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Harper College

First, I'd like to once again thank all who assisted in making the 2007 Annual Conference fantastic! From the local arrangement committee, to the fund raising initiative, to those who presented, participated in sessions or sang karaoke, together we achieved success.

I'm looking forward to working together with the Board, as well as the membership to continue the mission of IACRAO, and to implement some new initiatives, as well. The organization is only as strong as it's' members, so I encourage everyone to use the resources of the organization. If you have not done so already, join the listserv and participate in the discussions. Submit an article to the *Chronicle* for the next issue. Plan to attend your district meeting – details are listed below on all regional meetings. And considering applying for one of the upcoming open Board positions (see Ron Gregoire article below).

We will soon begin work on the 2008 Annual Conference, which will be held in Arlington Heights in October. Please contact me if you have ideas for conference session, would like to be a presenter or act as a moderator.

Have a great semester – and keep in mind that in only three short months it will be May, which equals graduation and Spring!



Fundraising Report – 2007 IACRAO Annual Conference **Alice Medenwald, Northeastern Illinois University**

Two fundraising activities for the IACRAO Leadership & Service Scholarship fund were held at the 2007 IACRAO Conference, and I am very happy to report that they were both a success.

I want to thank everyone, especially the members of the Executive Board and the Local Arrangements Committee who sold the raffle tickets throughout the conference. And thanks to those who bought tickets, too. We collected \$443 with \$222 going to the winner and \$221 going to the Scholarship Fund.

Many, many thanks go to the members who donated items to the silent auction and to those who worked the table. This would not have been a success without the help I received from so many people. I was astonished at the great items that were donated to the auction. Items included a collection of fast food gift cards, wine and food baskets, a coffee basket, a clock, a Thanksgiving centerpiece, a blanket, and much, much more.

I am happy to report that every single item received a bid and several items received multiple bids. It was exciting to watch the bidders as the clock ticked down to the deadline. The bidding got quite fierce at the end and when it was all over we raised \$474 on the silent auction, for a grand total of \$695 for our first venture into fundraising.

I am not sure what type of fundraising activities the Past President, Ron Gregoire has planned for us this October, but I have no doubt that they will be fun. Please plan to participate in any way that you can, and let's not lose the momentum we have started.

2008 IACRAO CONFERENCE



**Jess Ray, President-Elect
Illinois State University**

Since it is spring that means it is time to plan ahead for fall! Mark your calendars now for the 86th Annual IACRAO Conference. It will take place October 21-24, 2008 at the Sheraton, Chicago Northwest, in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Local arrangements will be handled by our own dynamic duo Courtney Kohn and Bruce Oates. The plan is to continue our legacy of excellent conferences that are informative, facilitate our professional development, and provide an opportunity for networking with peers. Be sure to continue to monitor the IACRAO website: www.iacrao.org for information on the conference. See you all in October at the conference!

Gene Magac Bright Idea Award 2008 Dennis Kaczor, Vice-President of Professional Activities Parkland College

Now is the time for ideas. What can you do to improve services in your office? How can you simplify what you and your colleagues do each day? Let us know what you did this fall at our **IACRAO** conference by submitting nominations for the **Gene Magac Bright Idea Award** session. Send nominations to Dennis Kaczor via e-mail at dkaczor@parkland.edu or by fax at (217) 353-2640, attention Dennis. If you have questions he can be reached at (217) 353-2634.

Anonymous Letter to the Editor:

Bradley University has won this award for the past two years! Actually, in 2007, they were the only nominee..... Stop the madness people! You've all done great things, have fabulous ideas, and create wonderful programs. Nominate your colleague, nominate your co-worker, nominate yourself, for gosh-sakes nominate someone. Bradley CANNOT be a three-peat! Along with the prestige of winning this Award, and lots of "pats on the back", comes free registration to the 2009 conference (estimated value – priceless), for the presenter of the idea. Let 2008 be your school's year to shine.

UPDATES from the Past-President, Ron Gregoire

Lincoln Land Community College

From President Elect to President to Past President.... this has been a nice ride, thank you very much! I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to work with so many excellent people that comprise the IACRAO family for the last 2 years. However, even as Past Pres I still have some duties and assignments to report, so I'm not finished just yet.

Mark your calendars for our 2009 conference that will be held in downtown Springfield, Illinois. The hotel is a short walk from the new President Lincoln Library and museum, and so many other Springfield sites. The dates are October 28 – 30, 2009. If you're an early planner or are just really interested in checking things out, here you go:

Our Hotel: <http://www.presidentabrahamlincolnhotel.com/home.html>

Abraham Lincoln Museum: http://alplm.org/intro_0a_content.html

Old State Capitol: http://www.state.il.us/HPA/hs/old_capitol.htm

Our updated IACRAO Scholarship applications are now available at www.iacrao.org. The scholarship is for students who have completed a minimum of 45 hours at an Illinois IACRAO affiliated community college and have been accepted into a 4 year IACRAO affiliated institution. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 (4.0 scale) and demonstrate leadership or service experience. A complete description of the scholarships can be found on the IACRAO website. The deadline for submission is May 12, 2008. Please forward the scholarship link along with a sales pitch to the appropriate contacts in your institution.

One of my final and most important responsibilities is chairing the nominating committee for next year's officers. We are looking for candidates to fill the following positions:

President-Elect

Treasurer-Elect

VP for Professional Activities

For position descriptions go to: http://www.iacrao.org/position_descriptions/main.htm

Yes, these positions do require work...but just ask anyone who has ever held a position on the IACRAO Executive board how rewarding (and FUN) it all was. If you are interested, or there is someone you would like to nominate for one of these offices, please email me at:

ron.gregoire@llcc.edu .

Legislative Update

Dennis Kaczor, Vice-President of Professional Activities

Parkland College

In November, the Illinois Community College Board voted to forward to JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rules) IACRAO's request to repeal the need for community colleges to verify completion of the Constitution requirement before awarding degrees. This request will go through several stages at JCAR, and we should know within a few months if we can finally end this practice.

UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS

Mark your calendars for the following district meetings. They provide a great opportunity to share knowledge, expand our learning and get to know each other.



East Central District & West Central District

Leigh A. McElhenny, Chair Brian Clevenger, Chair

For the second year in a row, the East Central District and the West Central District will hold a joint district meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at the University of Illinois at Springfield. We are working very diligently to provide informational and educational presentations and a “birds of a feather” session. We will have more specific meeting information and exact location/time details available soon.

Specific conference information will be emailed to all members of IACRAO within the two districts in early February. Please be sure to follow the instructions in the email to send in reservations. Registration is free and lunch will be provided! For more information about the conference, please contact Leigh McElhenny (lamcelhenny@eiu.edu) or Brian Clevenger (bclev1@uis.edu).

We are very excited about the opportunity to bring two districts together for an important professional development opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Northeast District

Courtney A. Kohn, Chair

It is time to begin thinking about the IACRAO Spring District meeting! This workshop is designed for your staff members in Admissions, Records, Registration, Recruitment, Records Evaluation or whomever you think might be interested. It is an opportunity for your staff to meet their counterparts/colleagues and to have an interesting and enjoyable day away from their offices.

This year the Northeast District meeting will be hosted at Lewis University in Romeoville, on Friday, March 14, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The meeting will feature presentations on the Benefits of Massage Therapy and Remaining Calm Amongst the Chaos. A bonus will be ongoing, 10-minute table massages for participants, and of course, lunch is included. Questions or registration information can be directed to Sheree Stilwell at either stilwesh@lewisu.edu or (815) 836-5763.

Northwest District

Brent Gage, Chair

The members of the Northwest District are looking forward to our Spring Meeting tentatively scheduled for Friday March 7, at Northern Illinois University. While we will be soliciting session ideas, and we have an exciting lunch presentation scheduled. This session, “Marketing to the You Tube Generation” will feature a multi-media presentation by students and faculty from the NIU Communications Department.

Please save the date and watch your mailbox for more information which will be arriving soon! If you have ideas or potential session topics, please e-mail me at baggage@niu.edu. We hope to see our Northwest District members in DeKalb on March 7th!

Southern District

Scott A. Dunn, Chair

The IACRAO Southern District meeting will be held on Friday March 7, 2008 at the Rend Lake Marketplace in Mt. Vernon. Our theme will be "Every Day is an Exercise in Compromise".

Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:30 with the meeting commencing at 9:30. Main course lunch selections tentatively include pork loin and spinach lasagna. Following lunch will be our "Birds of a Feather" sessions.

This year's speaker will be state representative John Bradley. For more information regarding Representative Bradley visit <http://www.ilga.gov/house/Rep.asp?MemberID=1073>.

Please RSVP Jennifer Miller (jrmiller@mckendree.edu). If you are replying for your entire office or institution, please include an accurate head-count as well as any dietary concerns or other special accommodations. The registration deadline is noon on February 28th. Due to rising costs across the board, the registration fee for the 2008 Southern District meeting is \$7 per person.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. Please spread the word to help make this our best meeting ever.



Spotlight on the Board

Tina Collins, Web Site Manager

Tina Collins is in her fifth year as Director of Records and Registration at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She moved to Carbondale from Clarksville, Tennessee where she worked for over 13 years in student service positions ranging from Academic Advisor to Assistant Registrar. Tina received both her bachelors and masters degrees at Austin Peay, and is currently just a dissertation away from obtaining her doctorate in Higher Education Administration at Vanderbilt University.

A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Tina continues to enjoy mentoring young people as they work toward reaching their goals. During her "spare" time, Tina loves to bowl, read, work Sudoku puzzles, and watch her daughter, Talea, play volleyball. Also, she is an avid fan of The Andy Griffith Show and shamelessly quotes character lines at will.

During the next phase of her life, Tina would like to establish a center for abused women to assist them in reestablishing their lives and reclaiming their independence. Also, she looks forward to traveling and volunteering at the Red Cross.

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Terri Montgomery,
IACRAO EEO Officer
SIUE

I thought I'd introduce myself to you as the newly elected Equal Education Opportunity Officer. I must admit I was excited about being asked to fill this position, as I have always wanted to offer my support to IACRAO and its affiliates, (thanks Brenda Major!). Well, since we are well into the spring 2008 term and the dust has finally settled around SIUE, I wanted to determine how I would go about being effective in this new role. As I researched, I found the objective is to encourage minority *members* to become more active within IACRAO and AACRAO. That brought about an initial thought: "That means that I don't have to recruit new members, just encourage those we already have to get involved." Then I thought if you are already a member, why wouldn't you want to be involved in some way? After a bit of self reflection, (I do that sometimes), and making calls to many of our members, I discovered that many people felt like I did. IACRAO and AACRAO already, "have it going on", meaning every conference and meeting seems to be informative, put together well and organized. So why do these organizations need *me*?

We shouldn't assume there is no room for us in an organization geared to train, develop and further educate us in our professional and personal areas of interest. There is much to be said about the professional ties that almost invariably become personal friendships. Meaningful discussions about pertinent issues surrounding the many facets of education in Illinois as well as the rest of the country abound at these meetings. You are sure to learn something new at each meeting that will help you as you work with students, counselors, school administrators and all others who make up the world of academe.

With that being said, I'll always remember my grandmother's words, which she probably got from someone who handed them down to her; "I'd rather wear out than rust out!" We all have plenty to do in our jobs, in our homes and the various other places we find ourselves, so I'd like to offer my objective for my time as EEO Officer: I'll be contacting YOU very soon as members to find out how you can make me look good at this job by – getting more involved! I am up for this challenge and want you to know I will do my best to make you glad that when it comes to IACRAO, You are "more active!"

ARCHIVIST VAULT
Dale Wolf, Archivist

We are always reminding you to save your information related to IACRAO functions and meetings. I now remind you to save information about colleagues.

As you may know we now have an IACRAO ALUMNI page on the organization website (www.iacrao.org and click on Alumni). We would like to add more to this site in the coming months. If you know of former IACRAOites that live in your region and are not already listed, please notify us as to their whereabouts. We would like to contact them concerning their interest in joining this list, "link" them up with old friends, and inform them about this new website.

Also, please still DO remember to save memos, emails, photos, etc. for the history of the organization. It is a great service we can provide for the future membership. If you have any questions or comments, contact me at cfddwwdale@hotmail.com.



IACRAO MESSAGE BOARD

The IACRAO Executive Committee extends its condolences on behalf of the membership **to our friends and colleagues at Northern Illinois University** on their tragic loss that took place February 14, 2008. Our thoughts are with the students, faculty and staff at Northern Illinois University that have endured this horrible incident.

Illinois will be hosting the [AACRAO Conference in Chicago in 2009](#). We need to “get the word out” this year during the Conference in Orlando. If you plan to be in Orlando, and could volunteers to work at the publicity booth, please contact Kathie Beaty, Bradley University at either 309-677-3098 or kbeaty@bradley.edu Any assistance would be much appreciated.

At the end of March, [Dale Wolf](#) will walk his youngest child, (and fifth to marry) Amanda, down the aisle in Columbia, Missouri. Congrats to Amanda and Dad, Dale.

Lewis and Clark has a new Registrar – actually 1st Registrar since 1983! She is [Kimberly Cruz](#), who was promoted from her current L & C position as Record’s Evaluator. She began her new duties on Jan. 1, 2008. All her colleagues at L & C would like to congratulate her on her promotion!

SIUC Updates:

Ryan and [Carrie Rice](#) welcomed daughter, Alivia Rose to the world on December 17, 2007. In addition to parents and grandparents, Alivia is doted on by big brother Jaxon. Carrie serves as Assistant Director of Records and Registration at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

[Stephen “Willie” Williams](#) retired from SIU Carbondale on January 31, 2008 following more than 33 years of dedicated service. Willie plans to spend lots of time on the golf course.

[Janell Simpson](#) was promoted to Admissions/Records Supervisor in Records and Registration at SIU Carbondale. Janell is responsible for the Records and Graduation areas.

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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