

MACRAO UPDATE

July 2008

President's Corner

June was a "hot" month when it came to MACRAO activities.

The Support Staff Workshop was deemed a huge success by those in attendance. The 212 Degrees presentation sizzled with excitement!

The award winning Articulation Committee Workshop was held at the Garland Resort in Lewiston. Though miles away from it all, they covered the relevant topics of today and yesterday with outstanding report-outs. Michael Boulus, Executive Director of the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan gave an update on the current state of affairs in Lansing. Our past presidents Joan Hartwig and Dick Hensen presented on the history of the MACRAO agreement. "What an eye opener that was!" remarked one audience member.

And not to forget, the Michigan Community College Registrars (MCCR) met at Lake Michigan Community College to exchange ideas and discuss issues relevant to their profession.

Regardless of the venue, MACRAO was there making a splash! But fall is just around the corner, so check out brand new [college day/night calendar](#) for 2008-09. This new, interactive feature allows you to customize your view by month and type of fair. It is just one of many MACRAO achievements this summer.

-Howard Shanken, MACRAO President



A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

-James Dent



The MCCR meeting brought registrar colleagues together for a day of discussion and networking.

AACRAO Centennial

In 2010, AACRAO will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Karen Hutslar, MACRAO president-elect, has been asked to coordinate as our membership helps tell the story of AACRAO. She asks that the MACRAO membership consider what interesting, informative or entertaining “centennial moments” it would like to share with the association. What fond memories or friendships have been formed throughout your AACRAO membership? What photographs or videos might be included on the Centennial website or in an historical display?

Karen will help collect these memories and pieces of history over the next few years. AACRAO also plans to incorporate weekly news stories from the State and Regional Associations onto the AACRAO Centennial website. If you have any items please either e-mail Karen at hutsl1ke@cmich.edu or send them to the following address: Karen Hutslar, Registrar’s Office, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859.

One of our own MACRAO members, Stanley Henderson from the University of Michigan – Dearborn, is the chair of the Centennial Committee which will plan this exciting event. It is the people who make an organization great, and your memories will be invaluable to this committee.

Member Profile: Craig Aimar

Watch this space for a monthly article profiling one of your fellow MACRAO leaders. Suggestions for future profiles are welcome; email them to newsletter editor Melinda Booth at mbooth@oakland.edu. Special thanks to Wallace Holder of Grand Valley State University, who authored this month’s profile.

Correction to June member profile: Sara Hill served as chair, not co-chair, of the Equal Educational Opportunity committee in 2006-07.



Congratulations to Craig Aimar, who was recently promoted to Associate Director of Admissions at Saginaw Valley State University. His involvement in MACRAO has included attending and presenting at the New Professionals conference and the annual conference, working with the College Day/Night committee, and acting as the current co-chair of the Secondary Schools/College Relations committee. While it has kept him busy, Craig’s experience as a MACRAO member has also been life-changing, “I gained the most beautiful and compassionate wife in the world, Kristin Aimar (formerly Kristin McGowan from Oakland University), through MACRAO. It is because of the annual conference that I met my wife.” Craig’s excitement for helping students comes from having walked in their shoes and remembering the people who encouraged him. “When you understand students, you can be passionate about helping them.”

Legislative Links

Click on the linked titles below for recent higher education articles recommended by the Legislative Update ad hoc committee.

[For-Profit Universities in the Political Economy of Higher Education](#)

[Higher Education in Michigan: Overcoming Challenges to Access](#)

[Why Smart Young People Leave State](#)

[Don't Limit Research Project To Just Three State Universities](#)

[Michigan University Freezes Tuition Rates](#)

Professional Development Grant



Apply early for the Professional Development grant, which awards two MACRAO members up to \$250 each to attend the 2008 fall conference. The [application](#) is now included with all online annual conference materials. Application forms must be submitted by September 15.

Left: Jennifer Boak of Lansing Community College, and Jung Koral of UM-Flint attended the 2007 fall conference after receiving professional development grants.

Register for the New Professionals Workshop

Registration for the [New Professionals Workshop](#) is now available! The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 4 and Friday, September 5, 2008. To register online, visit the [Meetings and Workshops web page](#), and click on "Registration" under New Professionals Workshop.

The New Professionals Workshop is an opportunity for Admissions officers to learn skills essential for their success as a new recruiter. However, we welcome anyone interested in learning more about the wonderful world of admissions recruitment.

The New Professionals Workshop is brought to you by the [Secondary Schools Relations Committee](#). If you have any further questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact committee chair Meghan Kelly at kelly@oakland.edu or (248) 370-4472.

Upcoming Events

View more information on registration and hotels for these events [online](#).

- New Professionals Workshop, September 4-5, 2008
- Great Lakes Conference, November 12-14, 2008

Questions or comments?

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