

SUMMER 2012 NEWSLETTER

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From the President

It is hard to believe that summer is already upon us! This is a time in which we send our graduating class off into the world, and prepare our new students to attend our institutions. Summer is also a time for us to recharge personally and professionally to position ourselves to be successful in the upcoming academic year. I hope that you are looking forward to our upcoming meeting in Laramie, “*Come Light Your Fire,*” as it is sure to be an excellent professional development opportunity, allowing for you to collaborate with and learn from colleagues across the region.



Lane Buchanan has been working very hard to put together the program for the upcoming annual meeting which promises to have sessions in a variety of topics ranging from professional development to best practices, and many in between. The program will include an update from AACRAO Vice President for Finance, Nancy Krogh, University Registrar at the University of Idaho.

Nicole Candelaria and the Local Arrangements Committee are hard at work finalizing the plans for our meeting in Laramie. There will be no shortage of fun at this event! Please watch our website for the latest updates and registration information.

Lara Medley has been working with our exhibitors and we anticipate exceeding the number from last year. This group will include familiar faces as well as some new friends. Our exhibitors are an integral part of our meeting so please be sure to stop by and talk with them in the exhibitor area, or at one of our events.

As my time as President comes to a close, I am proud to say that the Board of Directors is committed to the current and future success of our organization. At our June meeting we will be dedicating a full day to strategic planning, in addition to the standard agenda items, to help us start charting a path for the future of RMACRAO.

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Call to Annual Meeting

I, Kelley Christman, President of the Rocky Mountain Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, do hereby issue the call for the 2012 Annual Meeting to be held July 18-20 in Laramie, Wyoming. The annual meeting is the premier event of our association. This is a tremendous opportunity to share our professional experience with each other, renew longstanding friendships, and support those individuals who are new to the organization and new to the profession. Lane Buchanan, President Elect and Program Committee Chair, has developed a fantastic state of speakers and sessions. I look forward to welcoming all of you to Laramie.

From the President (continued)

During the past year the board has examined ways in which to better communicate with our membership, and we have a team in place now that will dedicate time to coming up with a communication plan that will help us in demonstrating the value of our organization to the members, and investigate ways to reach out to our region. In addition we are in the final stages of developing a membership survey, and the results of this will be incredibly useful for all of us as we work to make our institutions more efficient and effective.

Our organization would not be where it is today without dedicated individuals who are willing to put forward the effort to make RMACRAO a success. As I transition to my role as Past President, I will be looking for several people to be willing to volunteer their time and expertise as a board member. Whether you are new to the profession or have been involved in the organization before, please consider making a contribution by running for a position on the Board of Directors.

I would like to thank the RMACRAO Board of Directors for their friendship and hard work over the past year. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you, and have learned so much from this experience. I would like to extend my appreciation to those members exiting the board: Barbara Tucci, Past President; Carolyn Gutierrez, Vice President for New Mexico; Kathy Kendall, Secretary; and Nicole Candelaria, LAC Chair.

It truly has been a pleasure serving as the RMACRAO President. Thank you so much for allowing me this opportunity!

-Kelley Christman, RMACRAO President

Looking Back: Historian's Report by Nolan Oltjenbruns

I'd like to take the opportunity, in this final newsletter of the 2011-12 academic year, to recognize our Honorary members. This particular category of membership is defined in the By-laws as follows:

By approval of the Board of Directors along with an affirmative vote from a majority of the voting membership, Honorary Membership may be granted to those individuals who have a long-standing record of service and contribution to the admissions and records/registration professions and to the RMACRAO organization, and who are no longer eligible for active membership as part of a member institution. Honorary Membership is most often used to recognize a retiring member of the professional community but may also be awarded to an individual who is simply no longer affiliated with any member institution. Honorary Members are exempt from paying dues and are invited to attend the RMACRAO Annual Meeting without paying the basic registration fee. Honorary Members are not voting members and will be placed on the permanent information distribution list.

If you've attended the Annual Meeting in the past, or been involved in a mail-in voting process coordinated by your institutional contact person, you may even recall having voted on Honorary Membership candidates yourself.

Going back to 1998, our membership database identifies these individuals, all of whom are alive and well (to our knowledge) as Honorary Members:

Berwick, Paul (1999)
Bruner, Bill (1990)
Burnham, George (1992)
Davis, Rich, (1994)
Eddy, Allan (1999)
Ekerholm, Steve (2004)
Farley, Wayne
Haid, Bill (2009)
Hunt, Dave (1996)
Kouba, Randy (2004)
Linenberger, Bernie (1990)
May, Shelly (2009)
Preston, Bob (1996)
Ward, Goldie (1990)
Weaver, Bob (1990)

Also on the Honorary list are two additional individuals, now deceased, who are also fondly remembered by many of the old-time RMACRAO Annual Meeting attendees:

Pommrehn, D. Jack (1999)
Selden, Charles (1992)

Honorary members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. New members: seek these people out and learn all you can from their wisdom and perspective!

Vice Presidents' Reports

Wyoming—Stacy Maestas

The position of Vice President of Student Services is open at Laramie County Community College and the Pauly Group is facilitating the search. Information regarding the position may be found at the following link: <http://paulygroup.com/positions/laramie-county-community-college-vice-president-student-services>.

Colorado—Katie Velarde

Adams State College

Adams State is excited to report that they will very soon be changing their name from Adams State College to Adams State University! All that stands between Adams State and their new name is Governor Hickenlooper's signature! House Bill 12-1080 successfully passed the Colorado state senate on 4/11/12. Staff at Adams often joke that ASC has long been a university disguised as a college. With their continual increase in graduate program offerings and increases in online and on campus enrollment for the last three consecutive years, it seems the next logical step! They are very grateful to Representative Ed Vigil and Senator Gail Schwartz for their support. Adams will officially become a university on 8/7/12 and the change will be effective with the fall semester and the 12/13 academic year. Congratulations, Adams!

Vice Presidents' Reports (continued)

Colorado State University-Pueblo

Campus Changes - The new Buell Communications Center Foyer is complete, this area will be utilized by our Visitor and Transfer Center. There will be a big screen television for use with presentation space, a welcome desk, and comfortable furniture. The space is multi-functional and will be used by visitors and current students and staff.

Graduation – The Colorado State University-Pueblo Graduation Office is working on degree finalization for one of the largest Spring graduating classes on record! In addition, the Graduation Achievement Project has officially been part of the Records Office for one semester. We have instituted some positive changes and look forward to the growth of this program.

Metropolitan State

Name Change - Governor John Hickenlooper signed SB12-148, authorizing Metro State to change its name to Metropolitan State University of Denver on April 18, 2012. The seeds of Metro State's new era were sown two years ago when the Board of Trustees voted to study a name-change option. The resulting Strategic Name Initiative garnered overwhelming support for a new name: 80% of the 9,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members who completed an online survey wanted a name change. The primary reason was to increase the value of Metro State degree while eliminating the misperception that the institution is a community college. Congratulations, Metro!

Enrollment Services: College ahead on reaching Hispanic Serving Institution Goal

- From fall 2006 to fall 2011, undergraduate enrollment grew 11 percent. Latino student enrollment climbed a stunning 56 percent—a reflection of strategic outreach efforts and a “laser-like focus on retention”. For fall 2011 Latino enrollment was 18.2 percent, a level the College didn't expect to reach until fall 2012. That means it's ahead of the pace to reach the 25 percent mark to become eligible for the federal designation of Hispanic Serving Institution, a status that would bring Metro State additional funding benefitting all students and faculty.

Master's Students Graduate - On May 5, 2009 Governor Bill Ritter held a signing ceremony at the Capitol for HB-1295: *A Bill for an Act concerning authorizing Metro State to offer master's degree programs*. Metro State offered its first master of professional accountancy and master of arts in teaching starting fall 2010, and master of social work fall 2011. Metro State had the first five students complete their master's degrees: two in professional accountancy, and three in teaching for fall 2011; and, 60 master's candidates: 24 in teaching, 30 in social work, and six in professional accountancy for spring 2012.

Reverse Transfer Pilot - Metro State is in the process of piloting the “Reverse Credit Transfer” program with the Colorado Community College System to include Community College of Aurora and Front Range Community College. The program will grant the appropriate Associate's Degree to students who transfer to Metro State before completing that degree at a Colorado Community College.

The idea of Reverse Credit Transfer is not unique. Reverse Credit Transfer is most well developed in universities in Texas,

including the University of Houston, the University of Texas El Paso, and the University of Houston Clear Lake, but it can also be found in other states, including at the University of California Riverside. A similar program is currently being piloted between Massasoit Community College and the University of Massachusetts Boston. The Lumina Foundation is a proponent of Reverse Credit Transfer. According to CCCS proposed program, the results from implementation of the above mentioned programs are promised with tangible benefits to both student and institutions.

2012 RMACRAO Annual Meeting

The 2012 RMACRAO annual meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Laramie, WY July 18-20, 2012.

We are planning on going bowling on the Tuesday night before the annual meeting. On Wednesday there will be a casino night and on Thursday night we plan on having as entertainment some dueling piano players.

Scholarships Available

Just a reminder that RMACRAO offers two \$750 scholarships for members' professional development activities. The deadline for applications is October 1 for those planning on attending a professional development opportunity between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. So it's time to start thinking about what professional development opportunities you'd like to pursue for 2010-2011 in order to take advantage of the RMACRAO Professional Development Scholarships.

Examples of professional development activities include (but not exclusive to):

- Annual Summer Institute for International Admissions
- EDI in Education Conference
- Annual Strategic Enrollment Management Conference (SEM)
- FERPA Workshop
- AACRAO Technology Conference

(NOTE: This scholarship cannot be applied to either RMACRAO or AACRAO annual meetings.)

Individuals who are awarded this scholarship will be expected to either write an article for the RMACRAO newsletter about their professional development opportunity or make a presentation on this topic at the next RMACRAO annual meeting.

For more information and for an application, go to the RMACRAO website at www.rmacrao.org/scholarship.html.

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Revenue	Annual Dues	\$6,750.00
	Total	\$6,750.00
Expenses	Executive Committee	\$410.00
	Presidents Travel	\$250.00
	Miscellaneous	\$90.00
	Bank /Filing Fees	\$350.00
	Advertising/Recognition	\$100.00
	AACRAO Reception	\$300.00
	Peer Evaluation	\$300.00
	RMACRAO Travel Grants	\$600.00
	AACRAO Travel Grants	\$750.00
	Association Insurance	\$500.00
	Prof Development Scholarships	\$1,500.00
	Web Support	\$800.00
	Credit Card Fees	\$800.00
	Total	\$6,750.00

Adjustments Summary:

Revenue

The proposed budget assumes revenue with the current level of memberships (61) including two new memberships to be voted on at 2012 Annual Meeting for Colorado Technical University & Nazarene Bible College

Expenses

Increased Professional Development Scholarships by \$500.
 Decreased Executive Committee by \$190 to balance budget.
 Decreased President's Travel by \$240 to balance budget.
 Decreased Miscellaneous by \$10 to balance budget.
 Decreased Advertising/Recognition by \$10 to balance budget.
 Decreased AACRAO Reception by \$550 to balance budget.
 Decreased Peer Evaluation by \$300 to balance budget.
 Decreased Web Support by \$310 to balance budget.

Activity Summary for 2011-2012 To Date:

(Not including LAC)	
Account Balance as of 10/01/2011	\$10,283.68
Revenue	\$6,840.00
Expenses	(\$4,049.67)
Account Balance as of 04/30/2012	\$13,074.01

Submitted by **Susan Foster, RMACRAO Treasurer**

May-12

2012 RMACRAO Ballot

The RMACRAO has already been sent out via email. Only one official ballot is to be returned for each institution by fax or mail. Ballots should be faxed or emailed to arrive by June 13, 2012 to Barbara Tucci (505) 428-1405 or barbara.tucci@sfcc.edu

President-Elect (vote for one):

_____ **Sally Page** (Associate Registrar, University of Colorado at Boulder)

Sally earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado in 1986 (BA in Communication and Political Science-Public Service Option) and began working in the registrar's office in 1987. She has been a member of RMACRAO for approximately 24 years and attended her first annual meeting in 1988 in Grand Junction. She has also been a presenter and facilitator at RMACRAO annual meetings as well as served on two LAC committees. She had the privilege of being the RMACRAO Newsletter Editor from 1998-2009. In 2002 she developed the Professional Development Scholarship for the RMACRAO organization. She has also been a member of AACRAO for approximately 17 years and attended her first annual meeting in 1995 in Indianapolis. The purpose of RMACRAO is to help members to engage and exchange information and ideas. She is interested in running for this position because it would allow her to use her skills and knowledge in order to help facilitate this important mission and contribute to the organization.

_____ Write in Candidate:

Vice President – New Mexico (vote for one) ONLY NEW MEXICO SCHOOLS VOTE:

_____ **Jacobo Varela** (Catalog Editor, New Mexico State University) Jacobo was born in Guatemala to a Mayan Indian mother and an American father. At 6 months of age his family moved to his father's hometown of Glorieta, New Mexico and he has lived in the state ever since. After high school her served 5 years in the US Army, providing communication security to a number of soldiers and diplomats serving NATO, gaining a variety of skills have served him well since. After military service, he attended New Mexico State University, receiving a Bachelor's of Business Administration. He began employment at NMSU 6 years ago, and completed another degree, Master of Public Administration. Following 5 years as Catalog Editor, he became an Assistant Registrar, and now oversees the Military and Veterans Programs Office as well as retaining his Catalog production duties. He has been a member of RMACRAO for the last 3 years and has attended every yearly conference since that time. He looks forward to serving RMACRAO in any way he can and hopes to see everyone at this year's conference in Laramie!

_____ Write in Candidate:

Secretary (vote for one):

_____ **Charles Couch** (Registrar, University of Northern Colorado) Charlie has had the wonderful opportunity to work in Higher Education Administration for over 15 years, specifically in the area of the Office of the Registrar and Institutional Research. He has worked for small and medium size private institutions and joined the UNC community in May 2011 to oversee the Office of the Registrar. His experience includes receiving a Bachelor in Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Texas at Tyler in 1993, a Master of Business Administration from LeTourneau University in 1998 and a PhD in Education/Leadership for Higher Education in August 2011 from Capella University. Professional interests include continuous quality improvements, particularly in process and system within organizations. Other interests include development of data processes and architecture that can be used to inform decision making and strategy.

_____ Write in Candidate:

Honorary Member of RMACRAO (circle one):

Yes No Kathleen Sena

Institutions Requesting Membership

We have received membership applications from Colorado Technical University and Nazarene Bible College.

Colorado Technical University
4435 N. Chestnut St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
www.coloradotech.edu

Contact: Joshua Fry
Institution Type: 4+ years **Institution Control:** Other (proprietary)
Enrollment: 2,500+
Certificates/Degrees Offered: associate, bachelor, masters, doctorate

Description of institution: Colorado Technical University has a large online program and campuses in Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Denver, West Minster, Sioux Falls and North Kansas City. Colorado Technical University is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission.

Nazarene Bible College
1111 Academy Park Loop
Colorado Springs, CO 80901
www.nbc.edu

Contact: Jay Ott
Institution type: 4 years. **Institution control:** Private, Nonprofit
Enrollment: 876
Certificates/Degrees Offered: BA Ministry

Description of institution: Nazarene Bible College is a nondenominational school preparing students for a variety of professional careers in Christian Ministry, including pastors, educators, music ministers, counselors, chaplains and church/para-church administrators.