

From the OACRAO President

Hello from Central Ohio where winter has not been very nice to us so far.
Just when the snow starts to melt another seven inches decides to fall.

The Executive Board met at the end of January, for our annual retreat in Stone Creek, Ohio at Ohio Northern Nature Center, hosted by Dick Carpenter. I would like to thank Dick and the care takers (Carol and Wayne) for the gracious hospitality and the wonderful food they provided during the three days of planning.



Budgets around the state remain a primary concern for the Board as we know costs are continuing to increase, as we plan for our annual conference. We also are working hard to make sure our membership directory is current. We are planning a Spring and Summer workshop this year, hosted at Franklin University. VP Deb Benton will be giving you further updates in this newsletter. This year we will be holding our Program Planning Committee Meeting, February 20th at Mt. Carmel College of Nursing. VP Cindy Suter will be giving you further updates as well.

The Great Lakes Conference was successful and those of you who had the chance to attend, I hope you had a wonderful time. There were many in attendance for the tri-state event and we appreciate Brad Myers and Lorinda Bishop for their hard work making sure everyone had the most current information.

I hope you will join us at this year's annual conference which will be September 30 – October 2 at Salt Fork State Park. Under the Leadership of LAC Co-Chairs Jack Miner and Sue Schillings, I am sure we will all be in for a great conference. Preparations for the annual conference are already ongoing, and for the first time in OACRAO history, we are planning a Golf Scramble on Tuesday, September 29th. Please be sure to look for further updates about the event in the near future. There is less time to plan this event as we will be holding the conference about 2 months earlier than normal but we are right on schedule making sure we are ready.

I will close by encouraging you all to become involved in OACRAO, in some way for the upcoming year. Think of this as an investment in your professional career. I want to thank you for allowing me to share a few things with you and hope you will continue to read the other updates from the other Board of Directors.

I look forward to seeing you all at Salt Fork!

Frank Yanchak
OACRAO President

February Program Planning Meeting-

As OACARO begins a new adventure to the State Parks, the planning committee will begin setting the scene on February 20th at the Mount Carmel College of Nursing. This will be the first and only formal meeting for the programming committee members. For those OACRAO members on a planning committee, come with ideas to bring the outdoors inside and vice versa!

Completing the program will be a big task this year since the conference will be in October; however, to facilitate communication regarding speakers and needs we will utilize an on-line service for session submissions. Also, utilizing technology and reaching out to OACRAO members that may be unable to attend each session of interest the goal is for all power points or visual aids to be submitted prior to the conference for the website. As the programming vice president, I will be seeking lofty deadlines for the committee chairs and members.

Thank you to all of those that contributed to the Great Lakes conference this past November and welcome to all new committee members! I look forward to working with all of you preparing for Salt Fork.

OACRAO Planning Committee Meeting
Mount Carmel College of Nursing
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Light breakfast and Lunch
RSVP to csuter@medcentral.edu

Cindy Suter, Vice President Program Committee

Membership Directory Updates

Thanks to many of you who have answered my email request for review of the directory information. I hope to have all changes made and a revised directory ready for publication on the OACRAO website by mid February. Information for some institutions has not been verified due to the fact that we don't have an accurate email address for the current institutional representative, or perhaps the institutional representative left the institution and we have not received new contact information. Please review the membership information for your institution and if you believe that your information is incorrect, please contact Wendy Lambing at Wendy.lambing@UC.EDU.



The membership information on our website will be stored in both a PDF and Excel format. You will be able to print the entire directory if you like or download the Excel version and print only a portion; whatever meets your personal need. The Communication Committee will continue to discuss strategies for improving our information and strategies for keeping the membership informed.

Sue Schillings

Meeting new colleagues is always one of the biggest reasons to attend any professional conference. Forming friendships with these new colleagues is always one of the amazing outcomes of participating in the Membership and Mentoring Committee of OACRAO, and this year has been no exception to the rule. In Dearborn last November, OACRAO hosted 31 first time attendees to an OACRAO annual meeting. To those of you first timers reading this newsletter I say “Hello again” and to those seasoned members who volunteered to help make their first conference enjoyable I say “Thank you”. I hope you found the “M&M” experience beneficial to your Great Lakes experience. I received valuable feedback regarding the First Timer Session which I hope to incorporate into our future plans at Salt Fork.

Additionally, I hope you have heard that OACRAO has recently been named a recipient of the Elbert W. Ockerman State and Regional Professional Activity Award. The AACRAO award recognizes state and regional professional activities such as program session, projects, workshops, and publications. This is actually the third time OACRAO has won this award with previous acknowledgements coming in 1999 for our OACRAO website and in 1997 for a records fraud and misrepresentation workshop. Receiving recognition of our Membership and Mentoring activities at that level is truly an honor to celebrate. Please consider sharing in our pride at the State and Regional Awards Luncheon to be held at the AACRAO Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 15. Tickets are required and can be purchased with your AACRAO conference registration.



Wendy Lambing
Vice President for Membership Development

Ohio's Private College Registrars



Each spring we try to hold an informal meeting at one of the Ohio private institutions just to talk about some unique issues we may be dealing with at private institutions, hot issues nationally, or to just gain some new ideas on how to improve a process in the office. There is no set agenda, so bring your questions and problems to bounce off others. :)

Here are the details and instructions:

Date: Friday, March 20, 2009 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (lunch around 12 noon)

Where: President's Dining Room in the Hyson Campus Center at Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Details: Continental Breakfast and Lunch is on MVNU, so only your cost to travel to Mount Vernon.

How do I make my reservation?: Reply to me only by Friday, March 13th with how many will attend from your institution. Once I know who is coming, I will send out directions to campus and the building we will be meeting in that day. If you want to use MapQuest or GPS in advance, the address is below in my signature text. If you have a special food request, please include in your response.

Note: If we don't have enough representative institutions to hold a viable meeting and decide to cancel, I will let those who respond know on or before Monday, March 16th. I believe it is best if we have at least 5-7 institutions respond. I do need a response in order to inform the food service

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OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Transfer Update

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The Articulation and Transfer area of The Ohio Board of Regents thanks everyone who is involved in Ohio's Credit Transfer Initiatives. Since the creation of the Ohio Transfer Module in 1990, transfer in the State of Ohio has been a collaborative effort. Without the help of registrars, admissions officers, academic advisers, faculty members, and academic officers, this effort would not have succeeded in the manner in which it has.

Here are a few of the advances made:

- **Course Equivalency Management System/Course Management System (CEMS/CMS):** In order to streamline the transfer process in Ohio, the review process was moved from paper and pencil to a fully-integrated online system. Institutions now submit their courses to CEMS/CMS, attach syllabi and other relevant materials, and match them to the appropriate Ohio Transfer Module area, Ohio Articulation Number, Career-Technical Articulation Number, or Advanced Placement test. These submissions are then reviewed by Faculty Review Panels, when appropriate. Once the submissions are approved, they will be displayed through our reporting system and will feed the Articulation and Transfer Clearinghouse. This system will allow for faster, more accurate transfer throughout the state.
- **Advanced Placement (AP):** House Bill 3333.163 required the creation of a standardized policy by April 2008 for the granting of college credit for a specific score on the College Board Advanced Placement exams. This policy is to be implemented by fall of 2009. The policy guarantees general education college credit for a score of '3' or higher on any AP test. Work is currently in progress to create a comprehensive catalog of all the tests and courses or area credit which institutions will grant for them.
- **Career-Technical Credit Transfer (CT²):** After months of hard work, seven new Career-Technical Articulation Guides have been created in two new areas – Emergency Medical Technician and Fire Fighting. These join the already established areas of Automotive, IT-Networking, Engineering Technology: Mechanical, Engineering Technology: Electrical, Medical Assisting, and Nursing in the CT² Initiative, providing for the awarding of college technical credit for work completed at high schools and adult education centers.

Continued collaboration is needed as the state works to develop better technologies, implements higher standards, and creates new educational pathways for Ohio citizens.

Updated provided by
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Save the Date . . .



Going to the AACRAO's 95th Annual Meeting this April in the Windy City? If so, mark your calendars now and join your fellow OACRAOians for dinner on Wednesday evening, April 15th. Details will follow. The program is filled with pre-conference workshops, a wide variety of session topics, exhibitors, opening speaker Bruce Weinstein – The Ethics Guy, and closing speaker E. Gordon Gee – President of The Ohio State University (OH-IO). Visit AACRAO's Web site at www.aacrao.org/chicago for more details.

Just so I can get an estimated number of folks interested in Wednesday's dinner, please email me directly at Treva.hanseman@uc.edu if you plan on joining us. After I have the final details I will send out an email announcement and ask for a final head count. Remember, family and friends are invited so please include them in your count.

Hope to see you in Chicago!

Treva A Hanseman
President-Elect



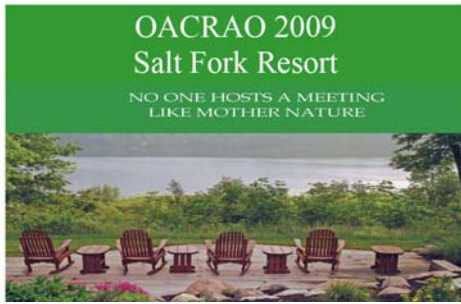
2009 Annual Meeting: Charting the Path to Institutional and Student Success



When : April 13-16, 2009
Where : Chicago, IL



Hope to see you there!



OACRAO 2009....Welcome Back to Ohio

After a successful Great Lakes conference in Dearborn, OACRAO returns to Ohio this year and returns to Salt Fork Resort...our first time back in more than 20 years.

As many of us across the state face budget cuts, we are already putting plans in place to make sure the conference is not only worth your money but also affordable. Conference Fees will roll back to 2007 rates and accommodations as low as \$25 per person. This promises to be one of the strongest programs in many years as well as we not only focus on our offices but also on higher education's role in turning around Ohio's economy.

This year's conference will feature something fun for everyone. Each day you will get a chance to officially sneak away from the conference to take nature hikes and learn more about the area and wildlife. This year will also see the launch of our first annual golf outing. Plan on coming a day early to join in the fun (lots of activities for the non-golfers as well).

Don't forget that the conference will be family friendly so the conference rates will extend through the weekend for those who want to have family or friends join them.

Important Dates

Registration Available
 Hotel Deadline
 Golf Outing
 Conference

July 1, 2009
 August 31, 2009
 September 29, 2009
 September 30, 2009 through October 2, 2009

It's not too late to join the planning team. If you are interested in joining the local arrangements committee, please contact LAC Co-Chairs Jack Miner (miner.10@osu.edu) and Sue Schillings (Susan.Schillings@tri-c.edu).

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 Conference
 September 30, 2009 through October 2, 2009
 Stay through the weekend with discounted rates
 October 2, 2009 through October 4, 2009

From the Past-President

Hello, from the Northeast where the big news has been snow and more snow.

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who helped to make the Dearborn Conference such a success. Special thanks go to Brad Myers and Lorinda Bishop for the countless hours spent in coordinating a regional event.

As promised, an on-line survey was sent to the list serve to solicit your feedback on the pros and cons of continuing regional conferences. The results are as follows:

Total Responses 111

24% from 2 year institutions 35% from 4 year publics
41% from 4 year privates

Did you attend the Dearborn Conference?

57% attended 43% did not attend

Did you attend the Conference in Cincinnati?

62% attended 38% did not attend

Reason for not attending the Regional Conference?

75% said that it conflicted with other commitments.

Question 6 was flawed.

It asked how many regional conferences have you attended but did not give an opportunity for a 0 response and allowed responses for over 3 and there have only been 3 Great Lakes Conferences.

Do you prefer having OACRAO Conferences only or do you like the option of having a Great Lakes Conference?

39% of the respondents prefer an OACRAO Conference only
62% like a Great Lakes Conference Option but were ambivalent about the frequency.

What is the most attractive feature of a Great Lakes Conference?

64% responded networking
56% said availability of program sessions was number one.....however there was not a general consensus that quality of programming was improved.
48% felt program quality was improved : 9% felt program quality decreased : 43% felt program quality was not impacted one way or the other

What is the least attractive feature of a Great Lakes Conference?

64% said out of state location

Do you have the opportunity to attend the AACRAO Conference?

64% attend AACRAO: 36% do not

General Comments made regarding what is least attractive about a regional conference were:

More networking opportunities but less camaraderie, less intimate
Groups were larger but less connected.



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Quality of professional sessions not improved

Outreach to other states not returned.

Would like to add Kentucky to Great Lakes Group.

Costs more to go to Regional but may be cheaper than going to AACRAO

Comments regarding what would make you decide to attend an AACRAO Conference.

Finances.....great uncertainty if will be able to afford to attend a national conference.

Attend AACRAO to stay abreast on national trends and issues and OACRAO for networking opportunities.

Timing of conference often during registration and often at Easter time.

I want to thank each one of you that took the time to give us your input. The Board will continue it's conversations regarding this topic.....these uncertain economic times will also play a part in our decision. Please feel free to send me any reactions or opinions you may have as a result of the survey and I will certainly pass them along. lyoung@bw.edu

Sincerely,

Linda Young

Past President

Do you have questions regarding the changes to FERPA Regulations?

Visit the OACRAO website to view slides from a PowerPoint presentation developed by Ohio's "FERPA Doctor" Brad Myers, and Leroy Rooker. Go to www.ohioaacrao.org and click on the link under *Headlines* on the right



Updates from around the state

Here is the news from *Ohio Wesleyan University*:

Michelle Livingston has been promoted to Assistant Registrar at Ohio Wesleyan University. In October Michelle gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Avery Scarlett.

We are happy to announce that William D. Preble, Ed.D, will join the Ohio Wesleyan staff on March 1 as vice president for university enrollment and strategic communication. Dr. Preble is currently the dean of admission and financial assistance at Hanover College in Indiana.

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New name, same great school: As of Jan. 29, Heidelberg College officially became **Heidelberg University**. After considerable research and thoughtful deliberation, the Board of Trustees voted in October 2008 to change the name to better reflect Heidelberg's mission and vision, its expanding curriculum, planned facilities growth and international branch campuses.

While Heidelberg University will retain its liberal arts emphasis, personal attention and family atmosphere, senior administrators believe the new name is more appealing to prospective students in the U.S. and abroad.

"While change is inevitable, such as our name, our commitment to who we are and what we hope to become remains as compelling and passionate as any moment in our long and distinguished history," said Interim President Jim Troha.

Along with the new name, Heidelberg is implementing a new graphic identity which includes a new logo, tagline and brand platform.

Also, Dr. Robert H. Huntington, will become Heidelberg's next president in July. Huntington, who lives in Medfield, Mass., brings to Heidelberg 15 years of experience in higher education and 25 years of corporate experience, having served in a variety of management roles at Dunkin' Brands Inc. for more than 21 years. For the past 10 years, he has been a member of the board of trustees at Lasell College in Newton, Mass., serving on several of its major committees. A graduate of Middlebury College, Huntington earned his master's degree in German literature from Middlebury's University of Mainz (Germany) program, his MBA degree from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business and his Ed.D. degree from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education in higher education administration, planning and social policy.



From **Wright State University**:

The Wright State University Registrar's Office has three new professional staff: Mary Holland, Associate Registrar for Scheduling, who brings much experience in scheduling and registration as well as expertise in the use of both Banner and Ad Astra scheduling software, from her most recent position at Xavier. Eric Poch, Assistant Registrar for Records, comes with DARS and records experience from his advising and administrative role in our College of Education and Human Services and is also a WSU graduate. Eric will also manage our petition and refund processes. Deanna McGrath joined us in a newly created Systems Administrator role. Deanna comes from the corporate

world with much project management experience and systems expertise and took the lead in our move to Banner 8.1 earlier this month. Thank you Deanna! We hope to soon post a Senior Database Coordinator position due to Cherie McCoy's retirement last month.

Wright State is considering a move from quarters to semesters, potentially in Fall 2012. The faculty and Board of Trustees will consider this change at their March meetings. The Registrar's Office has also been working with faculty committees to implement use of faculty preferences in classroom scheduling, as well as participating in an RFP to help determine the number and size of classrooms we may need in the future. A major classroom building is currently under renovation and is expected to be back online for the Winter 2010 term. Many other projects are underway, which we hope to complete before making the transition to a semester calendar!

We are starting to think OC stands for Omnipresent Change. Among the happenings at Otterbein College:

- C. Brent DeVore will step down after 25 years as President and will be succeeded by Kathy Krendl who comes to us from Ohio University.
- Admission is live with Banner and the Registrar's Office will go live in March with registration for Summer. As many of you can relate, it's been a long process with seemingly no end in sight. Thanks go to our friends at Kent State University for always taking our calls and answering our questions no matter how convoluted.
- The college is reorganizing this summer – we will have a Division of Arts and Sciences and a Division of Professional Studies.
- The academic calendar will change to semesters in Autumn 2011.
- Work is almost complete on our updated Science building and our Equine Facility will open this Spring.

Don't forget to mark your calendar!

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Chicago, IL**

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Salt Fork Resort**

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