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Submitted by Adrienne Kellum-McDay, President-Elect
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As the spring semester brings about warmer weather, bright ideas and new beginnings, take a minute to plan ahead and schedule in the 85th Annual IACRAO Conference for October 24-26, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Collinsville, Illinois with your colleagues. Laura Strom and Peggy Hudson are co-chairs for our local arrangements. We are planning for a dynamic conference. Check your IACRAO website: www.iacrao.org for upcoming conference information. We are looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you in Collinsville!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER From Ron Gregoire Lincoln Land Community College

IACRAO, 1922 – 2007. Wow, that's eighty-five years of IACRAO state meetings, sessions, professional contacts and friendships. Do you think the men and women that started IACRAO discussed the advantages of the internet and email in sharing information and keeping educational professionals connected across the state? You have to wonder what they would have thought of a FERPA or document imaging session.

Back in the day, regional meetings and state conferences had to be one of the best ways to make contacts and keep ideas flowing across Illinois. Today I'm not sure if it's acceptable to present a session without power point, hand outs, a lapel mike, laser pointer and Starbucks on the back table. But even though we've gone "high tech", our basic IACRAO district meetings and state conference still offer a great opportunity to learn, share and make valuable contacts.

So, make the most of your IACRAO membership by attending your district and state meetings and getting to know your peers from institutions across Illinois. Get involved by making suggestions, submit a session/topic proposal, write an article for the Chronicle Newsletter or jump in and volunteer your energy and skills as a member of the IACRAO board.

Your IACRAO Board looks forward to serving it's members. So, please contact me if you have a question, comment or suggestion. See you in October in Collinsville,

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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Mark Your Calendars!

District Meetings

East Central/West Central, March 16, 2007
Northeast, 23, 2007
Northwest, March 9, 2007
Southern, March 30, 2007

IACRAO Executive Board Meeting
April 20, 2007

IACRAO Annual Meeting
October 24-26, 2007

ICCAROO Board Meeting
March 9, 2007

Chronicle UPDATES.....

The *Chronicle* is published three times a year by the Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (IACRAO) as a means to inform, as well as promote educational and professional development of IACRAO members. The *Chronicle* covers organizational activities and individual accomplishments of IACRAO members. Articles spotlight issues affecting the admissions and records functions of educational institutions. The *Chronicle* welcomes ideas, photographs, and articles from our professional membership. ITEMS FOR THE SUMMER ISSUE ARE DUE JUNE 1ST. Send your contributions or comments to Debbie Michelini, *Chronicle* Editor, Eastern Illinois University at djmichelini@eiu.edu

****NEW *Chronicle* FEATURE *****

MESSAGE BOARD – send submissions for any of the following:

Members with job promotions, transfers, moves to new institutions or retirements. Accomplishments such as earned degrees, being published or professional speaking engagements. Want to send a message of thanks, kudos, best wishes, congrats or sympathy to a member? This is a place where you can do that, too. ITEMS FOR THE SUMMER ISSUE ARE DUE JUNE 1ST

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

Sonia Fischer, Chair Andy Kindler, Chair

SOMETHING NEW! The East Central District and the West Central District will be coming together this spring for a joint district meeting. The meeting will be held on Friday, March 16, 2007 at the University of Illinois at Springfield. We are working very diligently to provide an informational and educational presentation, a “birds of a feather” session, and a couple of break-out sessions.

We will have more specific meeting information and exact location/time details available soon. Please make your reservations by sending your name, institution name, and phone number to Sonia Fischer at slfischer@eiu.edu or to Andy Kindler at akindler@bradley.edu. Registration is free and lunch will be provided! Registration deadline is March 9.

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

Northeast District

Therese Lux, Chair

The annual Northeast District meeting will be held on Friday, March 23, 2007 at Lewis University in Romeoville. A special presentation titled "When Generations Ruled the World" will be featured, among other opportunities, including a luncheon. Cost for the meeting is \$10 per person. Further information will be e-mailed directly to those within the district.

Northwest District

Jill Bier, Chair

This year the IACRAO Northwest Division is very excited for the opportunity to combine our District Meeting with the ICCAROO (Illinois Community College Admissions and Records Officers Organization) Spring meeting!

The meeting will be held on Friday, March 9, 2007 at the Barsema Visitor Center at Northern Illinois University. Several breakout sessions are scheduled to allow the four-year institutions and the two-year schools to mingle and gather as groups to discuss issues that we face on a daily basis, as well as those unusual situations that we would like to "bounce off" our colleagues.

The highlight of the meeting will be a lunch and presentation, "Generational Perceptions of Leadership," by Andrea Gage.

We are hoping this new concept will allow us to reduce "out of office time" for some participants; and more importantly, continue to build the communication and camaraderie that are so valuable in our organizations.

Southern District

Chris Leopold, Chair

Mark your calendars! The annual Southern District Meeting will be held on Friday, March 30, 2007 at Rend Lake College Marketplace in Mount Vernon, IL. We have been busy planning an enriching program for one and all. It's our pleasure to announce that Alan Shiller, instructor of Speech Communication at SIUE, will be our guest speaker this year. Known for his dynamic and interactive presentation style, Mr. Shiller will be sharing with us some strategies for fine-tuning our communication skills. Light breakfast refreshments will be served beginning at 9AM, followed by the guest speaker and a "birds of a feather" session. The day's activities will conclude with a luncheon buffet.

To make reservations, please complete and return a registration form for each attendee by Friday, March 23, 2007. For more information or to submit BOF topics, please contact Tammy Tadlock at tadlock@rlc.edu or Chris Leopold at cmitch@siue.edu. The program will be fun and informative for anyone who works in Admissions and Records, and we would encourage as many members and support staff as possible to attend. See you this spring!



Spotlight on the Board

**Submitted by Jonathan Pickering
North Central College**

Roslyn Wolz Castro, EEO Officer

Roslyn currently serves as Director of Admissions and Records at Morton College. She has a double degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Benedictine University and a M.B.A. from the University of St. Francis. Roslyn has worked in higher education for the last 10 years, and enjoys the opportunity to make a difference in young people's lives. She has worked with a variety of student populations; including International students, African American student organizations, and Latino students and organizations. She believes that being a strong leader will motivate young people to aspire to obtain higher degrees in education.

Roslyn grew up in Joliet, IL in an Irish, Catholic neighborhood. While growing up, she was always involved in International organizations and events. She enjoys traveling and has made several journeys throughout South America. Roslyn is a lifelong learner of languages and cultures. In her spare time she enjoys photography, as well as spending time with her family, friends and dog.

**UPDATES from the Past-President, Submitted by Alice Medenwald
Northeastern Illinois University**

This year as I wind down from two hectic years as President-Elect and President, I continue to work on a few projects for IACRAO. I thought you might be interested in knowing about them. This past November I finalized an agreement with the Sheraton Chicago Northwest, located in Arlington Heights, IL to host the 2008 IACRAO Conference. It is an attractive venue and has just opened an indoor water part. It is a great location to host a professional conference and to have fun, as well. The dates of the conference are October 22-24, 2008.

I have also just finished updating the IACRAO Scholarship applications and they 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 scholarship can be found on the IACRAO website. The deadline for submission is May 14, 2007. If you have any contacts in your Financial Aid Office or Scholarship Office it would be helpful if you could bring this scholarship opportunity to their attention. The District Chairs will also be doing a mailing to each institution in their district.

One of the other responsibilities of the Past President is to chair the nominating committee for next year's officers. We are looking for candidates to fill the following positions: President-Elect, Secretary, and Equal Educational Opportunities Officer. Position descriptions and term length can be found on the website. If there is someone you would like to nominate for any of the above offices, please email me at a-medenwald@neiu.edu. I hope you all have a good year, and I look forward to seeing you at the IACRAO Conference in Collinsville in October.

From the Archives
Submitted by Dale Wolf
IACRAO Archivist



Ever wonder why IACRAO encourages you to keep notes, photos and reports for the Archives??

The term "ARCHIVE" is defined one way as "the place in which public records are preserved". Preserved is the key word in this definition. IACRAO preserves the information in order to allow future members to have a record of how issues were handled, what was important at that time, who was making news and other items of interest for the entire membership.

It is for this reason that we will continue to remind you to keep records of committee meetings, District programs, photos of members and/or events and all articles related to this organization. One other way to help with archiving is to keep records or copies of electronic transactions, such as emails. Besides this being important for business purposes, it is also fun for everyone to recall many of our events, meetings, and more from our past.

As an example, let us look back exactly ten years to the Spring 1997 issue of the *Chronicle*. Here are some of the news items of interest:

-- from the President's page of KATHIE BEATY-- "our thanks to MIKE HENRY of Parkland for stepping in to fill the President-Elect position. His nomination was approved by the Board. The Board has also received approval to develop a web page, and PETER HOOD, recently retired from UIUC, has been named Archivist for the coming year"

--" under the guidance of Chair DON GWINN and Vice Chair SUZANNE ANDERSON, the AACRAO 1998 local arrangements committee has been planning for two years, a logo has been selected, t-shirts printed and special tours and events arranged. Volunteers are still welcome for next year's event in Chicago."

-- a reminder that the October 1997 Annual Meeting will be held in Champaign-Urbana at the Chancellor Hotel. This is IACRAO Diamond Jubilee.

--CHUCK ERICKSON, after more than twenty-eight years at College of DuPage, will retire in March 1997. We will all miss him.

-- last, but not least, "we congratulate GWEN KANELOS on the birth of a baby boy (Andrew) on February 15, 1997

Without archives, we would not be able to recall these institutional and personal notes and dates. So, continue to keep up the good work of retaining that which is important, and also that which is not so important, but "enjoyable".

@ Diversity
Submitted By Roslyn Castro
IACRAO EEO Officer
Morton College

Thank you to all of you who attended the Diversity Caucus meeting at the Annual Conference. We had a great turn out, and lots of insightful information came out of this meeting. So, we decided to continue the diversity discussion throughout the rest of the year in this **new, regular Chronicle series, @ Diversity.**

One of the areas that we touched upon was the idea of tapping into the Latino population. So, as I was thinking of ideas to discuss regarding the Latino community, I figured we should start with the basics.

What is the difference between a Latino and a Hispanic?

The US Census Bureau defines a Hispanic or Latino in the same category as those people who classified themselves in one of the specific Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino categories listed on the Census 2000 questionnaire – “Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican or Cuban.” Those who indicated that they are “other Spanish/ Hispanic/ Latino, including Origins from Spain, the Spanish speaking countries of Central or South America, the Dominican Republic or people identifying themselves generally as Spanish, Spanish – American, Hispanic, Hispano, Latino and so on” were also included in the Hispanic/ Latino population.

Some argue that the term “Latino” includes those individuals from “Latin America” and would therefore include people from Brazil (who speak Portuguese). Others say that the term “Hispanic” is wrong because it literally means “from Spain” and Hispanic American heritage goes further than just Spain.

People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race. This means, there can be Black, White or Asiatic Latinos or Hispanics.

The misconception that “Hispanic” is a race is so ingrained in this country that many Hispanics are confused themselves. This creates a big problem in marketing research, because many would check “Other” if “Hispanic” were not included in the race category. Yet, many Hispanics would check “White” or “Black” and not “Hispanic”, if “Hispanic” was included as a category. (Hispanic Research, <http://www.hispanic-research.com/home/faq.htm>).

Interesting finding: The 2000 Census identifies “White” as people having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa. It includes people who indicated their race or races as “White” or wrote entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner, Arab or Polish.

Stay tuned for more to come on Diversity issues as we continue this regular feature in future Chronicle issues. If you have questions, comments or an area of interest you would like to see featured, please contact Roslyn at Roslyn.Castro@morton.edu

IF YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING, CHANGE IT. IF YOU CAN'T CHANGE IT, CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ABOUT IT! - Anonymous

IACRAO Listserv

Having trouble posting to the listserv? Not receiving messages? Any problems or questions can be directed to Tina Collins, IACRAO Web Site Manager at tcollins@siu.edu OR, if you have not yet subscribed to the listserv, go to www.iacrao.org/links.htm for easy directions on how to get started.



IACRAO MESSAGE BOARD (new**)**

- ❖ Congratulations to Debbie Armstrong, Illinois State University who received her M.S. degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from ISU in Dec. 2006!
- ❖ Deborah K. Perry passed away February 7, 2007. Debbie, who retired a few years ago, was a long time Admission Counselor at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She attended Olive-Harvey College from 1967-70, transferring to Southern Illinois University in 1970, earning a BA in May 1972.

Debbie joined the staff at SIU in September 1972 as a Clerk in the Library's Learning Resource Center. She transferred to the Office of Admissions and Records in July 1974. As an Admissions and Record's Officer, Debbie coordinated receipt of academic documents and the evaluation of records of military personnel enrolled in degree programs. She was promoted the following year to a field representative and Admission Counselor. This became her career and calling. Debbie shepherded two generations of students into college, toward their degrees and off to productive lives.