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WELCOME ADDRESS OACRAO President Beth DaLonzo

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Hello OACRAO members and welcome to the October edition of For the Record. Those of you who attended the closing session of our annual meeting earlier this month will recognize my opening line. For those who were unable to make it, you missed not just an outstanding closing speaker, but an informative and substantive conference. Many thanks to the LAC committee and especially the co-chairs, Stephanie Giese and Jeannine Shambaugh, for putting it all together for us. From the opening to the closing speakers, we had the opportunity to learn more about the best practices for our offices, how to work with co-workers and supervisors, the latest technology and so much more. Our keynote speakers both spoke of the importance of connecting with people and the message of how one person can make a difference in someone else's life came through loud and clear. As I humbly take over the presidency of this organization, I know that many of you have made a difference in my life and I hope each of us remembers that we are making a difference to our students, and each other, on a daily basis as well. No matter what our job titles are, we can be that person who encourages a co-worker or a student to keep moving forward through whatever they are dealing with at that moment. Keep that light shining!

As president, I want to keep our organization moving forward also. I have had wonderful leaders to watch and follow in our past president ranks, including our most recent Past President, David Schneider, as well as those I have been fortunate enough to be mentored by - Carol Jones and Deb Benton. OACRAO is lucky to have such strong leadership and I hope I can live up to their high standards. I know I am a better leader for having worked with and watched them as they moved through their presidency. I have also enjoyed simply getting to know them and now call them my friends!

The 2017-18 Board of Directors will have our annual retreat in early November and will spend time discussing the direction and plans for next year of OACRAO. I look forward to working with them over the next year as we continue to be a shining light of the AACRAO regional organizations!

Please do not hesitate to contact me at bdalonzo@muskingum.edu with any suggestions or ideas you have about our group. We are all in this together and we all have a stake in how the organization serves its membership.

I sincerely thank you for giving me the opportunity and privilege to be a leader of OACRAO and I will give you, and our group, my best.



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CALL for UPDATES! Submit news to [Justin Weimer](#) by the end of the first week of the month for that month's publication. Or submit a photo of your campus!

AACRAO President

Jim Bouse, AACRAO President
Director of Enrollment Management Technology/Associate Registrar, University of Oregon



I was reminded of the old axiom that “anything worthwhile is worth working for” as I diligently followed the directions on my phone that guided me toward Mohican State Park and OACRAO 2017. Driving through the Ohio countryside on an idyllic Fall day literally brought a smile to my face and a sense of happiness at the prospect of spending several days with friends and colleagues, new and old. You all made me feel at home with your warm welcome and inclusive collegiality. It really made it easy to get to know everyone. I especially appreciate your sense of humor and ability to have fun, rain or shine. My OACRAO alias of “Joe Bose” was an unexpected gift from “Ruth Perkins” (aka Liz Clerkin). Thanks for bringing a smile to my face Liz!

Thank you to David, the Board, LAC and Program for a wonderful conference experience. A special thank you to Kate for making sure we didn’t go longer than a seeming 20-30 minutes (was it that long?) without some sort of delicious meal or snack to devour.

I thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the conference. Your speakers were outstanding and your program was very rich. A shout out to all of my fellow “Green Circles” in the opening and the newly elevated status of all our “fun size” colleagues that our closer brought. You truly provided great bookends on each side of the conference. I know you will be in great hands with Beth leading you into the next year. You have a wealth of experience and leadership in OACRAO, coupled with very energetic and bright new colleagues. I look forward to working with the future leaders of our professions that OACRAO will help to nurture and succeed as we all work to better the realm of higher education and the opportunities of our students.

Thank you again for a wonderful experience at OACRAO!



GET INVOLVED

From our Immediate Past President, David Schneider...

Hello OACRAO!

We are now accepting volunteers for OACRAO’s operating and program committees. If you haven’t already completed the committee participation form for 2017-18, please do so by clicking the volunteer link.

Due Friday, October 27!

[Volunteer Link](#)

Volunteering for a committee is the perfect way to stay involved with OACRAO throughout the year.

For those who may need a refresher, the committee descriptions, [click here](#). Please consider volunteering for our organization!



RECOGNITIONS AT OACRAO

Honorary Membership Awards

At the 2017 annual conference, member and Past President David Sauter, University Registrar at Miami University, was awarded Honorary Membership in OACRAO, and received a mantle clock for his commitment to the organization. Honorary (lifetime) membership in OACRAO is conferred by the Board of Directors. To be considered an Honorary Member, the candidate must have a minimum of ten years of active participation as an OACRAO member or service within an OACRAO member institution, and have made outstanding contributions to the profession and OACRAO. Congratulations, Dave!



Dave Sauter and Carol Jones



Linus J. Ryland Award

Also recognized at the annual conference this year was Jeannine Shambaugh, Vice President at Aultman College, who was given the Linus J. Ryland Distinguished Service Award. The Ryland Award is awarded to those who have demonstrated outstanding service to the profession and to OACRAO. I'm sure that we can all agree that Jeannine has a wonderful service history with OACRAO, having served the organization in so many ways, not the least of which includes being a former President, and serving as LAC Co-Chair at the most recent OACRAO conference. Congratulations, Jeannine!

"...we would like to honor a person who every year is visible in OACRAO and is continually engaged. ... displays a positive side and is enthusiastic. Descriptions of this member by others include mentor, supportive, outgoing and reaching out to help or offer an ear, a hand or a shoulder."

- Carol Jones, Immediate Past President



Outgoing Board Member Awards

Outgoing members of the Board of Directors were also recognized during the 2017 annual meeting. An OACRAO round of applause goes out to Immediate Past President Carol Jones from Miami University, Secretary Donna Evans from Antioch College, Vice President for Membership Development Liz Clerkin from Oberlin College, and Vice President for Programs Mary Holland from Wright State University. Each outgoing Board member received a plaque during the annual meeting in recognition of their dedication to OACRAO.



L to R: Mary Holland for VP for Programs, Liz Clerkin for VP for Membership Development, Carol Jones for Past President, Donna Evans for Secretary

AACRAO in Action

AACRAO on the Hill

The AACRAO Board of Directors, including Ohio State University Registrar & Executive Director of Enrollment Services, Jack Miner, launched a new initiative last month. Board members spent the day in Washington, DC with US Representatives and US Senators and their staff sharing information about new legislation that was proposed that day.

Rep. Messer (R-IN) & Rep. Polis (D-CO) introduced the Reverse Transfer Efficiency Act of 2017 (H.R. 3774). H.R. 3774 goes hand in hand with the national imperative to increase U.S. college completion rates and has great support from AACRAO members, member institutions, and state higher education organizations.

The State of Ohio has been a champion in the area of Reverse Transfer and Ohio public 2-year and 4-year institutions as well as some private institutions participate. “Too often, transfer students are walking away from college without a degree,” Rep. Luke Messer said. “Our bill will make it easier for transfer students to combine credits and get a degree they’ve earned, even when life gets in the way. An associate’s degree can be a game changer, and help more Hoosiers get a better job and earn higher pay.” H.R. 3774 will create a new exemption under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) that will help community colleges determine who is eligible to receive an associate’s degrees through the reverse transfer process.

Jack Miner, AACRAO’s Vice President for Finance, said “this was an incredible opportunity to connect the AACRAO membership with Congressional leadership on an issue that is important to our schools and offices. I am looking forward to finding opportunities for a larger group of AACRAO members to engage with their elected officials.”

For opportunities to engage with your elected officials, consider joining the [AACRAO Government Relations Committee](#).



OACRAO Communication Committee



Call to action! Members who have news about their campus, special events, campus pictures or relevant news to share will now submit articles to [Justin Weimer](#), Communication Committee Chair. The newsletter editors will be adding another helper this year, please welcome back Whitney Ellwood! The deadline to submit an article or picture is the second Friday of the month.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month's member spotlight is on **Melissa Anderson**, Administrative Assistant to the Registrar at Kent State University.

Tell us about yourself...

How did you come to your current position?

Well, I'd like to think that since I am so amazing that I got it! Seriously, I worked in our office for one year when a position opened. Since it was a promotion, I applied and here I am today. And I LOVE it!

Did you attend the October 2017 OACRAO Conference? What did you take away from it?

Yes, I attended. I learned so much. I met a ton of wonderful people and I was able to put a face with some names that I email regularly. I was able to come back to the office and share some of the knowledge with management and co-workers.

Outside of work, what do you like to do?

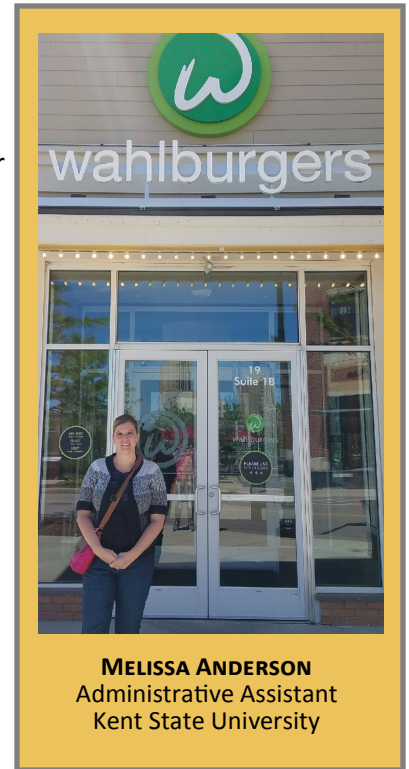
Spend time with my husband and kids (attending their sporting events, bowling, going to the movies, laser tag, pumpkin patch, etc.); cooking and reading.

Are you originally from Ohio?

Yes. I still live in the town that I graduated from. My kids now go to the same schools.

The Member Spotlight enjoys adding a picture for everyone to see. Since Melissa has a funny personality, her reply shares a little more about her.

This may not happen... I **HATE** getting my picture taken. I am always behind the camera. I recently donated my hair. I wanted to cut off 12 inches and they cut off 22. (Long story!) I cried and made her put down the scissors. So now, it's uneven because I made her stop right then and there. (I did not have to pay for it, Silver Lining!) Because of this, I absolutely run from a camera more than usual! Plus, I ALWAYS look intoxicated in every picture!!



MELISSA ANDERSON
Administrative Assistant
Kent State University

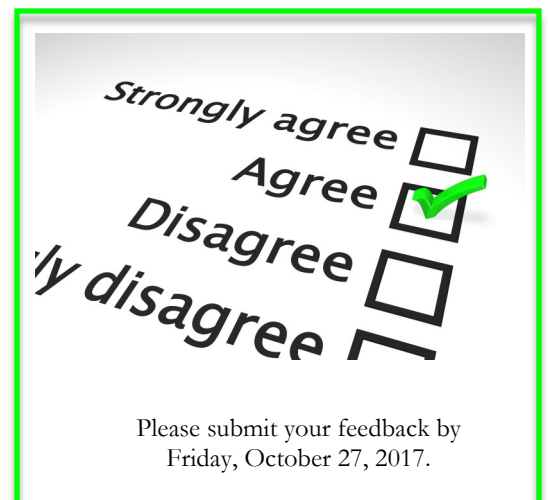
OACRAO Conference Survey

Attention Conference Attendees!

The OACRAO Board of Directors wants to hear about your experience at the 2017 OACRAO Conference recently held at Mohican State Park. If you haven't already done so, please help us plan for future years by providing feedback on your experience at Mohican. The survey box will take you to the link.



2017 OACRAO Board of Director's & LAC CO-Chairs



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Scholarship Application is Open

Later this fall, the OACRAO Scholarship committee will award 3 students each with a \$1,000 scholarship. Please encourage your student workers within the Registrar's, Admissions, Student Services, and Enrollment Management offices to apply!

The application **deadline is November 3rd** at 5:00 pm. The Scholarship Application form is available at: <http://www.aacrao.org/state-regional-aacrao/ohio/get-involved/scholarship-committee>

The committee will review the applicants primarily based on the following responses:

- ♦ Listing of current involvement in leadership and service activities including the specific years of active participation.
- ♦ Select one of the leadership or service activities listed and describe in detail how it has shaped the student as a leader.
- ♦ Within your higher education experience what do you feel will benefit you most after you earn your degree?



Silent Auction Fun! Tracy Galway, Scholarship Chair

Scholarship Applicants must meet all of the following criteria for scholarship eligibility:

- ♦ Current enrollment, at least half-time, at an OACRAO affiliated college or university;
- ♦ Current employment in one of the offices listed;
- ♦ Good academic standing.

Fundraising Follow-Up

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the auction, as well as everyone who participated in our fundraising events, or just made donations to the fund! The committee was provided with a lot of great items in the auction and we sold out of the wine from the wine grab. The split the Pot raffle (aka 50/50) paid out \$192 each to the committee and to Donna Evans of Antioch College. Because of your support, the committee raised \$1381 for the scholarship fund.

If you would still like to make a tax-deductible donation, we accept checks at any time (payable to OACRAO with scholarship in the memo) and mailed to: OACRAO, P.O. Box 651, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS RESULTS UNVEILED

During the 2017 annual meeting at Mohican State Park, the OACRAO Nominations and Elections Committee unveiled the results of their most recent elections cycle. Congrats to all those who were newly elected or appointed to OACRAO leadership positions!

2017-18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Sue Shepherd, Aultman College

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Sun Jamerson, Lorain County Community College

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2017-18 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Past Presidents

Deb Benton, Ohio University

Frank Yanchak, Franklin University

At-Large Members

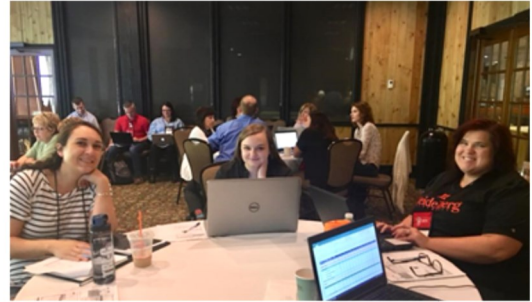
Amanda Steele-Middleton, Wright State University

Cindy Suter, Heidelberg University

2017 Conference Highlights



Opening Speaker Michael Gallina
VP of Outreach Services for AultCare Health Plans



Excel Dashboards Workshop



OACRAO President, David Schneider passing the gavel over to Beth DaLonzo.



Nature, scenery, and colleagues who become friends!

The Ohio Bird Sanctuary comes to us!



2017 Conference Highlights



LAC at Registration Table



Our own Jack Miner, AACRAO VP Finance
and Jim Bouse, AACRAO President



Entertainment!



Banged up BOD Members
Carol Jones & Mary Holland



Dueling Pianos



2017 Conference Highlights



David Schneider, President & LAC Co-Chairs Stephanie Giese & Jeannine Shambaugh



Town Hall Breakfast Meeting



Closing Speaker Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, Founder & CEO of Do Good Work Educational Consulting LLC



Campfire speak...first job and \$, and Title 9 training



2017 Pre-Conference Highlights



Perfect afternoon for boating



Work before play!



2017 Board of Directors

L to R: Liz Clerkin, Donna Evans, Carol Jones, David Schneider, Mary Holland, Beth DaLonzo, Michelle Rable



Save the Dates



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Orlando World Center Marriott
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August 1-3, 2018

Ohio Summer Institute

Mohican State Park, Loudonville

2016 Attendees and Faculty



HOPE TO SEE YOU AT AACRAO CONFERENCE 2018

October 3-5, 2018

Huron, Ohio

