

# MACRAO Honorary Membership



## **Mark Ulseth**

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Mark started his career in higher education at Glen Oaks Community College as Registrar in 1983. In addition to Registrar, he was the golf coach. In 1988 Mark moved to Jackson Community College where he began a progression of positions which included Registrar, Director of Enrollment Services and Registrar; then Acting Dean of Students. While at Jackson, he also taught and held the title of adjunct instructor.

In January of 1986, his next stop was at Henry Ford Community College where he was the Director of Admissions and Registration and for a time was acting Vice President and Dean of Student Services. It was while at Henry Ford that Mark began his political career as President of the Administrators Association.

Mark's education includes a Bachelors Degree from Tri State University in Angola, Indiana, an MBA from Western Michigan University and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Mark's involvement in MACRAO has spanned his years in the state of Michigan.

Registrar's practices Committee 1992-1994

Data and Technology Committee 1996-2004

Treasurer 1994-1996

MACRAO web editor 1997-2007

(Mark took over the fledgling MACRAO web site in 1997 and with his time, effort and creativity created the very successful concept of the Michigan College Mall, as well as creating the Community College Enrollment Report)

Executive Committee 1994-1996 1998-2007

(As treasurer and as the MACRAO web editor)

Chair: Ad-hoc committee for implementation of the Michigan Transfer Network 2005-2007

Co-Coordinator of the Michigan Transfer Network 2007-2008

Mark has also been involved in many presentations and workshops both at MACRAO and also at the national level with AACRAO and the Datatel Users Group meetings. His willingness to share his knowledge and sense of humor has made many presentations and workshops more enjoyable.

In MACRAO meetings and discussions, Mark was the one that sat quietly and listened to everyone speak; thought about the situation or problem and then offered a new and interesting perspective. Mark's advice was well thought out and most often right on. He is known and respected as knowledgeable, thoughtful and if any of you remember the commercial .....

"When EF Hutton speaks, we listen" ? Well ... Mark is a lot like that.

His willingness to mentor all of us, either with a friendly bit of advice or an answer to a problem that had perplexed us is something that we all have appreciated over the years.

Personal: How many of you knew that one of Mark's hobbies is playing hockey? He is also a competitive water skier. And don't forget the golf coaching part of his first job at Glen Oaks -- And web site design and development...He has created a number of web sites in addition to the MACRAO site, including one for the Camelot Water Ski Team.

Mark has been a dedicated MACRAO member for many years and because of his involvement both MACRAO as an organization and we as individuals have benefitted.

Mark left Michigan in March of 2008 to become the Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at York Technical College in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Thank You Mark.

Congratulations on your MACRAO Honorary membership

Submitted by Paul Schmidt