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2007 IACRAO CONFERENCE

by Adrienne Kellum-McDay, President-Elect
Harper College



The IACRAO conference committee is hard at work making sure all the pieces are coming together for a great IACRAO meeting this fall. So, mark your calendar to attend October 24-26, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Collinsville, IL.

This year's theme will be **Gateway to Reality**. And we have confirmed DuWayne Brooks, Rosalind Franklin University Medicine and Sciences as the keynote speaker for the opening session. The following are just a few additional sessions that might spark your interest: Ethical Dilemma in the Registrar's Office, National Security Awareness II: The Higher Education Connection, Extreme Make Over: Office Edition-Updating Your Procedural Documentation and Disaster Recovery/Preparedness.

We are asking each institution to bring one-two door prizes, if possible. There will be games, dancing, and lots of fun. Stay tuned. Registration for the conference will begin in August. We are looking forward to seeing YOU in October!

Win free registration to the 2008 IACRAO conference.....

Have you done something innovative at your office? Would you like to have an opportunity to share your GREAT idea with your colleagues? Then don't wait – submit your nomination for the **2007 Gene Magac Bright Idea Award** today. Send nominations to Dennis Kaczor via e-mail at dkaczor@parkland.edu or by fax at (217) 353-2640. If you should have questions, he can be reached at (217) 353-2634.

Go ahead - brag a bit, inspire others or just share your accomplishment. Who knows, you could end up like Bradley University (the 2006 Gene Magac Bright Idea Award recipient) and **win free registration** for your college at next year's conference!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER
by Ron Gregoire
Lincoln Land Community College

Isn't it interesting how some of your friends who know you are in education, but have no idea what you do will ask "So...what are you doing all summer now that school is over?"

One thing that your IACRAO Conference Committee members, Pres-Elect Adrienne Kellum-McDay and I are working on is the 2007 Conference. Adrienne, Sonia Fischer, Theresa Lux, Jill Bier, Andy Kindler & Chris Leopold have all been working to arrange knowledgeable presenters and relevant session topics for your conference. Check the IACRAO website www.iacrao.org weekly over the next few months for conference details, session offerings, online registration and hotel reservation information.

If you have not visited the IACRAO website recently there is considerable information to be found. Tina Collins and her staff consistently do an excellent job of updating the IACRAO website. Not only will you find back issues of *The Chronicle* and photos of IACRAO events like last fall's Conference <http://www.iacrao.org/October2006/index.php>, but everything about IACRAO from our Diversity Caucus members, IACRAO Scholarship applications to bylaws and position descriptions, as well.

This organization has been very fortunate to not only have good members, but good members that have volunteered to get involved. Take a moment to go online and look at the descriptions of the various board positions and duties. Yes, it is work...but it is rewarding & enjoyable. You work with and get to know some excellent people and yes...even have fun! Get involved, volunteer. Thanks for allowing me to play a leadership roll in this organization. ..now it is your turn!

Legislative Update

by Dennis Kaczor, Vice-President of Professional Activities
Parkland College

Thursday June 21st Parkland College hosted the summer ICCAROO meeting. Jason Rotzoll, President Elect of ICCAROO, arranged several sessions including a visit by a member of the Illinois Community College Board.

In this presentation Brenda D. Pryor gave an update on IACRAO's request to repeal the need for Community Colleges to prove that every student has met the Constitution Requirement prior to awarding a degree. Ms. Pryor informed all present that written information about ICCAROO'S request would be presented to ICC at the September 10th Board meeting in East Peoria. At ICC's November meeting they will vote on whether to forward this request to the General Assembly oversight committee-JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rules). If JCAR agrees with the request a vote may be sent to the Illinois State Legislators as early as January.

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DISTRICT MEETING REVIEWS



East Central District & ***West Central District***
by Sonia Fischer, Chair **Andy Kindler, Chair**
Southwestern Illinois College **Bradley University**

This year the East and West Central Districts combined for a joint District Seminar. The meeting was held at the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) on March 16. Everyone was given a packet of information at check-in and was then able to enjoy a continental breakfast and networking before beginning with our sessions. We opened the program with a warm welcome from Brian Clevenger, Registrar from UIS and the West Central District Secretary.

Our first presenter, DuWayne Brooks from Bradley University, gave a fantastic presentation on diversity. It was a great way to begin our morning because he led a very interactive session. It was fun, interesting, and it gave us an opportunity to work with many people from different schools.

The next session gave us a look at Data Security. Michael Corn from UIUC talked about the importance of securing personal information, especially in this time when identity theft is happening more frequently. This is a very important issue for our fields in higher education. At the end of this presentation, we broke for lunch. UIS provided us with a delicious lunch buffet that consisted of chicken or fish, vegetables, and a wonderful dessert.

After lunch, we then broke into two groups for a “Birds of a Feather” session. We had a vast array of questions and discussion points. And each group seemed to have excellent participation and conversation. This was a great opportunity to talk about topics specific to our institutions and get feedback from our peers.

We closed with our final session of the day with a session on document imaging and management systems. Technology brings about so much change that it seems we are constantly re-evaluating our processes and procedures. Bob Emmert, Paul Garretson, and Shirley Thurman, all from Western Illinois University, talked about how imaging and new technology systems have changed the way they process and handle information. They discussed all the positives and negatives that moving to electronic processes can bring. It was great to hear from the people who are actually using this information and how it has benefited them and their institution.

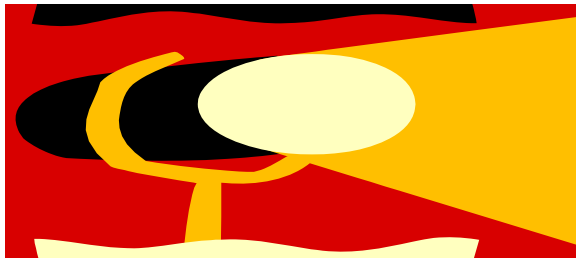
Overall, the district seminar was a huge success. We had a large turnout, with about 80 people in attendance. The sessions were informative and we had a lot of participation. We would like to thank Brian Clevenger and his staff at UIS for taking care of all of the arrangements for our meeting. We feel that the merging of the East Central and West Central districts turned out to be a very engaging experience and a great way to network with more of our colleagues from across the state. We look forward to the opportunity again next spring!

Southern District
by Chris Leopold, Chair
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

The annual Southern District Meeting was held on Friday, March 30, 2007 at Rend Lake College Marketplace in Mount Vernon, IL. About 42 attendees participated this year. Mr. Alan Shiller, instructor of Speech Communication at SIUE, led a lively discussion on overcoming communication barriers and engaged us in some fun hands-on activities to test our communication skills. Following the opening presentation, district members participated in a “Birds of a Feather” session. Scott Dunn moderated, and a wide range of topics were discussed. We concluded the day’s activities with a luncheon buffet, some district announcements, and the giving away of school pride items and prizes donated by several businesses. Of the 42 attendees, 35 turned in evaluations – all with really positive feedback. Thank you to all those who attended for contributing to a fun, relaxing, and informative day out of the office.

In other news, Scott Dunn, Coordinator for Compliance & Publications at SIUC, took on the role of Southern District Secretary/Chair-Elect effective April 1st. Thank you for taking on this important responsibility and welcome aboard!

Spotlight on the Board



Daniel Weber, Treasurer-Elect

Dan Weber has served as the Assistant Registrar for Rush University for the last four years. Previously, Dan held admissions positions at four other Illinois colleges/universities before assuming his current position in Rush’s Office of the Registrar. Dan’s interest in higher education administration began while he was a student worker in the Office of Admissions at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, which is where he earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice with a minor in Spanish. Then, during the years he was employed as an admissions counselor at Eastern Illinois University, he earned his M.S.Ed with a concentration in College Student Personnel Services.

After earning his master’s degree, Dan moved to Chicago to work for DePaul University. It was the experience of living in the city of Chicago and working at DePaul that Dan realized one common undergraduate experience remained unfulfilled in his life, so he began working on how to have a study abroad experience even though his baccalaureate experience had ended years earlier. The final result was first, a sabbatical from his position at DePaul, then later actually resigning his position at DePaul so that he could live in Mexico and have an immersion experience supplemented by study at the Universidad de Guadalajara.

It had been Dan's intentions to return to the admissions field when his time in Mexico ended but, instead, Dan ended up being offered the position at Rush University and now he cannot imagine not working in a records and registration office!

Outside of the office, Dan interest's in the Spanish language continues, and he makes periodic trips to Mexico. Additionally, Dan is the co-advisor for Rush University's Belize Service Project, which is a group of Rush students and two advisors who travel to Belize, Central America so that the students can experience healthcare on an international level. The group also assists the people of Belize through service projects including building a house for a family in need. (Talk to Dan about this endeavor! He could talk at length about this topic, the needs of the Belizean people, and what you could do to help this group.) Dan also loves photography and spends a lot of time working to take his photographic skills to the next level.



Top 10 Tech-Savvy Community Colleges – Two Illinois schools make the list by Debbie Michelini, Chronicle Editor College of Lake County

According to the June/July 2007 issue of *Community College Journal*, the Center for Digital Education and the American Association of Community Colleges recently released the results of their national technology survey, which examines how community colleges are deploying technology to streamline operations and better serve students, faculty and staff. "Community colleges are implementing innovative projects and programs with technology that are setting new standards for post-secondary education," said Marina Leight, Vice President for Education of the CDE.

Colleges are categorized in one of three levels, based on student enrollment – small (fewer than 3,000 students), mid-sized (3,000-7,500 students) or large (7,500 or more). College officials respond to a set of 24 multiple choice questions, as well as five narrative questions which relate to online services and technology options offered to not only students, but also faculty, staff and community members. Colleges must also provide web addresses and background data for validation. The top 10 schools are then chosen in each of the three categories. Award winners were honored recently at the 87th annual AACCC Conference in Tampa, FL.

This year in the Mid-sized college category, Illinois captured two of the top 10 spots - [Carl Sandburg College](#), Galesburg, was awarded 8th place. And [Lake Land College](#), Mattoon tied for 10th place. A **BIG** IACRAO congrats to our colleagues at both institutions!

For a complete list of winners go to

http://www.centerdigitaled.com/surveys.php?tid=1&survey=comm_coll&loc=2007

IACRAO MESSAGE BOARD



THE Alumni Committee WOULD LIKE TO WISH A HAPPY, HEALTHY SUMMERTIME BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING ALUM:



DON LARSON - June 1
RUSS FAHRNER - June 8
JOANNE BANNON - August 8
MIKE BEUBE - August 11
JUDY JOBE - August 29

News from SIUe

Congratulations to **Judy Bartel**, Assistant Director for Admissions Review & Processing at SIUe, who retired June 29, 2007. After 34 years of dedicated service, Judy will be sadly missed, but we wish her well as she enters her new job of full-time retirement!

Congratulations to **Shauna Lehman**, who begins her new role as Assistant Director for Admissions Review & Processing in July. Shauna previously worked at Indiana State University where she also received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Welcome to the SIUe team!

Congratulations to **Steve Zika**, Assistant Registrar at SIUe, who retired June 29, 2007. Steve dedicated 35 years of service to his alma mater and will be sadly missed by all. Steve plans to spend lots of time with his family, including babysitting his grandson, Connor, and grandbaby #2 on the way.



Chris Legner, Coordinator of Admissions at the College of DuPage will soon be "flying south" due to her husband, Neil's acceptance of a new job in Tampa, FL. **Her last date at COD is July 12th**. She will be truly missed by COD, as well as by all of her Illinois colleagues. We wish her well in this new "adventure"! Chris hopes you'll stay in touch – her new address will be:

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IACRAO Board Members on the MOVE.....

Debbie Michelini (formerly EIU) is now Assistant Director, Enrollment Services at the College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL.

Sonia Fischer (formerly EIU) is now Admissions Specialist, Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, IL

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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