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Hello from the northeast corner of the state where Lake Erie has provided us with plenty of lake effect snow and cold temperatures this winter, however warmer temperatures and lots of sunshine are beginning to be the norm. AACRAO was March 24-27 in Orlando and President –Elect Frank Yanchak organized an OACRAO dinner on Thursday evening at Pacino’s Restaurant, complete with bus transportation to and from. A good time was had by all.

This past November’s conference in Cincinnati was a huge success thanks to good planning and many hours of work from our hard working LAC Committee, headed by Wendy Lambing and Lew Rita Moore. Kudos to the LAC for a job well done.



Brad Myers and Lorinda Bishop are in the midst of planning our next conference which will be in Dearborn, Michigan in a combined meeting with the states of Indiana and Michigan, November 12-14. The programming for this conference should be exceptional and provide us with many professional network opportunities.

The Executive Board met in January for our annual retreat in Stone Creek, Ohio at Ohio Northern’s Nature Center hosted by Dick Carpenter. Communication within the organization was a main topic of concern with new goals being established for our Communications Committee. Connie Goodman has been busy assuming her new role as Web Master. Be sure to check our new web site at www.ohioaacrao.org. One added feature to the site is the addition of several of our 2007 Annual Conference Presentations.

The Budget remains a primary concern with a proposal to restructure the Audit and Budget Committees into one Fiscal Committee giving that committee more oversight over the budget. Considerable time was also spent on discussing the growth of our membership and the engagement of our present membership.

I’m looking forward to working with each of you this year, listening and learning about your professional development needs. Please feel free to contact me or any Board Member with thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you to each of you for all you do.

Linda Young
OACRAO President



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What's in Your OACRAO Website?



The OACRAO Website contains a great deal of readily available information for our members. Recently there have been some changes to our website, most significant of which is the website address change to www.ohioaacrao.org. Also, after many years of dedicated service as our webmaster, Deb Benton stepped down. This not only meant that a new webmaster was needed, but also that a new host would be needed as Deb's home institution, Ohio University, had generously hosted our website since its creation. OACRAO's Board of Directors researched various options and it was decided to move to a third party web host to better facilitate any future website transitions and to be less reliant on our member institutions. To that end, EasyCGI was selected as our host and Connie Goodman became webmaster.

So what is in your OACRAO website? The website contains many useful links that facilitate sharing of information relevant to our profession. The "Membership" tab can help to locate colleagues and/or their institution via a search option. It also contains a listing of our honorary and corporate members. Committee listings and information about the responsibilities and expectations of each can be found under the "Get Involved" tab. If you are wondering about the foundations of OACRAO, check the "About OACRAO" tab. Here you will find our mission statement, ByLaws, Articles of Incorporation, awards and history. The "Publications" tab provides a quick link to our newsletters and informational brochures as well as the New Member Handbook. The "Services" tab will provide a quick link to job postings in our profession. Whether you are looking to move or to fill a vacancy, this can be a great place to check.



Don't miss the quick links on the left and right sides of the page! In addition to items mentioned previously, the left column contains a link to the OACRAO Board of Directors. This is a very efficient way to contact an individual Board member or to email the group. Also, a list of other often-used links (AACRAO, OACAC, OBOR, etc.) is available. The right column contains "teasers" about upcoming events and OACRAO news with links to more information.

So, that's a quick look at what's in your OACRAO Website. Have you checked it out lately?

Greetings from the 2008 Scholarship Committee!

Our application deadline for this year has come and gone and we are now into the review process where we will again be selecting six worthy recipients for the OACRAO Leadership & Service Scholarship. Ohio's high school students have once again shown their enthusiasm for our scholarship program, as in total we have received well over 700 applications! Our regional Team Leaders deserve a hearty THANK YOU for all of their hard work thus far both in receiving these applications and facilitating the review process for our committee.

The Scholarship Committee is already planning for the OACRAO fall meeting in Dearborn, where we will be selling Split-the-Pot tickets and holding the always popular Silent Auction. Your generous contributions towards these efforts are extremely appreciated as all proceeds directly benefit the Scholarship Fund.

- David Schneider
2008 Scholarship Committee Chair
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Private Institution Registrar's Meeting

On Friday, March 14, Mount Vernon Nazarene University hosted the annual Private Institution Registrar's Meeting. We had a record 27 attendees representing 17 different institutions:

Ashland University	Mercy College of NW Ohio
Baldwin Wallace College	Mount Carmel College of Nursing
Capital University	Mount Vernon Nazarene University
College of Wooster	Muskingum College
Defiance College	Ohio Dominican University
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Ohio Wesleyan University
Heidelberg College	Otterbein College
Kettering College	Wilmington College
Bluffton University (in absentia)	

Mel Severns served as host and facilitator. Topics of discussion included winter commencement/congratulatory dinners, diploma printing (in-house vs. Jostens), document imaging, course levels, graduation/registration late fees, summer schedules, and IPEDS ethnicity forms.

We also had some lively conversations about the senior to sophomore initiative, increased need for remedial math courses, homeland security requests, and internal enrollment reporting.

A comment was made to alert AACRAO to the problems that Ohio private institutions are having with Governor Strickland's favoritism towards public institutions. Are they aware of it and how can they help?

There was some serious concern expressed that math has become the #1 inhibitor of graduation. High school students who are admitted with high GPA's cannot pass entrance exams. Everyone in attendance has seen a huge increase in the number of remedial courses being offered at the college level. Due to their science requirements at Mercy College, if a student fails MATH 098 twice, they're dismissed. Ashland University has a math logic component (a quantitative course in Chemistry or Economics can fulfill their requirement). Mount Vernon requires math tutoring. B-W is using ALEKS as their on-line test, and Capital University is in the process of instituting one as well.

Overall, we had a very productive day sharing information, comparing notes and socializing with our peers! Mel did a wonderful job organizing the meeting and offered to host it again next year.

OACRAO Board adopts conflict of interest policy

As a follow up to OACRAO's incorporation, the Board of Directors has adopted a conflict of interest policy for the organization. The policy, a requirement for our non-profit status, also puts us in a good position with new regulations the state or federal government may introduce.

The basic premise of the policy is that if a member of the organization or board member has an interest in a business that OACRAO may be considering doing business with, that the member will not participate in either the discussion or vote related to that decision.

For more information on the policy, visit the OACRAO website.



New Member Spotlight

by Wendy Lambing, VP for Membership and Mentoring

I would like to shine our first New Member Spotlight on **Sarah Newberry**, Associate Registrar at the Kettering College of Medical Arts. Originally from Fenton, Michigan, Sarah's mother encouraged her to apply for a job at her mom's alma mater, KCMA. Soon after finishing up her baccalaureate degree in Public Relations at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Sarah joined the Admissions staff where she stayed for nearly four years until her current position became available.



As an associate registrar Sarah has responsibilities for all aspects of KCMA's transfer credit evaluations. She says she loves working with the students and enjoys having an opportunity once in a while to do a little academic advising and recruiting. However, she shares a common frustration many of us experience when she has to work with an uncooperative student who fails to follow through with plans made for progression.

Sarah attended her first OACRAO last year in Cincinnati and has just returned from her first AACRAO. Sarah tells me that she found it very interesting to see what impact our offices have on our institutions and found it helps to see how she fits in as a new registrar professional. To help with some of this, Sarah participated in AACRAO's pre-conference workshop "Registrar 101". She admits to coming out of that workshop feeling that even though KCMA is smaller, with an FTE of about 800, they were more advanced in some ways than the larger institutions that participated in the workshop. She says the workshop was well worth the trip, meeting other new professionals and hearing some of the stories. One of the workshop attendees was experiencing her first day on the job at AACRAO! Now, that's a New Member!!!

Personally, the part of Sarah that draws me to her is our shared love of shopping. Sarah is a BIG shopper, LOVES bargains, and happily reports that she rarely pays full price for an item. For those who plan on doing a little shopping while at the Great Lakes Conference in November, Sarah can point you to the [Somerset Mall](#) in Troy – just a couple exits from our conference site.

Please join me in welcoming Sarah. You can reach her at Sarah.Newberry@kmca.edu

AACRAO – A First-Timer's Perspective

Jonica Burke, Registrar, Shawnee State University



Looking back on an incredibly busy week at the AACRAO annual meeting in Orlando, a few experiences really stand out. Any concerns I had about making connections at a conference of over 3,000 people were quickly dispelled by the first time attendee orientation session on Monday afternoon. The round table discussions at this session immediately touched on challenges that we are facing in our daily operations. Between this session and a pre-conference workshop, by the end of the first day, I had interacted with attendees from a surprising range of locations, from California to Maine, Barbados to Qatar.

The general session speakers were inspiring and the range of offerings for the professional development sessions was impressive. Rarely have I attended a meeting where two or even three sessions in each time slot were directly relevant to me. Luckily, presentation slides and handouts for many of the sessions are available on the AACRAO website. I volunteered to facilitate a session, through which I made a few good contacts for guidance on institutional research questions. In turn, I was able to offer advice and make some referrals for help with semester conversion concerns.

The AACRAO leadership did an excellent job of giving this large conference an intimate feel. Like the sessions at our OACRAO annual meeting, most focused on practical solutions for common problems. I also ran into many familiar OACRAO faces. The extraordinary scope of the expo was the most obvious difference. The true test of a successful meeting? I returned energized, if not quite enthusiastic, for the beginning of summer and fall registration.

AACRAO Meetings
Why YOU should go!
By Sue Schillings, OACRAO Past President



FIRST: It's an excuse to get away from the office! Should you feel guilty about that? Absolutely not! There's nothing more refreshing than learning that other colleagues around the country are struggling with the same challenges as you. Some have even found solutions to share. This realization brings you back to the office with a whole new sense of energy and optimism.

SECOND: There are many opportunities to learn. An AACRAO program is very similar to those you've seen at OACRAO, it's just larger and broader. There are several general sessions with nationally recognized speakers. The first day offers many workshops. Regular sessions are held throughout the conference on several different tracks of interest and roundtable topics are available as well. Many of us are challenged with difficult choices between sessions that meet at the same time. The evening of the opening general session includes a huge vendor reception held in the exhibit hall. One evening of the conference is always designated for state and regional association dinners or receptions.

THIRD: If you are shopping for products (software or 3rd party partners) you can spend part of your time strolling through the vendor displays, or attending their presentations. They have lots of giveaways if you like to collect toys and gadgets, or you can visit a booth for a special presentation.

Hints for those thinking of attending their first national meeting:

Make your hotel reservations early. The rooms disappear fast.

Register early to assure the lowest registration rate.

Get to the popular sessions early to get a seat. These would include FERPA and any session on a current (HOT) topic.

Check out the tour options offered at most conference sites.

For veteran conference attendees, it's always good to volunteer at the conference:

Submit a session proposal

Offer to facilitate a session

Join a committee

Help out at the registration desk

Ask anyone who has attended an AACRAO meeting – it's well worth the investment in time and money.



Greetings from the Programming Committees!

On a snowy Friday, the chairs for each of the Program Committees met in Toledo to discuss the proposed sessions from each state in preparation for the Great Lakes 2008 Conference. The meeting went well and everyone walked away with a slate of sessions to begin working on for the fall conference. Each chair will communicate with the individuals on their respective committees so that details and speakers can begin to be finalized.

Collegiality was in the air and several proposed sessions include a panel or presenters from each state. Members sitting on one of the four Ohio committees will utilize their chair as the contact person which will be no different from past conferences. Those sessions not selected for the 2008 conference will remain on the specific committee's listing and may be reviewed for the conference in 2009.

A request from planning committee members is that anyone working to form or participate in a panel or presentation with members from another state ensure that the communication flows frequently. The tri-state sessions will be a hit if planning is done adequately. Let's work make every session a hit!

Cindy Suter- VP Programs



It's that time of year when the Ohio Transfer Council holds its annual conference in Columbus. If you have the opportunity to work with transfer students you may want to consider adding this valuable conference to your calendar.

Date: Friday, May 30, 2008
Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Place: Hyatt Regency and Convention Center

The Keynote address will be presented by Marc Harding and Laura Doering from Iowa State University, entitled "Building a Transfer Culture... One 'APP at a Time!'" Other hot conference sessions include:

- Finding Scholarships Online
- Engaging the Fastest Growing Population – A Hispanic Marketing Initiative
- Facing Facebook – The Challenges and Rewards of Online Social Networking as a Co-Curricular Companion
- "But is it our art?" – Student Transfer in Specialized Programs
- Transfer Student Access
- Ohio Board of Regents Update (OBOR)
- Course Applicability System Update (CAS)
- Best Practices for Serving Transfer Students
- Facing Office Drama – presented by our historian, David Sauter



Visit the OTC website at www.ohiotransfer.org for a registration form. The cost of the conference is \$100, which includes one year of membership to the Ohio Transfer Council!

Updates from around the state

At the **University of Toledo** the Registrar's Office welcomes **Marla Raszka**, Associate Registrar, and **Jeanine Novak**, Transfer Systems Coordinator. Marla and Jeanine are responsible for the Transfer Credit Articulation and Course Applicability System (CAS) component at the University and formerly reported to the Admission area. Moving these areas to the Registrar's Office enabled them to join the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARWIN) staff already housed there.

Banner registration for summer 2008 went live on February 11th and fall priority registration began on March 26. Student Banner has begun to unfold at The University of Toledo!

Pam Reeder has joined **The Ohio State University** as an Associate Registrar.

Jeff Carson, a residency counselor at OSU, has returned from Iraq

Susan Lamphere is now the registrar at **Methodist Theological School in Ohio**. This is a return for Sue to the same position she held from 1997 – 2000. Sue was the registrar at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis before returning to MTSO. Prior to CTS she served as registrar at Monmouth (IL) College.

Jon Jump is now the Vice President of Administrative Services at MTSO. He is still a member of OACRAO due to retaining his responsibilities as Director of Admissions in the new position.

Larry Murdock, the Registrar at **Denison University** will be retiring this summer after 37 years at Denison. His successor will be **Yadi Collins** who is currently the Registrar at **Columbus College of Art and Design**.

Otterbein College President C. Brent DeVore, , has announced his plans for retirement. He will finish his 25th year of service at the conclusion of the 2008-09 academic year and officially leave his post June 30, 2009. The College will conduct an exhaustive search for a replacement.



In memoriam Former Ohio State University Registrar Passes Away

Dean Oscar Clark, Ph.D., age 81, passed away April 1, 2008, at his home in Upper Arlington, Ohio. Dean was born at home in Freeport, Ohio on February 20, 1927. He was the valedictorian of his class at Freeport High School. After graduation, Dean worked for Hercules Motors until he was old enough to serve in the U.S. Army in 1945. He served as a Technical Sergeant and was stationed in Yokohama, Japan as part of the U.S. occupation force at the end of World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1946. He attended The Ohio State University where he earned the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Education, cum laude, in 1949, Master of Arts in 1950, and Doctor of Philosophy in 1956. Dean worked as a Teacher in Xenia, Ohio, a High School Principal in Ada, Ohio and Newcomerstown, Ohio, Dean of the Department of Education at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, Director of Certification for the State of Ohio Department of Education, Registrar for The Ohio State University from 1964-1973, and Director of Admissions and Records for Edison Community College in Fort Myers, Florida. He was a Substitute Teacher for Upper Arlington, Hilliard, and Wellington Schools. He served as Chairman of the Membership and Inspection Committee of the Ohio College Association from 1971-1974. His articles on education were published in more than 30 newspapers, magazines, and educational journals.

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