



From the OACRAO President

Hello from Cincinnati, where it's been cold and snowy the past few weeks. Hopefully spring is on its way!

The 2009 Annual Conference at Salt Fork State Park was a huge success and many thanks to the LAC committee headed by Jack Miner and Sue Schillings. We had a full program, great food, a golf outing and/or shopping and of course, a visit from "Big Foot". Good job LAC!

For 2010 we will return to the state parks and this time we will be at Maumee Bay which will be held from October 6-8, 2010. Connie Goodman and Rachel Schaeffer, our LAC Chairs, are already busy with the preparations for the conference and David Schneider is planning the Golf Outing, which will be on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. Watch for the updates.



The Executive Board met in November for our annual retreat at the Ohio Northern Nature Center, hosted by Dick Carpenter. Special thanks to Dick for coordinating this site for us each year and the care takers (Carol and Wayne) for their hospitality and wonderful food! Some of the ideas discussed this year were:

- **Web-presence:** Develop a web-site to handle public and private regions of the site. Private regions would be behind a password protected "firewall" and only available to OACRAO members for activities such as online balloting and posting conference presentations.
- **Web-Forum:** develop a method of archiving/researching the results of questions and responses from the membership.
- **Programs:** The call for early proposals thru the list serve. To encourage recipients to share the "call" with others in their offices to obtain ideas from a larger audience.
- **Membership/Mentoring:** Compile a list of new-members for the past 3 years who have not become involved in OACRAO. Personally reaching out to get them more involved.
- Develop an OACRAO **Government Relations Liaison** task-force to run for one year. Consider developing guidelines for the task-force involvement to achieve a representative cross-section of the OACRAO membership.
- The concept of an **Ohio Summer Institute**, using the format from the 1999 Registrar's Summer Institute at Aspen (RSIA). This might be a way to involve our more seasoned OACRAO members in the role of faculty. The idea is still in the early developmental stages.

This was just a sampling of what we discussed and to let you know, some of these ideas came from you,

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the members. Even though we won't be able to accomplish everything on the list this year, it's a start.

Remember to mark your calendar for the AACRAO Conference, April 21-24, 2010 in New Orleans. Hope you'll be able to attend.

In closing, I'd like to thank you for allowing me to take a few minutes of your time to share these ideas with you. Please continue to read the other updates in the rest of this newsletter and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Treva A. Hanseman
OACRAO President



Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the **OACRAO 2010 Annual Conference** in beautiful Maumee Bay! The conference begins on Wednesday, October 6th and runs through Friday, October 8th. Program planners are busy soliciting session content to make this a "can't miss" conference. Exhibitors have already been contacted and many are planning on joining us to share current products as well as the newest innovations. Some will also be presenting sessions to showcase their products.

Add to your stay by joining us on Tuesday for the Second Annual Golf Outing. Dinner at the last hole will be available to golfers as well as others arriving on Tuesday (additional fee applies). And don't forget the family. The discounted rate applies October 8th through 10th so bring them along to enjoy fishing, shopping and more after the conference.

See you at Maumee Bay!
Your LAC Co-Chairs,
Connie Goodman and Rachel Schaeffer

2010 OACRAO Annual Conference Programs

This year we will be trying a new approach to securing conference programs. All OACRAO members have been sent an email asking them to consider presenting at the annual conference. If they don't want to present themselves but know of someone else who is an expert on a topic or has been involved in a new concept, topic or procedure, they have been asked to solicit them to present.

The four program chairs and their committees will meet on Friday, February 26 to both look over any program proposals and to brainstorm the additional programs that will be necessary to insure a successful conference.

It's not too late. The deadline for submission is Friday, February 19, 2010. If you are interested in presenting, please submit your proposal to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/95PDKTC>

Proposal decisions will be made by March 18.

Susie Ward
Vice President—Programs

Workshop Update

Greetings from snowy Athens. I hope that you are surviving and enjoying the winter storm. For the first time ever, OACRAO is sponsoring a Council on Law in Higher Education (CLHE) webinar which provides OACRAO members a discounted price on the CLHE Webinar series. Be on the watch for additional information on the CLHE Webinar being offered February 24, 2010. Please also mark the following dates on your calendar:



- April 9, 2010 - Quarters to Semesters Update
The intent of this workshop is to bring together not only the schools converting but to also provide updates to our colleagues about decisions made and anticipated changes as a result of the semester conversion.
- June 25, 2010 - Annual Residency Officers Update
Offered in Columbus and via Webinar
- June 25, 2010 - Support Staff Workshop
 - Focus on FERPA and communication strategies for front-line staff.

All workshops will be offered in Columbus. More details regarding workshop content and registration are forthcoming. Please stay tuned to the OACRAO listserv.

We are always seeking ideas for workshop topics. If you have suggestions please contact Deb Benton at bentond@ohio.edu or 740-593-4260.

Think Spring!
Best regards,
Deb Benton

AACRAO 2010

We hope you are all able to make **AACRAO 2010** in New Orleans. This will be a special conference...not only is it the first time we have been in New Orleans for 10 years but it is also the 100 anniversary of AACRAO. AACRAO's Board has a number of special events planned including a special anniversary party with a live band and other entertainment.

OACRAO will be holding our state dinner on Friday, April 23rd. Get ready for a special night of live jazz entertainment and some great Creole food (other options will be available as well). You will be able to pay online in advance...watch the listserve or contact Jack Miner at miner.10@osu.edu for more information.

The conference will be April 21–24, 2010. Visit the AACRAO conference [website](#) for additional information.



Welcome to

Ashland University's new Registrar. Kathleen Hall originates from Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Higher education experience includes four years as Assistant Registrar at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA and three years as Registrar at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, Johnstown, PA. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from IUP in Criminology and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Adult and Community Education at IUP as well.

Kathleen has three children; Bryan 22, Joseph 21, and Micheal 7. Bryan is expecting the first grandchild in May. Joseph is an active duty soldier who has served one tour in Iraq and will be deployed to Afghanistan in June of this year. Micheal is a second grader in the Ashland School area.

Kathleen says, "I am looking forward to serving as Registrar at Ashland University and hope to make the university and the community my home for many years to come".

At Muskingum University Joy Cronin is the Senior Assistant Registrar. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business from Muskingum College in 2003 and anticipates completing her Master of Arts in Education degree from Muskingum University this spring. Joy became a member of the Muskingum community in February, 1995. She began her tenure in the Registrar's Office as administrative assistant in 1999. Most recently she served in the Office of Admission as Assistant Director of Admission, where she recruited students from the local area. She returned to the Registrar's Office in July 2009.



In her current role, Joy works with transfer students teaching an orientation course, as well as advising. Professional memberships include OACRAO and past memberships include OACAC and NACAC. She has presented and served on panels at area college fairs and information sessions.

Tammy Bush joined **Ohio Northern University** in January as Registrar. Previously she was at Wright State University for 15 years as associate program director, faculty, advisor, and assistant registrar. She also worked at SunGard Higher Education as a Banner Student Functional Consultant for four years. Tammy says, "I look forward to "meeting" all of you by email, phone or in person. Thank you for the warm welcomes I received a few weeks ago when I started at ONU!"



In October 2009, Cindy Suter took the Registrar's position at **Heidelberg University**. She comes with over 5 years registrar's experience at a single purpose institution, MedCentral College of Nursing. She has worked in higher education for ten years.

Suter is a graduate of Heidelberg University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Theatre Arts. She earned her Masters of Education in Leadership of Educational Organizations from the American InterContinental University. Suter has served on the OACRAO Programming Committee: Admissions and International Education; Operating Committees: Mentoring and Membership and Scholarship; and on the Executive Board as Vice President of Programming.

Suter has four children with her husband, Steve

Kristina Cunningham (Tina) is the registrar at **MedCentral College of Nursing** in Mansfield, OH. She writes "This is my first year in the registrar's office so it has been quite a busy year for me. My background is a bachelor's degree in communications from Penn State University and I am currently working on my Master's in Higher Education through Drexel University. I am really enjoying this new position and look forward to meeting and talking with my fellow registrars".



As you likely remember from OACRAO's last conference, OACRAO has changed the mission of its scholarship program to award scholarships to employees that work in the Registrar's, Admissions, and Enrollment offices.

Three scholarships will be awarded (one each for 4 year public institutions, 4 year private institutions and 2 year schools). Normally the scholarship application period will be Autumn with scholarship distribution in Winter Quarter or Spring Semester. Because of our transition, this year recipients will be given the option of distribution either this academic year or next.

January 31st was our deadline for those submitting a scholarship application. We had a great response, and received about 250 completed applications. We hope to soon select our three scholarship recipients for this year.

You can find scholarship information with the following link:to the OACRAO Scholarship Page: at <http://www.ohioaacrao.org/scholarship.asp>

Please contact Katie Perman-Kuhn at permank@franklin.edu with questions.



Updates from around the state

We have a new employee in the Registrar's Office at **Mount Carmel College of Nursing!** Many of you may remember Donna Evans, formerly the Registrar for Academic Services at Antioch College. Donna began employment with us in December 2009 in our newly-created Records Data Analyst position. In this capacity, Donna is primarily responsible for evaluating undergraduate credit for transfer, working with the automated degree audit system, and assisting with various aspects of institutional reporting. We are excited to have someone with Donna's experience in higher ed working with us at MCCN and look forward to her return as an active OACRAO member.

Mariah Orzolek, housing director, has been selected as registrar at **Defiance College**. She is currently shadowing Beverly Harrington, who will retire as registrar on April 30, 2010. Mariah is looking forward to becoming actively involved in the OACRAO organization. She recently accompanied McMaster School students to Belize. McMaster School scholars develop projects with citizens in various countries and implement them in 1-3 week work/study

trips. The purpose of the projects is always the betterment of humanity. Another recent innovation we have made for our students is connecting our criminal justice students with Detroit law enforcement officers to help solve cold cases in the Detroit area."

Changes at **Ohio State University**

- Jackie Stewart has left OSU to go to COTC.
- Chris McDonough has joined the office as the Assistant Registrar for Academic Records (replacing Pam Reeder).
- Joyce Steffan has left the office of Graduate and Professional Admissions for another role at the University

Sarah Tackett has returned to **Defiance College** after a few years absence to assume the position of Director of Enrollment Planning. She had previously held the position of Director of Admissions.



Mel Severns, from **Mount Vernon University** did something in January that was an "absolute blast!" It was a bicycle trip to California and Arizona. He writes:

"Here at MVNU, we have a psychology professor, Dr. Randy Cronk, who has led a bike trip for students every other January since 1986. I went as a staff member. We flew into San Francisco on December 29th. We began riding south on January 1st via the Pacific Coast Highway (Rt. 1). We rode about 650 miles to San Diego, then turned East to ride about 450 miles to our final destination in Phoenix. Our longest day on the bike was 62 miles. We stayed in churches, schools, and at campgrounds,

and slept in our sleeping bags. Along the way, we visited many sights in both states. The Pacific coast is awesome! We flew back to Ohio on January 29th, so it was a full months adventure. Personally I have biked almost 3000 miles since July 2009. My goal for 2010 is to ride over 5000 miles. Fortunately my wife now wants to bike, so it's something we can enjoy together from now on."



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