



OACRAO

For the Record

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

It was a special day on February 14 (Valentine's Day) when the Program Committees and Board members met to brainstorm ideas for the annual conference. Everyone received a red piece of licorice as they arrived from Chris Dorsten our VP of Programming. How sweet!

While the individual program committees met, the board of directors held a brief meeting. In that meeting we "tweaked" the conference layout and times. Some key changes include starting morning sessions a little bit later, incorporating the Town Hall meeting into breakfast Thursday morning, and beginning dinner and evening activities shortly after the sessions end. The hope is that these changes will help with the flow of activities!

After lunch everyone got back together to talk through the suggested sessions from each committee: Admission and International Education, Information Systems & Data Management, Professional Development, and Records and Registration. Some key topics include Social Media, Doing more with Less, Non-SIS tools to improve your office, EM 201 and a lot of other great ideas. The committees are working hard to present great sessions and to get good speakers. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Chris Dorsten for more information. If you want to get involved, but do not want to make a presentation, you can volunteer to be a Host for a session. The program committees would love your help!



CALLING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS AT OCTOBER'S SALT FORK CONFERENCE...

Occasionally session presenters need assistance in setting up their technology at the conference including connecting to the internet. We are looking to put together a team of volunteers to help with this task throughout the conference. If you would be willing to join the team, please email Technology/Logistics Committee Chair Patrick Beatty at: beatty@ohio.edu. The help would be greatly appreciated!!



SCENE ON CAMPUS : Denison University

Share your campus beauty shots. Submit photos to Barb Arilson by the 20th of each month.

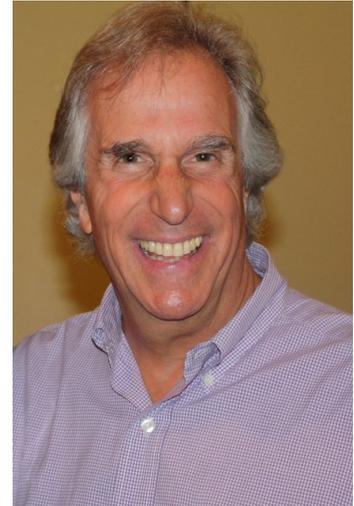
THE MILE HIGH CITY IS WAITING FOR YOU

March is AACRAO conference month! Some of you are frequent fliers to the national conference; others may not have been in years or ever. The AACRAO conference is a wonderful place to network with people from institutions from all over the US and abroad. The AACRAO program sessions are interesting and you will find some great ideas for your home institution on topics that may not have been broached at the state conference. If you haven't been, you should consider going! It is in beautiful Denver, Colorado AND our very own Brad Myers from The Ohio State University will assume the role as President of AACRAO.



We will be having an OACRAO dinner at The Broker for \$40 a person: <http://www.thebrokerrestaurant.com/> The Broker Restaurant is within walking distance to the Convention Center, about 3.5 blocks away. Please use this link to make a reservation: <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=ddcvq>. OACRAO always has a strong showing at the national conference so there will always be someone there you know! Still not convinced to go well.....

HENRY WINKLER will be the Opening Plenary Presenter http://www.aacrao.org/docs/default-source/meeting_events/henry-winkler.pdf?sfvrsn=0 Some of you may know him from Happy Days, and others know him from the Water Boy and Scream!



We will be tweeting and facebooking throughout the conference! We will be using #AACRAO2014 for anyone on twitter. If you don't already, please follow us on twitter @OhioACRAO or like our facebook page!

UPCOMING EVENTS: March 30-April 2, 2014 AACRAO Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS NEWS

As the OACRAO Newsletter moves to a different format, you will also see a different format for updates from the Government Relations Committee. There will be a monthly feature in the newsletter each time that focuses on state and national government relations topics. The goal is to let you know about timely initiatives from the legislature or Regents but also to let you know about topics that are happening in the higher education community nationally. The format will be a mixture of both original content as well as a clip format where readers are directed to other higher education publications with more extensive features on a topic.

Chancellor's Recommendations on Dual Credit:

The Ohio Board of Regents has been active over the past few years in putting into practice the state's goal of improving the educational attainment of Ohio citizens. To that end, the Chancellor has prepared a series of recommendations that enhance the dual credit program in Ohio. These recommendations would provide an opportunity for the colleges and universities participating in dual credit programs to expand and enhance the offerings.

https://www.ohiohighered.org/college_credit_plus

NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

The following is a sampling of some higher education and mainstream news features that are of particular interest to those in the registrar, admissions, and enrollment management fields:

[University rankings influence the number and competitiveness of applicants](#)

[Vice President of Enrollment Management manipulates GPAs, test scores, and rankings to improve class profile](#)

[Admission Director Overpromises law scholarships](#)

[University of Maryland database with personal records hacked](#)

If you have questions about the Government Relations Committee, please contact Jack Miner at miner.10@osu.edu.

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
Beth Stiles, Assistant Registrar Hondros College**



Tell us a little bit about yourself...

I grew up in Northeast Ohio in a small town called Peninsula (close to Akron). I have a younger sister (22). I have two dogs (a pointer and a pit bull) as well as a cat.

When you were growing up, did you think that you would be working at Hondros College?

When I was growing up I had no idea what I wanted to be or where I wanted to work... let's just say that I was a little bit of a bad kid. I got my act cleaned up and started to focus on my future. I never thought in a million years that I would end up in higher education. When I began looking at colleges I had picked out a culinary school in PA.

Who is your hero?

This might be corny...but my Husband. After a few frogs that never turned into my prince, I had pretty much just given up on the idea of love and living happily ever after. That is until I met my husband and he changed my world and me for the better. To find that one person and you can't imagine your life without... He is an amazing man and truly my best friend and hero.

Do you have, or have you ever had, a nickname?

Before I got married my initials were BMW so my step mom started calling me Beemer and it just stuck.

Favorite movie(s)?

E.T., every Thanksgiving I watch it with my dad.

Favorite sports team(s)?

Not really into sports all that much, but as a child I was completely a Cleveland Browns fan.

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

In 2013 I was a member of the professional development committee. In 2014 I am Chair of the professional development committee and am also part of LAC.

Additionally I sit on the Executive Board for the OTC. I am Chair of the Communications Committee and am co-chair for the annual conference

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO?

A better understanding of what a Registrar is and how vital the role is to any University. The network of people and knowing that I can send an email or pick up the phone and receive the answer to a question quickly.

What is your favorite OACRAO memory?

OSI – The entire experience was fantastic and opened up the doors to many opportunities within OACRAO.

Where do you see yourself in 5 to 10 years?

In the Registrar's Office, by then as a Registrar.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to read, I'll probably have to get a new Nook soon. Traveling...my husband and I take a trip every year to someplace we haven't been before. My friends have children that I consider my nieces and nephews, I spend a lot of my time with them.