

Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

# 2023-2024 Executive Board Nominees

#### **President-Elect**



### **Mark Mountain**

University Registrar, Olivet Nazarene University

Currently, I am the University Registrar at Olivet Nazarene University, a private, fouryear institution. Olivet is connected to seven other Church of Nazarene colleges and universities across the United States. My undergraduate degree is from Olivet, so serving at my alma mater carries a special significance. Since returning to Olivet, I

finished my doctoral studies at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln while serving in various positions across campus. My first position was as the Assistant to the President before becoming Associate Registrar for the graduate school, and then Director of Registration Services.

I had attended the IACRAO conference, but didn't become active in IACRAO until 2019. I guess the spark was winning the Bright Ideas presentation session at the annual conference that year. IACRAO has provided an excellent opportunity to network and engage with a wide range of individuals from member institutions. First serving as the district chair and currently as Treasurer, these roles have provided a place to grow professionally.

On a personal note, my life is enriched by my wonderful family. I am married to a middle school Language Arts teacher. We have two daughters; the oldest is a high school math teacher, and our youngest is a junior at Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL, majoring in Special Education.

A few fun facts about me: I am an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene. I have a very eclectic taste in music, highlighted by my favorite musician, Weird Al Yankovic, whom I have seen in concert six times. Originally from Michigan, I am a diehard Detroit Lions (football) and Detroit Tigers (baseball) fan.

#### **Treasurer-Elect**



## **Alex Berry** University Registrar, Millikin University

I am thrilled at the prospect of serving IACRAO as Treasurer-Elect! I have been a member of IACRAO for just over a year, and have been motivated by the openness, friendliness, and collegiality of the organization and our members. I look forward to

serving in a role and being part of a team that will help guide IACRAO into the future.

I have worked in higher education since 2009—serving most of my career in community colleges. I held various roles at Richland Community College, including financial aid, student activities, academic advising, career services, and Title IX. In my roles at Richland, I had the opportunity to be involved in state associations, including ILASFAA, ILACADA, and ICCSAA—serving a term as Vice President. I transitioned to Lincoln Land Community College and worked in success coaching after my time at Richland. Since October 2022, I've had the opportunity to return to my alma mater, Millikin University, to serve as the University Registrar. I look forward to continuing to grow with IACRAO!

#### Secretary



## Tammy Thomas Admissions/Records Coordinator, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Tammy currently serves as the Admissions/Records Coordinator for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, where she oversees the Admissions Processing Unit. She has held this role since 2021. Tammy has 22 years of service in higher education at SIUE. She

has spent the entire time working with undergraduate applications and supporting documents for admitting students. SIUE has played a pivotal role in her life and she strives to give back to the students and university in all her endeavors.

## **Equal Education Opportunity Officer**



## **Abby Schierer**

Assistant Registrar, Bradley University

I have worked in the Office of the Registrar at Bradley for the last nine years in a few different positions. Over four of those years have been in my current position of Assistant Registrar. I have been involved in IACRAO off and on throughout my time at Bradley. The last two years were my first experience serving on the Executive Board as

the Secretary. I enjoyed my time as Secretary and learned a lot from this organization and its extraordinary members. I am excited for the opportunity to continue serving on the Executive Board in this new role!

### **Professional Activities Officer**



### Todd Kato

Assistant Director of Course Articulation, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

I have worked in higher education for over 18 years and currently serve as Assistant Director of Course Articulation at UIUC. My unit serves as the clearing house for processing several thousand course articulation requests on behalf of prospective and

current undergraduate students who transfer coursework to Illinois each year. My team works directly with over 150 departments and academic units across campus to ensure that course articulation decisions are made in a manner that is timely, accurate, and consistent with current UIUC policies. Historically, my office has received transfer coursework from hundreds of colleges and universities around the world, which represent over several hundred thousand courses in our database.

I'm honored to be considered for the role of Professional Activities Officer and serve on IACRAO's board.