay Conference Center.

- 12:30pm – depart from Maumee Bay Conference Center
- 1-3pm – pontoon boat cruise
- \$40 cost includes boat rental, snacks, and drinks
- Click this link to register—[Pontoon Boat Cruise](#)

### Wine & Beer Tasting:

Join us in the Icebreaker Lounge at the Maumee Bay Conference Center for a wine and beer tasting before dinner.

- 4-5pm Icebreaker Lounge
- \$20 includes wine, beer, and snacks
- Click this link to register—[Wine & Beer Tasting](#)



### Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>

- Outdoor carnival including bonfire, games, and prizes
- Late Evening Karaoke and Trivia in the Icebreaker Lounge

### Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>

- Join us for dinner, music, and entertainment at the nearby Hollywood Casino!
- Bus transportation will be provided to and from the casino
- Dinner and entertainment will take place at The Scene restaurant and lounge





## OACRAO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Basket donations are necessary to fund our annual scholarships to fund the education of those exceptional student workers within our admission and registrar offices.

*Visit the Silent Auction tables*

*Thursday at the Annual Conference*

[gofundme.com/oacrao](http://gofundme.com/oacrao)

Contact [Angela Ford](#) or [Tracy Galway](#) to make a donation!



## By-Laws Committee Recommendations

The 2014-2015 By-Laws Committee has recommended several minor adjustments to the organization's By-Laws. The following changes will be put to a vote of the membership at our upcoming Annual Meeting at Maumee Bay:

- Shifting responsibility for annual dues notification and assessment from the Treasurer to the Vice President of Membership Development.
- Removing the role of the Historian. With advancements in technology, most information related to the organization is now stored electronically. The Past President will be responsible for ensuring all positions are retaining materials as defined by the organization's record retention plan.
- Correcting of grammar and formatting, where needed.

A copy of the proposed By-Laws with a complete summary of the recommended changes will be sent to the listserv next week. If you have any questions about the By-Laws, please email [Jeannine Shambaugh](#).

A big shout-out to the By-Laws Committee (Cindy Davis and David Schneider) for their work in reviewing the document.