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COME ONE! COME ALL! TO THE 82ND ANNUAL IACRAO CONFERENCE

IT'S THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH! CELEBRATING OUR PROFESSION UNDER THE BIG TOP

Submitted by
Sheri C. Kallembach, *President-Elect*



You are cordially invited to attend the 82nd Annual IACRAO Conference scheduled for October 27-29, 2004 under the big top at our conference host hotel, the Wyndham Northwest Chicago in Itasca, Illinois. During these three days, you will experience good food, excellent speakers, informative sessions, fun and entertainment and the chance to join your colleagues and meet new friends. I truly hope you're able to join us.

Have you ever given any thought as to why someone would work in our profession? Do you ever feel like you're just "going through the motions" at work? Opening speaker, Topper Steinman, an Education Program Specialist with the National Center for Conflict Resolution Education will provide the keynote address, "*How DID We Get Into This Showbiz?*" Using a high level of energy and humor, he will take a look at some of what got us into this profession, and why and how we thrive to survive it.

There's more to the circus besides the major acts; we also go to enjoy the sideshows, games, rides, and concessions. Like the circus, our busy schedules sometimes prevent us from enjoying the other areas of our lives. Hence, rather than living our lives fully, we're only present for parts of it. Our closing keynote speaker, Laurie Guest, Professional Speaker and Trainer, will keep you riveted in your seats with "*When the Spotlight Shines on Your Seat at the Circus, Will You Be In It?*" This session will provide you with eight simple ways to regain your personal peace—even during the most stressful times. Join us for brunch, fun, and your chance at a door prize!

We are fortunate enough to have Joseph A. Roof, AACRAO President-Elect, attend our conference as the AACRAO representative. He has kindly offered to provide a session on FERPA

compliance in light of emerging technologies. In addition to this session, members of the Conference Planning Committee have performed the greatest circus feat of all time by arranging 27 more informative sessions for you to enjoy. For the complete program, see www.iacrao.org.

The Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Paula Hanley, has made all the preparations for the event. Members of her committee will be contacting you shortly about donations for the hospitality table. As you may remember from past conferences, it is customary to offer donated door prizes each day with a series of drawings. Examples of popular items include shirts, caps, mugs, calendars, etc. Institutional members may drop off their donations at the hospitality/registration table upon their arrival.

As a reminder to you, Thursday is *Wear Your School Colors Day!* School pride doesn't have to end when we graduate! Wear a T-shirt, cap, jacket, or any type of casual clothing that signifies the name of the school where you work. For the evening, change out of your school colors and *dress for the circus!* Besides Halloween being just around the corner, remember that we're celebrating our profession under the Big Top! We want to see no shortage of clowns, jesters, circus animals, jugglers, and ringleaders. If they can be found at the circus, then we want to see them at the dinner.

For those of you interested in reserving a seat at the 82nd Annual IACRAO Conference, the *Greatest Show on Earth*, call the Wyndham Northwest Chicago in Itasca, Illinois, at 1-630-773-4000 and ask for reservations. Be sure to let them know you're with IACRAO! Hurry, room reservations are limited and should be made by Friday, October 8. Watch for registration forms and program information on the IACRAO website, www.iacrao.org.

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.

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**Anyone who has
never made a
mistake has never
tried anything new.**

—Albert Einstein

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Submitted by President Dale Wolf

The IACRAO year is winding down and now headed toward the “Big Top” in Itasca. As I recall the many Annual Meetings that I have attended, I look forward to another productive and enjoyable program. Look for additional information about the Annual Meeting in this issue and on-line at www.iacrao.org. President-elect Sheri Kallembach

and the Conference Committee have done great work planning for the conference.

The 2003-2004 year has been memorable for our organization and for me personally. Once again, IACRAO produced some of the most informative and best attended District workshops in the Midwest. It is a show of our ability to develop professional opportunities around the state at a modest cost to the membership. Congratulations to our District Chairs: Reo Wilhour (East Central), Mike Maysilles (Northeast), Kelli Sinclair (Northwest), Phyllis Werner (South) and Ron Gregoire (West Central).

At the national AACRAO Conference in Las Vegas, IACRAO showed a strong commitment with our attendance. The national organization statement concerning electronic signatures gave us the opportunity to present a post-conference seminar on the same topic in Bloomington-Normal. Members from over twenty-five colleges/universities met to discuss this issue.

IACRAO continues to develop the committee structure of our organization with the addition of the Membership and Communication Committees. Our thanks to Jonathan Pickering, Vice President for Professional Activities, for his efforts and contributions.

In addition, we extend our thanks to Tina Collins of SIUC for assuming the role of Webmaster, Brenda Ross for continuing in the position of EEO Officer and to Peter Hood for all his work as Archivist as well his effort to form the “Alumni Club” for retirees.

As you read this issue of the Chronicle, please acknowledge the contributions of Angie Byrd and Wendy Raver of NIU as the Co-Editors. They have helped by using technology to enhance our communication process.

We cannot finish this note without a mention of Debbie Conlee and all her tireless work as the Secretary of IACRAO. She has kept us on track for several years and we are most grateful. I also wish to promise to our Treasurer, Brad Simpson, that I will not spend too much more money before October! Thanks, Brad, for your prompt response throughout the year.

To the membership, please accept my gratitude for all your assistance through this year. Many have given time and talent to further our goals. With your advice and suggestions, we continue to move forward. I hope you will enjoy the conference and will stay (or become) involved with IACRAO.

See you at the Wyndham Hotel in Itasca.

But the fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, they laughed at the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown.

—Carl Sagan

IACRAO 82nd Annual Conference Scheduled Meetings

Tuesday, October 26

6:00 P.M. IACRAO Executive Board Meeting/Dinner

Wednesday, October 27

8:30 - 11:30 A.M. OAROSUI (Public Universities)

9:00 - 11:00 A.M. ICCAROO (Community Colleges)

9:30 - 11:30 A.M. PICU (Private Colleges/Universities)

11:00 - 11:30 A.M. New Member Orientation

11:30 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. IACRAO Executive Board Meeting/Luncheon

Thursday, October 28

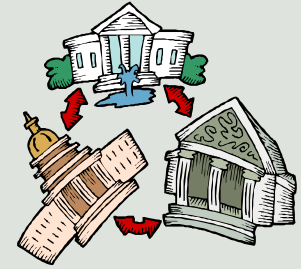
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Annual IACRAO Business Meeting/Luncheon

Friday, October 29

11:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. IACRAO Executive Board Meeting

PROPOSED CHANGES TO IACRAO BYLAWS

Submitted by Russ Farhner, Past President



AMENDMENTS

The power to alter, amend or repeal the by-laws or adopt new by-laws shall be vested in the members. Such action may be taken at a regular or special meeting at which a quorum is presented by a two-thirds vote of the members present if all institutional members were given at least 30 days advance written notice of the proposed amendment.

At our Annual Meeting in October there are several amendments of the by-laws which will require a vote by the membership to amend. The Executive board prepared a document for the membership to review the proposed changes to be published in the Fall Chronicle for the Annual Meeting Vote. Listed below are the proposed changes to the amendments. The changes appear in bold text.

Article III § 1 - Current: CLASSES OF MEMBERS. The association shall have three classes of members. The designation of each class and the qualifications of the members of each class shall be as follows:

Article III § 1 - Revised: CLASSES OF MEMBERS. The association shall have **four** classes of members. The designation of each class and the qualifications of the members of each class shall be as follows:

Article III § 3 - Current: VOTING RIGHTS. All voting rights are reserved to institutional members. Each institutional member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote. The voting rights of institutional members shall be exercised by the institutional member representatives.

Article III § 3 - Revised : VOTING RIGHTS. All voting rights are reserved to institutional **member representatives and individual members. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote.**

Article IV § 1 - Current: ANNUAL MEETING. An annual meeting of the members shall be held in October of each year for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Article IV § 1 - Revised: ANNUAL MEETING. An annual meeting of the members shall be held in October of each year for the **transaction of such business as may come before the association and for the executive board to present the slate of officers.**

Article V § 1 - Current : OFFICERS. The officers of the association shall be a president, a president-elect, a most recent active past president, a vice president for professional activities, a treasurer, a treasurer-elect and a secretary.

Article V § 1 - Revised: OFFICERS. The officers of the association shall be a president, a president-elect, a most recent active past president, a vice president for professional activities, a treasurer, a treasurer-elect, a secretary, **and an equal education opportunity officer.**

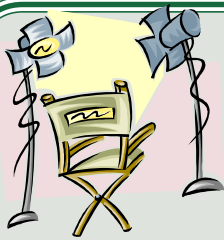
Article V § 6 - Current: VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES. The vice president for professional activities shall serve a term of two years. The vice president for professional activities shall be responsible for coordinating the activities of the association district organization through the district chairpersons. The vice president for professional activities shall appoint, in cooperation with the district chairpersons, members of the professional activities committees established by the executive board. The vice president for professional activities of the association, including workshops and seminars officially sponsored by the association, an association district, or an association committee.

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Article VI § 2 - Current: MEMBERSHIP. The officers of the association and the 5 district chairpersons shall constitute the executive board of the association. The editor of THE CHRONICLE shall be a nonvoting exofficio member of the executive board.

Article VI § 2 - Revised: MEMBERSHIP. The officers of the association and the 5 district chairpersons shall constitute the executive board of the association. The editor of THE CHRONICLE, **the web site manager, and the archivist** shall be nonvoting exofficio members of the executive board.

New Section to be inserted in Article VII between current § 1 and § 2: PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES. The executive board may designate or create professional activities committees to promote the purposes of the association. The vice president for professional activities, in conjunction with the five district chairpersons, appoints members of the association to serve on these committees. The vice president for professional activities coordinates and oversees these committees. Such committees may not act on behalf of the association or bind it to any actions, but may make recommendations to the executive board.



Spotlight on the Board

Submitted by Deb Michelini, Eastern Illinois University

This *Chronicle* feature provides members with a “personal view” into the life of current board members. We hope this will better acquaint the IACRAO membership with the board.

BOARD MEMBER – IACRAO Treasurer, Brad Simpson, Individualized Two Plus Two Coordinator, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Records and Registration

Brad Simpson is “Southern Illinois born and bred.” He was raised in Thompsonville, IL, a small farm town, where he was baby brother to two sisters. Brad was an entrepreneur by age 10, running a lawn mowing service, but says his first real job was the “do everything boy” at the Country General Store. In high school, Brad would have been voted most likely to have FUN! At 17, Brad decided to join the Navy. He spent a year on River Patrol boats in Vietnam and another year in Iwakuni, Japan. “The Navy had a grand influence on me, providing perspective on life, and how fragile it really is.”

Brad came back to his southern roots in the early 1970’s. He attended Rend Lake College, earning an Associates of Arts degree and transferred to SIU where he earned his Bachelor’s degree. Brad settled in Carbondale where he has lived for 31 years with his wife and 21 year old son. In August 2004, Brad completed his Master’s degree from SIUC. To celebrate, he and his wife are planning a January vacation to the Caribbean, one of Brad’s favorite travel spots.

Brad is a life-long reader and says he even “attempts to write, as a hobby.” He is a self-proclaimed “Blues Rat to the core,” listing BB King, Koko Taylor and Eric Clapton as a few of his favorites. He is also an avid fan of Saluki basketball, loves dining on grilled shrimp and never misses an episode of *Everybody Loves Raymond*. When his colleagues can’t find Brad, they may want to check the pool. Brad is a daily lap swimmer, usually racking up 2,000 yards a day! Is there Olympic Gold in his future?

Brad describes IACRAO as “a treasure trove of contacts. I have established many friendships within IACRAO, while trading ideas and sharing happenings within our shops. These people are the fabric of universities.” Brad remembers his first IACRAO conference in Champaign... “It was Halloween and attendees were in costume dancing to Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets band. During a restroom break, I encountered for the first time, Russ Fahrner. He was standing at the urinal in a Nun’s habit, smoking a cigar! Right then and there I knew these people were my kind of folks.”

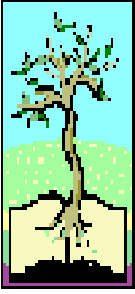
A final word from Brad – “If you aren’t involved in this organization you are missing a grand adventure.”

Thursday Evening, October 28, IACRAO Annual Conference Dinner and Entertainment

What’s a circus without good food, fun and tons of laughter? Come loosen up, relax, enjoy dinner and let Comedian Mike Mercury entertain you! Robin Williams, Louis Anderson, and Sam Kinison are only a few of the famous names he’s opened for. He’s also appeared in movies such as the “Three Amigos” with Steve Martin, Chevy Chase, and Martin Short. Mike’s multi-faceted sense of humor, quick wit, and likeable persona ensures there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Laughter reduces stress, so take a break from life’s three-ring circus—this is one hilarious sideshow you do not want to miss!



To top off the evening, dance to some terrific music provided by the band “Midnight.” This seven piece musical entertainment group, performing in the Chicago area since 1979, will provide a unique blend of music, including popular pieces, ballads, funk, R&B, Motown, Big Band—Swing, and country, to suit all your tastes.



Thoughts from a Past President

Submitted by **Jim Williams**, former IACRAO and IACAC President

What a shock it was to hear from Wendy Raver (NIU) asking me, as a past president of IACRAO, to write something for the *Chronicle*. I retired in 1986 and was dropped from the mailing list shortly thereafter. But I've been dropped by ICCAROO and IACAC, too, so I'm used to it.

I don't have anything profound to say, as Ruth Jass and Gene Oliver did in previous issues, but I guess I could reminisce a bit about my career in Admissions, which was so enjoyable to me.

How many people have the opportunity to work in a profession where they can come into meaningful contact with as many people as we do? If you love to be with people and you have the desire to help people, what better place than Admissions?

My career started with my being hired as an admissions counselor by my alma mater, De Pauw University. That led to being a college counselor at Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn and from there I had a 20-year career as Director of Admissions and Records at College of DuPage. After I retired, I worked part-time for Governors State, helping to promote one of their off-campus programs at Parkland College. I feel like I really got to know the Admissions profession from several perspectives and can truly say that I enjoyed going to work every day.

Since I am no longer on any admissions mailing lists, I'm out of touch with what's going on in your world. I can say, however, the 30 years I spent in admissions were exciting. New colleges were being started to take advantage of the large number of students searching frantically for a place that would accept them. (Are those colleges still in existence?) The established colleges were in competition to see who could get the students with the best test scores. As a high school counselor, I was invited to visit colleges all over the country...at their expense! What fun that was! Does that still happen?

A big change in Admissions occurred in 1967 when the state-wide community college system got underway. Suddenly there were 39 new colleges in Illinois and every high school graduate was now assured of being admitted to a college. New laws and regulations were confusing and contradictory. Interpreting the "chargeback" rule was often complex. Getting the state universities to accept community college courses for full credit was often challenging.

After a few years of scrambling to get organized, community college admissions and records people finally realized that we needed an organization of our own. In 1973, we had our first meeting and I was elected president. I'm responsible for the weird name of the group—ICCAROO (Illinois Community College Admissions and Records Officers Organization). I'm an ex-English teacher, so I wanted to make sure the name clearly identified what the group was, and since the name "Registrars" is mentioned first in the IACRAO name, I thought it only fair that "Admissions Officers" should be first in the new organization's name. (Besides, ICCAROO would have sounded even stranger than ICCAROO.) We didn't want to break away from IACRAO and IACAC because, as you know, those organizations are very helpful. We just needed additional time to work on our unique problems.

I had the good fortune to serve as president of both IACRAO ('78-'79) and IACAC ('70-'71). I don't recall anything dynamic happening under my leadership, but I do remember it was interesting and enjoyable to serve with the boards of directors of those great organizations.

Well, I guess I've rambled long enough. I do, however, want to add one more recollection: In 1974 we canceled a meeting because of a gas shortage!

Since Gene Oliver added a personal note, I'd like to add one, too. I've been living in Champaign since I retired in 1986, happily married to the former director of admissions and records at Parkland College, Jo Davis. Among other things, I keep active as the Commodore of the Lake Devonshire Yacht Club. (Membership is \$1.00 a year, and our yachts are paddleboats, canoes, and kayaks.)

If anyone remembers me, I'd like to hear from you at joandjim@insightbb.com.



What's Your Bright Idea?

Submitted by **Jonathan Pickering**

Vice President for Professional Activities

Each year at the annual conference your colleagues present their Bright Ideas at a session set aside in honor of Gene Magac, former IACRAO president. Attendees vote to determine which nominee has the brightest idea, and the winner is entitled to free registration at the next annual meeting. If you have an innovative idea, a unique way of doing business, or a clever strategy for anything you do in your professional life, send an email to Jonathan Pickering at jmpickering@noctrl.edu with a brief description of your bright idea. Maybe you will be this year's winner!

CLHE/IACRAO Report

Recent CLHE Stories of Interest For IACRAO Members

Prepared by: Daren Bakst, President and General Counsel

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IACRAO Members Receive Major Discounts on:

PRIVACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: This new book features in-depth and practical articles on critical privacy and security issues plus a comprehensive compendium featuring all the latest FERPA cases, regulations, opinion letters, and more! **Order your copies today and receive the member discounted rate:** <http://clhe.org/privacy21stcentury/index.shtml>

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Wong v. Regents of the University of California, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

In this case, a medical student (Wong) sued the school because it allegedly discriminated against him by not accommodating his learning disability. The primary issue in the case was:

A question of whether a person who has achieved considerable academic success, beyond the attainment of most people or of the average person, can nonetheless be found to be "substantially limited" in reading and learning, and thus be entitled to claim the protections afforded under the Acts to a "disabled" person. According to the Court, "Wong's claim to be disabled is fatally contradicted by his ability to achieve academic success, without special accommodations." **Opinion (PDF):** <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/data2/circs/9th/0117432p.pdf>

SEVIS

On September 1, 2004, the SEVIS final fee rule went into effect—most international students and exchange visitors have to pay a \$100 fee to help offset the cost of the SEVIS program that monitors these individuals.

CLHE held a teleseminar on the new rule and other SEVIS issues that featured the Department of Homeland Security. The program was September 16, 2004—Members received a major discount on this program. IACRAO members can receive a tape of this program, at the discounted price. Visit <http://www.clhe.org> to learn more.

The Student Exchange Visitor Program also just released "SEVIS Year in Review" that can be accessed as follows:

Recent SEVIS Press Release: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3956>

SEVIS Year in Review: <http://www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/SEVISYearInReview.htm>

SEVIS home page: <http://www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/index.htm>

NCES Homeschooler Report

Some 1.1 million students, or 2.2 percent of America's school-age population, were homeschooled in 2003, according to a study released today by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The number of homeschoolers represents a 29 percent increase from 1999, when 850,000 or 1.7 percent of school-age children were being homeschooled. In the study, students are considered to be homeschooled if their parents reported them as being schooled at home instead of at a public or private school for at least part of their education and if their part-time enrollment in public or private schools did not exceed 25 hours a week.

The brief report, entitled '1.1 Million Homeschooled Students in the United States in 2003' uses data garnered from the 2003 National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES) for estimates on the number of homeschooled students in the United States in 2003 and the reasons parents decide to homeschool their children. Estimates are based on interviews with a nationally representative sample of parents of 11,994 students in kindergarten through grade 12, ages 5 through 17.

Among its findings: **1).** The two most significant factors influencing parents' choice to homeschool involved their concern about school environment and their desire to provide religious or moral instruction. Specifically, 31 percent of homeschoolers had parents who said the most important reason for homeschooling was concern about the environment of other schools and 30 percent said the most important reason was to provide religious or moral instruction to their children. Sixteen percent of parents of homeschooled children cited dissatisfaction with the academic instruction available at other schools as the most important reason for homeschooling. **2).** As in NCES' 1999 study, the 2003 study revealed that about 4 out of 5 homeschoolers were homeschooled only (82 percent), while about 1 out of 5 were also enrolled part time in private or public schools (18 percent).

To download, view and print the report as a pdf file: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2004115>

CLHE/IACRAO Report

Recent CLHE Stories of Interest For IACRAO Members

Prepared by: Daren Bakst, President and General Counsel

S. 2634

The Senate recently passed the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act, S. 2634. This legislation would create grants for higher education institutions for the purposes of supporting their mental health services on campus.

From the legislation: It is the purpose of this section to increase access to, and enhance the range of, services for students with mental and behavioral health problems that can lead to school failure, such as depression, substance abuse, and suicide attempts, so as to ensure that college students have the support necessary to successfully complete their studies.

Grant recipients would have to provide an annual report and evaluations to the Department of Education including information such as increases in the quality of services provided and decreases in college drop-out rates.

The findings in the bill provide some valuable data on mental health issues on campus, including: In a recent report, a startling 85 percent of college counseling centers revealed an increase in the number of students they see with psychological problems.

Furthermore, the American College Health Association found that 61 percent of college students reported feeling hopeless, 45 percent said they felt so depressed they could barely function, and 9 percent felt suicidal.

There is clear evidence of an increased incidence of depression among college students. According to a survey described in the Chronicle of Higher Education (February 1, 2002), depression among freshmen has nearly doubled (from 8.2 percent to 16.3 percent). Without treatment, researchers recently noted that “depressed adolescents are at risk for school failure, social isolation, promiscuity, self medication with drugs and alcohol, and suicide—now the third leading cause of death among 10-24 year olds.”

The legislation has been sent to the House where it is was referred to the House Energy and Commerce’s Subcommittee on Health (the House bill is H.R. 4799).

S. 2634: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c108:S.2634>:

H.R. 4799: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c108:H.R.4799>:

Congressional Record: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/R?r108:FLD001:S57865>

New FPCO Opinion Letter

The Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO) just issued a new opinion letter addressing whether an institution violates FERPA by prohibiting a student from enrolling unless he/she provides a social security number. According to the FPCO, this requirement is not a violation of FERPA; however, the letter does explain that other laws, including on the state level, may come into play.

Opinion Letter: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpc/ferpa/library/ssnumber.html>

Featured CLHE Article for IACRAO Members

Privacy Rights and Perplexed Students: Proactive Strategies for Institutions

Author: Evelyn R. Babey, Ph.D.

This article provides readers helpful guidance to address requests by parents for student information. It explores FERPA implications and offers practical ways institutions are addressing some of the most challenging issues.

IACRAO members can access this article at <http://clhe.org/lawpolicyquarterly/Privacy%20Forum.pdf>

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From the Archives

Submitted by Peter Hood, IACRAO Archivist

Reporting our early Association history, I have written in past Chronicles about the years 1922 through 1934. This material was taken from the Historical Sketch authored by Mrs. Anna Jewett LeFevre Boyer, Registrar, Bradley Polytechnic Institute. Now we reach the final two years of these records, and this article covers the year 1935. In 1935, our Annual Meeting was held on October 24 and 25 at Rockford College. Even in these depression years, 61 members were present representing 39 Illinois institutions. Several papers/sessions presented indicate topics which, in a different time and format, are ones members continue to confront today. Some of the topics were:

“The Relative Advantages of Semester and Term Systems” presented by George P. Tuttle, University of Illinois; “Practice Teaching in the College Curriculum” presented by O.J. Patterson, Office of Public Instruction, State of Illinois; “Testing Programs for College Freshmen” presented by C.A. Serenius, Augustana College; “The Evaluation of Advanced Standing Credit” presented by Marie Meloy, Lake Forest and Norma Pearson, Northern Illinois State Teachers College.

At the business session two items were presented. Thomas Finkbeiner, North Central College, reported that he had been assured by a member of the State Board of Public Instruction that the Board would cooperate if the Registrars would work to modify the blank Application for Teacher’s Certificate or present a new one. Association President Lorena Church, Registrar, Rockford College immediately established a committee of three to inquire into securing a modification to the application.

The Association was informed that the development of the state-wide testing program had been deferred in view of financial limitations, but hope was expressed that the program could be organized in the near future.

The Association financial report for 1935 indicates cash on hand was \$65.96. This being a depression year, it is interesting to note that past years’ dues were able to be collected in the current year. Dues received for 1934, 1935 and for 1936 amounted to \$38.00, and remember, yearly dues were still only 50 cents PER institution!

Expenses for the year to the Association totaled \$26.07: \$5.00 for Lewis Institute name plates; \$6.10 for a University of Chicago special diploma; \$10.57 for speaker W.J. Haggerty; and \$4.40 for Dr. Benner, University of Illinois. Upon payment of these bills, the balance on hand was \$77.89.

In these years of our Association, members acted on several resolutions at their final session. As you will observe from the following three representative resolutions, expressions of thanks, honor, or regrets were accomplished in a formal manner. Examples are listed below:

“Whereas, Dr. Gordon Keith Chalmers, President, Miss Lorena M.Church, Registrar, and the other members of the faculty of Rockford College, have so graciously assumed and faithfully discharged the numerous duties that befall the hosts of a large company, thereby making our visit to Rockford College a most pleasant experience. Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars extend to these, our hosts, our deep appreciation for their cordial hospitality and their substantial contribution to our program and entertainment.”

“Whereas, Mrs. Anna LeFevre Boyer has for many years been an active member of this group and has from time to time served in various official capacities of the Association, and whereas, she has recently become the wife of Dr. George Rowland Boyer. Be it resolved that the IACR* at this annual meeting extend to Mrs. Boyer its sincere appreciation for the faithful and efficient service rendered to this group, and its congratulations on her outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of higher education, and that the best wishes be extended to her in her new role as home-maker. Be it further resolved that Mrs. Boyer be made a life member of IACR* in recognition of her meritorious contribution to the Registrar’s profession.”

“Whereas, it was with deep regret that the members of IACR* learned of the illness of Miss Blanche C. Thomas, the Registrar of the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, who had so cordially invited this Association to hold the 1935 meeting at her institution. Be it resolved that we extend to Miss Thomas our felicitations and our sincere hope for a speedy recovery.”

During this era, these formal resolutions were a thoughtful expression of gratitude to their members and institutions.

*Editors Note: In the early years of our Association, the membership was only registrars. Admissions personnel were added officially to the National Association in 1949. The Associate was changed from AACR to AACRAO. At the same time, the Illinois Association changed from IACR to IACRAO.