From the President
Denise Esquibel - RMACRAO President

The Spring semester has begun and hopefully winter now behind us all. Change is a challenge that we are all faced with at some point, but as we look forward to warmer temperatures and blooming flowers, I would like to update you on RMACRAO. The board has experienced change over the past few months, but we will continue to explore opportunities as we continue to move the organization forward, keeping at the forefront as to why we are here…to serve the membership.

In 2008, the RMACRAO board explored the issue of succession planning, the opportunity to groom leadership in RMACRAO. This includes service on committees, or other special task as appointed by the President. This year, we will be seeking out members who have the talent and interest in serving on the board as a President–Elect, Vice President for New Mexico and Web Developer just to name a few.

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If you are interested in running or considering any of the board positions, please contact Charlie Couch as he is leading the way for the nominations committee.

This year AACRAO annual meeting is March 20 – 23, 2016 in Phoenix Arizona. The AACRAO annual meeting provides an opportunity to the membership for networking and potentially, creating an interest in a topic that can be presented at RMACRAO. The RMACRAO regional reception will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Hard Rock Cafe Phoenix, 3 South 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Please join members from the board for fun and a networking opportunity.

The planning for RMACRAO 2016 is coming along beautifully thanks to the hard work of Local Arrangements Committee – Kyla Foltz, Linda Nichols, and Charlie Couch. They have fun things planned for the group and for more information please refer to RMACRAO 2016 section of the newsletter (page 8).

Have a wonderful semester and I hope to see many of you in Casper, Wyoming for our annual meeting.

Respectfully,

Denise H. Esquibel, Ph.D.
RMACRAO President
Colorado Vice President Report

Katie Pederson– Registrar, College for Financial Planning

Adams State University

Adams State University (Alamosa, CO) is the first institution in Colorado to adopt a Guaranteed Tuition program for undergraduate students. Beginning in fall 2016, students will be guaranteed no tuition increases through their fourth consecutive academic year. Guaranteed Tuition is available to all undergraduate students on-campus, both in-state and out-of-state. More information is online at http://guaranteedtuition.adams.edu.

Red Rocks Community College

Big plans and exciting additions are underway at Red Rocks Community College (RRCC). The college broke ground on a $22.5 million expansion to their Arvada location last summer, and will move all health career programs to this campus. The Red Rocks Community College Health Sciences at Arvada campus will open in Fall 2016. RRCC will also start construction in February on a state-of-the-art fitness/rec center for students at their Lakewood campus. (http://www.rrcc.edu/student-rec-center-progress)

Peer Review Available

A peer review can help you with issues, procedures, or goals that your office is struggling with. It can also help you figure out if there is a better way to do some things, get new ideas, or gain a different perspective. This is a great opportunity provided by RMACRAO. If you and your institution is interested, the deadline is June 1, 2016 for institutions to apply for a peer review for 2016-2017. For more information please visit http://www.rmacrao.org/rmacrao-peer-review/
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You’re invited to the RMACRAO’s AACRAO reception

Save the Date!– March 22nd

When: Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Where: Hard Rock Café
3 South 2nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Please join us for an evening of fun and light hors d’oeuvres. Cash bar will be available.
Hope you can join us!
Certified Electronic Diploma (CeDiploma)
In addition to the standard diploma mailed to all graduates after degrees are posted, the University of Colorado Boulder has partnered with our diploma vendor (Paradigm, Inc.) to offer the Certified Electronic Diploma (CeDiploma). CeDiploma reservations and downloads are made through a student portal. Students who reserve their CeDiploma are notified via email or text message when their certified electronic diploma (PDF) is available for purchase and download. For further information on the University of Colorado Boulder CeDiploma please visit: http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/graduation/cediploma

New Hire at CU-Boulder
The Office of the Registrar at the University of Colorado Boulder is excited to announce a new addition to its leadership team. Joey LaConte was named Associate Registrar of Technology, Communication, and Reporting in December 2015 after a brief interim role in this position. Joey joined the Office of the Registrar in June 2014 as a web application/report developer. Joey and his team of six are responsible for strategic planning and leadership for the office’s initiatives in CRM, communication, web development, reporting/query writing, business process improvement and technology services. Prior to coming to CU-Boulder, Joey worked in IT and web programming positions at the UCCS campus for more than a dozen years.

u.achieve Go-Live
The University of Colorado went live with the CollegeSource u.achieve product, Monday February 15, 2016. This degree audit system upgrade was a collaborative effort between the Boulder, Colorado Springs, and Denver campuses as well as University Systems. The upgraded product provides an ADA compliant platform with more streamline audit reports. Additional ‘what if’ audit functionality will be released in the coming months that will give both students and advisors the option to run robust ‘what if’ audits with different major, additional major, and minor combinations. The upgrade project took over a year to complete and the Degree Audit and Transfer Credit teams on each of the campuses are very excited to finally share this product with the University of Colorado campuses.
San Juan College

Managing the Curriculum Quagmire—Sherri Gaugh

Ok, as I write this, I am waiting for the other foot to drop, but so far really good. Last Spring San Juan College converted their 2015-16 Academic Catalog from paper and HTML to Acalog. The other half of the project included implementation of Curriculog, Digital Architecture’s curriculum management software. SJC began taking 2016-17 curriculum changes using Curriculog last spring and complete the first round of changes in December. Those changes were incorporated into Acalog in a fraction of the time (even being a newbie). We incorporated this year’s changes in about 8 hours – compared to 40-120 hours previously.

The 2016-17 Working Catalog is out for proofing this week, but so far, we are extremely pleased. Stay tuned.

Eastern New Mexico University—Roswell

The ENMU-Roswell campus began using a text message service to make contact with students on campus on February 16, 2016. The service, called CosmoTXT and powered by a system called Vital Link, will allow students to text basic questions to staff in student services departments at ENMU-Roswell and receive a quick reply back via text message. Staff members access the system from their computer desktop and can send links to forms on the university’s website including applications for admission and financial aid forms. Additionally, the system can be utilized to quickly notify groups of students when they are missing documents or need to contact student services. While the launch of the system is just getting started, it is expected to capture and enhance communication with a whole new demographic of students.
University of Wyoming

The new University of Wyoming President, starting July 1, 2016, will be Dr. Laurie Nichols. She currently is the Provost at South Dakota State and earned a graduate degree from Colorado State University. In addition, she will be the first female president of the University of Wyoming.

The university is working on developing 2+2 degree plans for students who attend one of the seven community colleges in Wyoming to be able to make an easy transition to earning a bachelor’s degree from UW.

Laramie County Community College

Laramie County Community College recently signed an agreement with the University of Wyoming to articulate LCCC’s general education core to satisfy UW’s general education requirements. LCCC is the first community college in Wyoming to have an articulation agreement in place for general education requirements. Watch the video spotlight at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nh5wfFlGGzl&list=PL22857C7F6F1DFB28> highlighting this exciting news.

LCCC is busy with implementations. Admissions is implementing Recruiter while the Registrar’s office and Student Planning and Success are rolling out Student Planning. We’re excited to offer these new tools for our students and to have these enhancements in place by fall.

Construction on the new University/Student Services and Flexible Industrial Technology Buildings is progressing nicely. For those interested, construction updates are posted on the LCCC Website<http://www.lccc.wy.edu/> under Construction Updates.

Casper College

We are happy to announce that Casper College has a new Admissions Representative Catherine “Tori” Misak!
As records and admissions professionals in higher education we might spend a lot of time sitting in meetings and at our desks, but in reality we are highly functional athletes! We stretch every dollar. We leap over barriers. We train teams. We run many facets of campus technology. We swim through challenges. We juggle priorities. We tackle problems. We bring our game!

Athletes however aren’t just physical juggernauts exerting their power. They have a strategy and a game plan. Like athletes we must take a break and take time to calculate the next move. The RMACRAO Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to relax, reflect and rejuvenate the mind, body and spirit while networking with peers about plans and strategies for the next year. The RMACRAO conference theme is “Be a Game Changer in Higher Ed.” Please mark your calendar for July 20th-22nd and make your hotel reservation today. Call the RAMKOTA hotel at 307-266-6000 to book your room. Ask for the RMACRAO room block. I look forward to seeing you in Casper.

~Bring your game

Kyla Foltz
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Call for Nominations

This is your chance to be more involved with RMACRAO. The open positions are as follows:

- President-Elect – a three-year commitment; the main task for the first year is planning the program for the RMACRAO 2017 annual meeting/conference
- Vice President for New Mexico – a two-year commitment
- Secretary – a two-year commitment

In addition, we are seeking to fill the following positions on the board:

- Exhibitor and LAC Liaison
- Web Developer

**Deadline for nominations and/or interest is Friday, March 4th.**

More information about these positions can be found on the RMACRAO website in the Bylaws, Section 4.06 and 4.07 (pages 11-15) at [http://www.rmacrao.org/documents/articles_bylaws/WMACRAO_bylaws.pdf](http://www.rmacrao.org/documents/articles_bylaws/WMACRAO_bylaws.pdf)

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested any of these positions, please contact Past-President pastpresident@rmacrao.org

-Charlie Couch, Past-President
Letters From the 2015 Travel Grant Recipients:

This was my first year as a member of RMACRAO and I was honored to be a recipient of the travel grant to attend the 2015 annual meeting in Colorado Springs. This was an awesome professional opportunity for me to network and get to know my fellow registrars in our region. I was encouraged by many of you who took the time to share your challenges with me and to offer up best practices and technology solutions. Looking forward to Casper in 2016.

Fletcher Brown

Dear Board of Directors,

The RMACRAO conference in Colorado Springs was an invaluable experience. I gained new insights, networked and made new friends. I came back refreshed and ready to take on new challenges. I am deeply grateful for being awarded the travel grant and cannot say enough on how fantastic my experience was.

Best Regards,

Eugenia “Kena” Carriere
Associate Director

I really enjoyed attending this year’s RMACRAO conference in Colorado Springs. The sessions offered were very insightful and gave everyone the ability to learn from one another. Having the opportunity to meet others in your field and to put faces with the names only adds to the great experience that RMACRAO gives. This is a true testament of what working as a team means and each individual has an absolute concrete role in completing the entire circle. Thank you to everyone who shared their knowledge and took time out of their busy lives to make 2015 RMACRAO such a great learning experience for me and I hope to have the opportunity to attend again.

Misty Swainson
Laramie County Community College

RMACRAO Travel Grant

RMACRAO has six grants available each year for the RMACRAO Annual Meeting. Any first time attendee is eligible to earn a $200 travel grant. The application deadline is June 1st for the 2016 RMACRAO Annual Meeting.

To Apply:
1– Complete a RMACRAO Travel Grant Application (http://www.rmacrao.org/documents/travel_grants/rmacrao_travel_grant_application.pdf)

2-Return the application to your RMACRAO State Vice President.
Web Developer Update

The RMACRAO Board of Directors is currently looking to fill the Web Developer role. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Charlie Couch, Past President, at pastpresident@rmacrao.org. The deadline to express interest is March 4, 2016.

For nearly a decade the Web Developer position has been held by Mr. Corey Wahl. Corey was able to transform the RMACRAO online presence through the introduction of the RMACRAO.org website as well as social media outlets including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Once the Board of Directors established the Web Developer role to which Corey was appointed, he continued to make significant contributions to RMACRAO as an organization. Believe it or not, a mere nine years ago RMACRAO board members were only able to pass down history to new board members by means of binders and boxes. No kidding!

The following is a timeline showing the progress RMACRAO has made under the leadership and guidance of Corey in the web developer role.

- Fall 2006 - RMACRAO.org created
- Spring 2007 - Web Developer role added to the Board of Directors
- Summer 2008 - Online registration made available for the Annual Meeting
- Spring 2009 - Redesign of RMACRAO.org to enhance the appearance and ease of use
- Spring 2010 - Implemented event to streamline processes related to the Annual Meetings
- Spring 2008 - Online Forum launched for membership
- Fall 2009 - Established a RMACRAO style guide for communications
- Fall 2010 - Secured dedicated RMACRAO server & leveraged SharePoint to facilitate document sharing for the Board of Directors
Call for Nominations

Each year RMACRAO looks to honor those within our membership, past and present, whose contributions represent the professionalism of the organization.

The board seeks recommendations for the following honors:

- *Distinguished Service Award*
- *Special Recognition Award*
- *Honorary Membership*

If there are colleagues, past or present, from the membership who you feel meet the criteria for one of these awards, please pass names on to president@rmacrao.org so that the board can review their contributions.

**Deadline for nominations is Friday, March 4th.**

More information about these positions can be found on the RMACRAO web site in the Bylaws, Section 5.02 (pages 18-19) at [http://www.rmacrao.org/documents/articles_bylaws/RMACRAO_bylaws.pdf](http://www.rmacrao.org/documents/articles_bylaws/RMACRAO_bylaws.pdf)

-Charlie Couch, Past-President