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President's Corner

Dear Colleagues,

The 2012 annual conference is rapidly approaching, and my time as MACRAO President is coming to an end. Serving this outstanding organization has been an extraordinary experience. My involvement on the Executive Committee has proven that we are an organization of strong volunteers working hard to strengthen our mission and serve the community. Special thanks are extended to the Committees, Chairs/Co-chairs, and the Executive Committee for your unwavering service to MACRAO.



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The 2011 Business Meeting Minutes and 2012 Committee Reports are posted on our website. Please take a moment to review their accomplishments.

Before I transfer the gavel, I'm asking you to consider "A *Call to Leadership*." Whether you are a new, mid-level or seasoned professional, MACRAO committees need your leadership. Take this opportunity to:

Discover...

How you can contribute to the needs and challenges facing MACRAO.
How you can develop meaningful and lasting relationships from across our wonderful community.

Learn...

To use your individual strengths and talents to make a difference.
By developing and strengthening your own approach to leadership (running effective meetings, delegation, facilitation, transition-planning, etc.)

Embrace...

Your MACRAO community by serving on a committee – We need YOU!!

I look forward to seeing you at the Bavarian Inn on November 14-16th. The 2012 LAC has planned a fabulous conference!

Sincerely,
Katherine McMullen

Before the Conference

We look forward to seeing you next month at MACRAO's 84th Annual Conference. We hope you have an enjoyable experience at the conference and take time to enjoy the many amenities the Bavarian Inn & Conference Center as well as the town of Frankenmuth have to offer!

To help you prepare for your travels, we are sending a few reminders:

- You must pay prior to attending the conference as outlined in our MACRAO payment policy
- There will be no walk-in registrations as the conference is full and all attendees must be pre-registered.
- Remember to wear your College Gear on Wednesday for the opening of the conference as it is "College Spirit Day!" Wearing your college gear will also help you with the "connection activity" planned for that afternoon as well.
- Remember to pack your Western Gear for dinner on Wednesday night – prizes will be given to the best dressed person and it will be a "down home" good time.
- You will receive both a full conference program description as well as a pocket program which will list all session and activity times and locations.
- Review the conference FAQ's posted on the conference website.
- Please remember to bring items to donate to the **Millet Learning Center, Saginaw Intermediate School District**. They are specifically in need of toiletries, Kroger gift card and gas cards. MACRAO will also be taking donations at the conference. Checks made out to Millet Learning Center will be accepted at the check-in table. For more information on MLC, please visit the website at <http://www.sisd.cc/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=128&&PHPSESSID=2d4f24689481c54e8598e05fd74ecca4>.
- Pack a supply of business cards to exchange with folks across the state!

Conference Registration/Hospitality Station

Please check-in for the conference at the Conference Registration/Hospitality Station located in the **Conference Center Foyer, Wednesday - Friday, November 14 – 16, 2012.**

The Conference Registration/Hospitality Station will be open:

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 (7:30 am - 6:00 pm)

Thursday, November 15, 2012 (7:30 am - 6:00 pm)

Friday, November 16, 2012 (7:30 am - Noon)

Stop by the Conference Registration/Hospitality Station if you have any questions or need any assistance during the conference.

Accommodations

Bavarian Inn Lodge

Check-in is 3:00 pm Check-out is 11:00 am

Conference Website

Here's the link to MACRAO's Conference website: <http://www.cvent.com/events/2012-annual-conference/event-summary-38d7778c7d58492a958f82bb1ed13d08.aspx>

Sincerely,

2012 Local Arrangements Committee
Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers

2012 MACRAO Honorary Membership



Ron Hughes began his career in higher education in 1969 as a resident assistant at Illinois State University. He stayed on at Illinois State University serving as a Graduate Assistant, Admission Counselor and Assistant Director of Admissions. In 1976, Ron left for Florida State University to pursue his doctorate and work as a graduate assistant in Recreational Services. His education and experience eventually moved him to Livonia, Michigan when he accepted the position of Associate Director of Admissions at Wayne State University and in 1981 became the Director of University Admissions. In 1997, his career led him to the position of Director of Enrollment Services/Registrar at Macomb Community College.

In retirement, Ron plans on spending more time with his family which includes his five grandchildren, playing golf and taking Disney Vacations with his wife Betsy.

Ron also looks forward to getting involved with an agency or two that gives back to the community, e.g. Gleaners, Presbyterian Disaster Agency or the American Red Cross.

Ron's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Political Science with Teacher Certification and a Master's in Counselor Education from Illinois State University. He began working on his doctorate at Florida State University and Wayne State University, although he "enjoyed the classes and the qualifying exams he got bored over a dissertation topic".

Ron's involvement in MACRAO has spanned over several decades.

1980-85 – Statistical Information & Research Committee (Chair 82-83 and 84-85)

1985-87 – Secondary Schools/College Relations Committee

1988-89 – MACRAO President-Elect

1989-90 – MACRAO President

1990-91 – MACRAO Past President

1991-94 – Enrollment Management (Chair 92-93)

1997-00 – Data Technology (Chair 00-01)

2003-06 – Registrar's Practices (Chair 05-06, Co-Chair 04-05)

2007-10 – Legislative Updates (Ad Hoc) and Legislative Issues (Chair 09-10 and Co-Chair 08-09)

2010-11 – Local Arrangements

Ron has also been involved with AACRAO and has presented on several occasions, his favorite presentation being the M2O Presentation with Steve Shablin and others.

On a more personal note: Ron sees his most significant accomplishments in watching their three children become successful adults in their chosen fields. Sarah who is the Assistant Director of Enrollment Services at Kent State/Trumbull; Adam who is a Public Safety Officer with Oak Park Public Safety and Donald who is a Deputy Sheriff with Washtenaw County and who also is a Staff Sergeant in the Army Reserves.

Ron has many fond memories of his career, "too many, but most gratifying are watching staff that he hired prosper in this career called higher education." He is also very proud to watch the M2O program mature as "many said that it could not be done but those of us at Macomb Community College and Oakland University were able to prove them wrong."

Throughout his career, Ron has served as a leader, a mentor and a friend to many people. He is well liked and respected in the community of higher education and will be greatly missed. Enjoy your retirement.

Congratulations on your MACRAO Honorary Membership! Ron Hughes will be formally honored at the annual MACRAO conference, Thursday, November 15, 2012 directly after dinner.

Dedication and Service

Join the MACRAO EC in wishing Debbie Harju, Past President, and Victoria Stewart, Secretary, farewell as their terms end with the MACRAO Executive Committee. Both have been integral, contributing members to the team and have aided tremendously in moving the MACRAO organization forward.



Debbie, who has so graciously served an extended term with the Executive Committee, is looking forward to enjoying her free time with her Hubby, John... they just celebrated their 25th Anniversary in Jamaica!

Vicki, has worked diligently for the Executive Committee since taking office in 2009. Her work ethic and timely reports have been a great contribution to MACRAO.



Thank You