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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE**

Yes, the Board met via conference call in June—but who cares about us? What are you up to? This issue of *For the Record* features the return of Campus Updates. What is happening on your campus? Inquiring readers want to know. Send your updates to Cindy Davis at <a href="davis.3822@osu.edu">davis.3822@osu.edu</a>. What else are you up to? Were you among the 44 people who attended the Residency Officers Workshop? If not, you missed out on a great discussion—see the related article to follow.

What are your plans for the rest of the summer? Will you be filling in answering the phones while your colleagues are attending the Support Staff Workshop on July 25? Or are you attending OSI at Mohican this year? Are you working to put together a great panel discussion for the fall conference? Maybe you are on the golf course brushing up your skills for the return of the Golf Outing. Perhaps you are crocheting an afghan or making something yummy to donate to the Silent Auction this year. Will you be in Fort Lauderdale for the AACRAO Technology and Transfer Conference? Are you signing up for an Instagram account so you can follow OACRAO online?

However you are passing your summer, we hope that OACRAO is a part of it. There really is a lot to do and many ways to be involved. Read on for more details.

# **FOUND:**

### **Newsletter Editors**

The board is pleased to announce that we have three new newsletter editors! We welcome Michelle Deist from Aultman College, Whitney Ellwood from Ohio State, and Mollie Miller from Union Institute. We are glad to have people willing to help us with this important job and hope you will join us in thanking them for their efforts. Also many thanks to Barb Arilson for her many years of service as OACRAO newsletter editor.



# **Residency Officers Meeting Update**

The 2014 OACRAO Residency Workshop was held on June 6 at The Ohio State University Student Academic Services Building. Over 40 residency counselors from across the state attended to hear updates from the Ohio Board of Regents. Miami University residency officers Deb Othersen and Tim Rhoton provided an Introduction to Residency for those new to residency processing or members who needed a refresher. A panel discussion followed where seasoned residency representatives shared their thoughts on the tougher cases. Michelle Chavanne (Ohio Board of Regents), Renie Martin (Cuyahoga Community College), Jared Morosco (The Ohio State University), and Tim Rhoton comprised the panel. The day ended with a discussion of residency policies and improvements facilitated by Connie Goodman (The Ohio State University).

The OACRAO Government Relations Committee collected the feedback and will be working with membership and the Ohio Board of Regents on implementing uniform standards that will make it easier for colleges and students as they move between Ohio institutions. Many thanks to all who attended and made this workshop a success!

#### **SCENE ON CAMPUS**

Aultman College Canton

Share your campus beauty shots!
Submit photos to any co-editor
for future newsletters.

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# **Campus News Update**

The **Methodist Theological School in Ohio** has had some position changes recently. April Casperson, former Director of Enrollment Management and Scholarship Development, has been promoted to Vice President for Institutional Advancement. David Allen has been promoted from Admissions Recruiter to Director of Admissions. Sue Lamphere is now Director of Academic Affairs & Registrar. We are pleased to welcome Lorinda Rausch as Assistant for Academic Affairs and look forward to her expertise and assistance with many new initiatives this summer including preparing for a new student information system and working on paperless processing. The Academic Affairs team is being reorganized to provide better support for faculty, program directors, and students.

## Nomination Time!

## **NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

We are currently seeking nominations for President-Elect, Vice-President for Workshops, Treasurer, and the Nominations and Elections Committee. If you know someone who you feel would be a good fit for one of these positions, or if you would like to nominate yourself, send your nominations to: Dan Wilson, Nominations and Elections Committee Chair (dwilson@muskingum.edu).

## A Nose for News

Do you have a "nose for news"? If you think you have a great story to contribute to the OACRAO newsletter, please send it to one of the Co-Editor Team Members (contact info on the first page of the newsletter). We'd love to hear your unique stories or perspectives on anything related to higher education!

## **Government Relations News**

#### **Government Relations in Action**

The June 6<sup>th</sup> Residency Workshop also included a first of its kind "town hall" discussion on the process for Ohio residency for tuition purposes. This was an effort sponsored by the Government Relations Committee in order to discover opportunities for improvement of processes at each institution through partnerships, information sharing, and advocacy with the Ohio Board of Regents and the state. Connie Goodman, former OACRAO President and Assistant Registrar at The Ohio State University, facilitated the discussion that allowed members to share ideas and concerns.

The theme of the discussion focused on the goal within Ohio to provide access to higher education and to create a pathway to a degree and credentials. For residency purposes, that manifests in opportunities to make our processes more transparent and to provide more information to students and their families.

The majority of suggestions centered on developing a documented set of best practices that could be shared by staff across interested institutions including the opportunity for a set of shared definitions, application, and required document list. The group developed a set of goals and opportunities for further consideration:

### Goals:

- Improvement of service to all students within the University System of Ohio.
- Consistent application of rules across institutions, especially those who are proximate to each other.
- Develop and document opportunities for consistent interpretations of rules.
- Develop and document a common set of definitions and required documents.
- Develop opportunities for consistent application questions and ultimately a shared application form.
- Explore opportunity with the Ohio Board of Regents for the support of an online application.

#### Areas for Further Consideration:

- Are there opportunities and benefits to a more centralized residency evaluation system?
- Are specific populations of students receiving Ohio residency for tuition purposes matching the state's goals for the University System of Ohio.
- As a state, could we change the strategy for working with some populations such as distance education students and
  professional students in a way that allows policy to match institution practice and enrollment strategies?

One of the first projects resulting from the workshop will be that later this summer, the Government Relations Committee will begin to collect applications, application questions, and document lists from institutions to develop a set of commonalities and establish a starting point for future work.

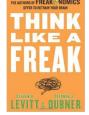
The Government Relations Committee works through the year on behalf of OACRAO members. To join the committee or for more information contact Jack Miner at miner.10@osu.edu.



## **OACRAO** Annual Conference

The OACRAO Annual Conference will be here before you know it, so be sure to check out the OACRAO website for registration information. You won't want to miss the exciting events, sessions, and workshops—not to mention the entertainment and food!





OACRAO Book Club 2014 selection. See info below!!

Students - the *Nature* of our Business!

# **Local Arrangements Committee News: Conference Updates**

Registration will open soon for the annual OACRAO conference which is returning to Salt Fork State Park on October 8-10. For those arriving a day early on Tuesday and looking for a fun opportunity to network with your colleagues, there are two activities from which to choose: the annual Golf Outing for the hardy or a wine tasting for the thirsty (by Georgetown Vineyard). Check out the winery website: (<a href="http://www.georgetownvineyards.com">http://www.georgetownvineyards.com</a>).

Both will be followed by an evening cookout and s'mores over a bonfire. Stargazing and Bigfoot sightings will be optional.

Come enjoy an extra day of beautiful autumn weather in eastern Ohio! The Professional Development Committee would remind you that this is a good way to put some more emphasis

on the "Life" side of that all-important Work-Life Balance equation while facilitating relationships that will help on the "Work" side as well. Watch for details on the OACRAO website.

HOORAY FOR CONFERENCE FUN!





## OACRAO Book Club info:

This year's Book Club selection is <u>Think Like a Freak</u>. From the authors of the hit book <u>Freakonomics</u> that revolutionized the way people think about decisions and analyzing issues is the latest best seller from Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner. Levitt and Dubner offer a blueprint for an entirely new way to solve problems, whether your interest lies in minor lifehacks or major global reforms. As always, no topic is off-limits. They range from business to philanthropy to sports to politics, all with the goal of retraining your brain. Along the way, you'll learn the secrets of a Japanese hot-dog-eating champion, the reason an Australian doctor swallowed a batch of dangerous bacteria, and why Nigerian e-mail scammers make a point of saying they're from Nigeria. The book is available in both print and electronic formats. It is also available for purchase both in stores, and online including a secondary market of used editions.

OACRAO Book Club will meet during the conference and provides an opportunity for OACRAO members to discuss current issues in higher education and management. For more information, contact Jack Miner at <a href="maintenantomorphisms">miner.10@osu.edu</a>.

# **Upcoming Events**

**July 16-18**: OACRAO Summer Institute (Mohican State Park):

http://www.ohioaacrao.org/professional\_development/pdf/osi2014.pdf

25: Support Staff Workshop (Columbus):

http://www.ohioaacrao.org/professional\_development/pdf/2014\_support\_staff\_ws.pdf

October 8-10: OACRAO Annual Meeting (Salt Fork State Park) 26-29: AACRAO SEM Conference (Los Angeles, CA)

## **Development**

The AACRAO-sponsored online course Admissions Counselor/Recruiter 101 is available in July and August.

Don't forget to check out Available Positions listed on the OACRAO website!