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Membership and Mentoring Chair

The Membership and Mentoring (M&M) Committee consists of the Vice President/ Membership Development (chair) and additional voting members chosen from a pool of volunteers. The committee is responsible for Association membership development such as periodic assessments to ensure that members' needs are being met. The committee is also responsible for identifying new members to the organization and development of new member and mentoring activities for the association.

Here are some of the typical activities the committee takes part in:

- The committee meets by telephone and in person to develop and plan new member and mentoring activities. In 2016, for example, the committee planned the welcome reception for the new attendees and their mentors at the annual meeting.
- At the annual meeting, one of our committee members greeted every new member as they arrived. At the welcome reception at the annual meeting, we presented each of the 40 new attendees with a gift (filled with M&Ms of course) and introduced the new member to their mentor.
- In 2016, we also updated our membership database to insure we had the most current information.
- Each month, we arrange for a new member's profile to be showcased in the monthly OACRAO newsletter.

We have fun! It's a great experience to meet new members, see mentor/mentee relationships develop, and make connections in our profession.

We invite you to join us, each of us were welcomed to OACRAO at some point and we love sharing that experience with new members.

Meet your current [M&M Committee Members](#).



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Union Institute & University



What do you do at Union Institute & University?

I am the advising module manager, responsible for creating and maintaining the degree audit for our students. I review and approve each student's transfer record and plan for degree completion. I also work with our deans and program chairs in determining the transferability and applicability of non-native credits in individual cases or in the drafting of academic and articulation agreements with other organizations. In addition, I serve as UI&U's Principal Designated School Official, advising our foreign students on Department of Homeland Security regulations, and maintaining our certification with the DOH's Student and Exchange Visitor Program.

How did you come to your current position?

I started out at Union as a Program Advisor for undergraduate students in our business and management programs. After a couple of years of helping our students navigate their degree programs, a transfer credit data entry position opened up in the Registrar's Office and I jumped at the chance. I had been patiently waiting for my chance to join that team for months when the opportunity came. The work suited me as well as I thought it would so I stuck around, taking on several different roles and responsibilities over the years.

Did you attend the October 2016 OACRAO Conference? What did you take away from it?

I did; it was my first one. I am very grateful to have met so many colleagues from across the state. The knowledge and experience they shared with everyone was invaluable. My mentor, Cindy Davis, was fantastic and made sure I got acclimated to the conference and introduced at as many people as possible.

Outside of work, what do you like to do?

I read a lot of comics, mostly superhero stuff like the X-Men, Spider-Man, Aquaman, and Teen Titans. I have an affinity for the older stuff, particularly Marvel books from the 1960s. I also like action movies, especially anything with Stallone. I'm a sucker for James Bond. I spend time with friends and hang out with my roommate, a mouse named Darwyn Strangehand. I like to cook. I might get good at it someday.

Are you originally from Ohio?

I'm actually from Kentucky and still live there in the city of Fort Mitchell, only a few minutes away from our main campus in Cincinnati.

OACRAO PLANNING MEETING

Help Make the Planning Meeting an Idea-Palooza!

By Mary Holland, VP Programs

According to the Urban Dictionary, a “palooza” is an all-out crazy party...like there’s no tomorrow. On Friday, March 10, the Program Committees will meet in Columbus to plan the sessions for the OACRAO Conference at Mohican State Park, October 4-6. Collectively we as an organization create the content of the sessions that are the heart and soul of our annual meetings. Our talented colleagues generously share innovations and best practices. We teach and learn from each other and our quality programs make us all better. My hope is to inspire you, whether attending the meeting or not, to contribute to the OACRAO conference idea-hopper. You can help make the Planning Meeting an abundant idea-palooza!

Over the years OACRAO colleagues have enjoyed brainstorming together at the Planning Meeting and with wonderful results. Yet, oftentimes committee members find themselves scrambling in April and May to finalize their sessions. With that in mind, our focus for this year is to *accelerate* the idea-generation process. We are asking you to start brainstorming NOW. What would you like to learn? Who do you love to learn from? What can you share with your colleagues? What are the innovations or procedures you have refined over the years that make your office so successful? By generating and collecting ideas before the meeting, we can use our collective creativity at the Planning Meeting to take the ideas boldly forward and develop them more fully *before* the Commencement frenzy overcomes so many of us!

To facilitate the development of program sessions we have made a Call for Proposals and are providing an electronic form for collecting your ideas and formal proposals. The final deadline for proposals is May 1; however we are hoping that some of you will take advantage of the **Wednesday, March 1 Early Bird Incentive** offered by the Board. If your proposal is submitted by the early bird deadline *and* selected for the conference program, you (or your designee) will be eligible to attend a 2017 pre-conference workshop FREE of charge. Workshop topics will be finalized in June. Follow this link: [Submit Your Proposal](#).

Do you have an idea but are not yet ready to submit a full proposal? By all means, you can participate too! Simply enter your ideas for sessions or presenters in the Google form with as much detail as possible. Your ideas will be passed along to the appropriate committee for further development. We want to collect as many session ideas as we can before the meeting. Give us a head start and submit your session ideas no later than March 6.

Help us to provide you with substantive and relevant sessions. The brainstorming we do in February and March *before* the Planning Meeting will significantly impact the quality of our program in October. Start those creative juices flowing, fill up the idea hopper, and make the Planning Meeting the palooziest ever!

OHIO DINNER AT AACRAO



Calling all members heading to AACRAO!

The Ohio dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at [The News Room](#), as seen on The Travel Channel. Attendees will enjoy dinner in a private room of this upscale casual restaurant serving an American eclectic menu. Just two blocks north of the convention center, our dinner will be a short walk from our meeting.

The cost is \$40 per person and includes your meal along with coffee, soda or tea. (Additional beverages sold separately) OACRAO guests are welcome for the same price. The evening will include a salad and entrée.



Join your fellow Ohioans for an evening of delightful conversation and a delicious dinner starting at 7:00 p.m.! This is one more great opportunity to get to know your colleagues in a casual setting. Plan to be there!

Register [here](#) for dinner, no later than March 28, 2017. Questions may be directed to [Beth DaLonzo](#), OACRAO president elect.





OACRAO Planning Meeting

Friday, March 10, 2017

OACRAO Conference Planning Meeting, Mount Carmel College of Nursing, Columbus. Committee Chairs will send additional information to committee members.

Small College Registrar's Meeting

Friday,

March 24, 2017

University of Dayton

Contact Brad Balser

to RSVP

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AACRAO, OHIO Dinner Gathering

Tuesday, April 4

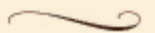
@The News Room

[Make reservation here](#)



AS SEEN ON TV

View our restaurant through the lens of The Travel Channel!



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OACRAO 2017 CONFERENCE!**

[Mohican State Park](#)

Wednesday—Friday,

October 4-6, 2017

