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2008 IACRAO CONFERENCE By Jess Ray, President-Elect Illinois State University



Fall is upon us and that means it is time for apple cider, the turning of leaves and of course the IACRAO Annual Conference. Join your colleagues in some exciting professional development activities as we hold the 86th Annual IACRAO conference October 22-24 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel in Arlington Heights, IL.

Our conference theme is **Race to the Future**. To start us out will be our keynote speaker, Dr. Jeff Wood, Dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology at Illinois State University. His presentation will be "Welcome to the Future: Trends Shaping Our Institutions." I am sure that it will provide us with many ideas as we "race" ahead with planning for our future students.

We will be having our usual OAROSUI, ICCAROO, PICU meetings, Birds of a Feather breakouts, and Student Information System Roundtables. We will also have 20 different sessions on a wide range of subjects such as updates from state agencies and programs and sessions that look closer at admissions or records activities. A few of the sessions are: Records Retention in Higher Education: The State Records Act (5 ILCS 160); Marketing for students by students: Huskietube at NIU; Cyber Security- Data Protection and Confidentiality; Have fun and still get the job done! Motivation in Admissions and Records; Crisis Management: Reflections from the Perception of Northern's Enrollment Services; FERPA in Times of Information Exposure; and Beyond the Virtual Tour - Getting Students to Visit Campus.

We are also trying a few new things such as starting our opening reception earlier on Wednesday, extending our Thursday business lunch meeting so we can cover our district meetings, and starting the Thursday dinner immediately after the last session. Speaking of our Thursday night dinner, the local arrangement committee co-chairs have been hard at work and one of the things they have been working on is our entertainment for the dinner. My understanding is that the entertainment will be magical..... Just remember that famed science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke of 2001 fame said "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

I would like to take this time to thank the local arrangement committee co-chairs Courtney Kohn, Robert Morris Graduate School of Management and Bruce Oates, Oakton Community College for their assistance and hard work.

We will end the conference with our closing speaker George Gollin, Professor of Physics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Instead of black holes or other fun physics facts, he will be speaking on his other interest "The dark side: credit laundering, degree laundering and diploma mills".

As you can see we have quite the conference line up for you. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 86th Annual IACRAO Conference!



"Fun" Fundraising Activities at the IACRAO Annual Conference

**By Ron Gregoire,
Lincoln Land Community College, Past President
Scholarship Committee Chairperson
Lincoln Land Community College**

Again this year, conference attendees will have the opportunity to support our very own good cause, the IACRAO Leadership and Service Scholarships. This includes the chance for YOU to win some cash or place the winning bid on a fully-loaded gift basket!

The IACRAO Leadership and Service scholarships, which award \$500 to two students each year, were initiated by Sheri Kallembach, NIU, during her 04-05 IACAO Presidency. Alice Medenwald, NEIU, and President of IACRAO in 05-06, started the silent auction and 50/50 raffle to raise funds for the scholarships and add some fun to our conference. The 2008 IACRAO Scholarship recipients will be announced on Thursday at our conference.

If you would like to donate an auction item (anything from A-Z) or an entire basket (themes are good), email me at ron.gregoire@llcc.edu. The more "stuff", the more funds raised!

Per your employment contract "other duties as assigned", you ALL must stop by the Raffle Table this October during the conference to place bids and buy raffle tickets....lots of them!



Bright Idea AWARD

LAST CALL for nominations for the **Gene Magac Bright Idea Award**. Do you know of anyone in your office, or a colleague at another institution that implemented a great idea in 07-08?

NO one has submitted a nomination yet! Come on people! Receive free registration for next year's conference, AND share your great idea with others.....

Send nominations to Dennis Kaczor via e-mail at dkaczor@parkland.edu or by fax at (217) 353-2640, attention Dennis. If you have any questions you can call him at (217) 353-2634.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**By Adrienne Kellum-McDay
William Rainey Harper College**

The IACRAO Annual Meeting is just around the corner, and we will “Race towards the Future” in Arlington Heights. I’m looking forward to another dynamic and enjoyable program. Please look for additional information about the Annual Meeting in this issue of the Chronicle and on the IACRAO web site at <http://www.iacrao.org/>

President-elect Jess Ray, the Conference Planning Committee and the Local Arrangement co-chairs, Bruce Oates and Courtney Kohn have worked many hours planning for the conference and we owe them a great deal of thanks for their tireless dedication and contributions to our organization. All of the IACRAO officers have served effortlessly. I would like to acknowledge Ron Gregoire, Past-President; Dan Weber, Treasurer; Andy Kindler, Secretary; Tina Collins, Web Site Manager; and Dale Wolf, Archivist for their unselfish service, contributions and support this year. In addition, the District Chairs, and Deb Michelini, Chronicle Editor, have made our organization the best of the best. Thank you all!

To the membership, please accept my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your assistance throughout the year. Many of you have given your time, talent and finances to further the work of IACRAO. As we continue to take your advice and suggestions, we will continue to move forward. If you are not involved in IACRAO, get involved - we need you! Each one of you has something unique to contribute – and it is member contributions that have, and will continue to make IACRAO the great organization it is.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Arlington Heights. . . . and hope you enjoy the conference.

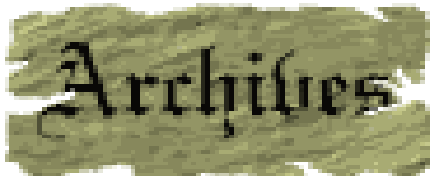
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- Transfer Coordinators of Illinois Colleges/Universities - Fall Meeting
Nov. 12, 2008
ISU, Alumni Center (10:00 a.m.)
- AACRAO Strategic Enrollment Management - Conference
Nov. 16-19, 2008
Anaheim Marriott, CA
- AACRAO Annual Conference
April 13-16, 2009
McCormick Place, Chicago



Legislative Update
Dennis Kaczor, Vice-President of Professional Activities
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As I stated about a year ago, the proposal to eliminate the Constitution Requirement made it all the way through **JCAR** (Joint Committee on Administrative Rules) in Springfield. This spring **JCAR** sent the request back to the Illinois Community College Board for review at its August meeting. We are now waiting to hear from ICCB on the outcome of this proposal.



By Dale Wolf, Alumni member
Archivist

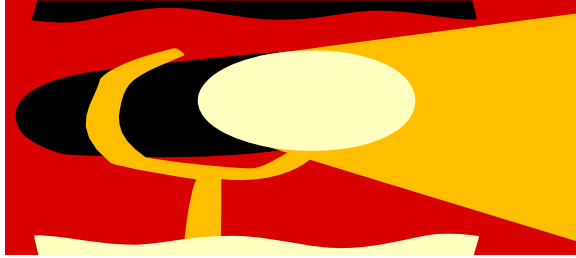
Much of the recent work by this office has been with the new ALUMNI/PAST PRESIDENT DINNER scheduled to for the Annual Meeting beginning this fall. On Wednesday, October 22nd, immediately following the reception, any and all Past Presidents and fellow "Alumni" are welcome to attend this event. You can register for the dinner via the online conference registration on IACRAO's website <http://www.iacrao.org/> There is a charge for the dinner.

You may also be of help if you know of any "alums" or past Presidents that might not see this article or the registration forms. If there are any questions, please feel free to email me at cfdwwdale@hotmail.com We look forward to seeing many of you in October.

Don't forget to bring duplicate articles/ photos , etc. for the Archives and be ready for the IACRAO QUIZ at the Annual Meeting.



Spotlight on the Board



Debbie Michelini, Chronicle Editor

Debbie has worked in higher education for 15 yrs. It was the beginning of a “second” career for her following the demise of Midway Airlines and her position as flight attendant. Being a community college grad herself, she returned to her alma mater, Waubensee Community College to recruit and assist other career-changers through the steps of taking classes necessary to also move forward.

More change came a few years later, this time geographically, when her husband’s long commute from Aurora to Stevenson H.S. in Lincolnshire, began to take its toll. So, the family relocated to Lake Zurich and Debbie found herself working at Harper College in Palatine. She worked as the Recruitment Coordinator for approximately five years, until she decided that she wanted to venture out and gets some 4-yr. college experience on her resume. A great opportunity to be a Regional Rep for Eastern Il University presented itself, and since Deb’s children were in grade school and middle school, working from a home office with scheduling flexibility sounded appealing. She worked for EIU for six years and learned a lot about transfer students and the 4-yr. college experience. She also saw a lot of Illinois she had never seen before or knew even existed as a road warrior!

But time once again for change in May of 2007.... Debbie became the Director of Enrollment Services at the College of Lake County (once again, back to her community college roots) and is really enjoying the new challenges and use of all her previous higher ed. experiences. She feels at home, but with plenty of room to grow. “CLC is a growing community college, and I feel like I can really make a positive impact on the students and the community in which I reside”, stated Michelini.

Debbie received her undergrad degree in Speech Communication from Aurora University and her Masters degree in Higher Ed Administration from Northeastern Il University. She has been active in several professional organizations throughout the last 15 years, including committee work, board appointments, conference presentations, etc. with ICCAROO, IACAC, NACAC and of course IACRAO.

She has taught speech communication classes part-time at several community colleges, enjoys traveling (really misses those flight attendant days!), is a Bear’s football fan – Chicago Bear’s and Lake Zurich Bear’s, the latter which her son plays on the HS varsity team. When she has the time, she also enjoys: hiking, bike riding, yoga, a good glass of wine and “going to the lake”.

Debbie resides in Lake Zurich with her husband, Mark and two (almost grown – fingers crossed) children, Jessica (21) and Dominic (16).

Below are two of her favorite quotes:

“Anxiety is interest paid on trouble before it is due”

anonymous

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced”

anonymous

@ Diversity

By Terri Montgomery, EEOO

Southern Illinois University/Edwardsville

Well, as I sit at my desk and ponder where the summer went, I am reminded of an old educator whose favorite saying was, "Learn and do all you can and then learn and do some more!" I guess he meant our work is really never done. There is always more we can or want to learn and do. I see that with IACRAO. Our president encouraged us over the summer to get involved and volunteer.

I hope that you will consider joining in the learning, fun and camaraderie that you will find at the 2008 IACARO conference. Your colleagues have planned what is to be a great conference and they have you in mind. I have had the opportunity to speak with some of our members asking if they will be attending and most are all but packed and ready to go. What about you? We would especially like to see those of you who are members but haven't attended the conference in a while. We need you! I hope we can count on you and your insight, talent and expertise to make this one grand conference! Oh, about that old educator, here are some more of his favorites. I think we can agree with most of these if not all:

"As soon as you stop learning, you stop leading".

"Educators learn how to make chicken salad out of chicken s*#%!"

"If you develop a passion for learning, you will never cease to grow"

"Here are three ingredients to the good life; learning, earning, and yearning."

"Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't."

"Education is the progressive discovery of our own ignorance."

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Who Governs IACRAO?

The Executive Board is responsible for enforcing the by-laws of the organization while providing services to the membership. These services, providing educational and professional development, are the primary goals of IACRAO. The membership of IACRAO governs through elected Executive Board members and District Chairs. The organization is also directed by a charter and constitution written and approved by the membership.

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