

## MACRAO Honorary Member

### Scott Owczarek aka “Scotty O”

Scott began his career in university administration in 1998 in the College of Lifelong Learning while working on his bachelor’s degree at Wayne State University. Following graduation in 2000, he joined the Office of the Registrar as a Senior Systems Integrator where he played a major role in the implementation of the SCT Banner SIS.

In 2004, Scott was appointed Associate Registrar with responsibility for all operations in Academic Records & Services, including athlete certification, FERPA compliance, while acting as an office liaison to other academic and administrative University units. It was during this time that Scott’s reputation as an administrator was established. A firm custodian of the University’s and external regulations and laws, he never lost sight of the needs and frailties of the people with whom he did business, be they students, parents, faculty or elected officials. His love and knowledge of the rapidly changing technological environment and his enthusiasm for procedural improvements allowed him to be a leader in many technical and human-level developments.



In April of 2007, Scott was selected to become the Associate Registrar for Registration Services at Michigan State University. His personal gifts and the experience he had gained at Wayne insured that his integration into a very unstructured and technically aggressive campus-wide student affairs environment was swift and effective. His great enthusiasm, coupled with his knowledge of “the business” and his caring attitude for others were much appreciated by people inside and outside of the Office of the Registrar. Beyond his normal duties, Scott led the way in Michigan and in the Midwest in the necessary clarification and systemization of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill and played a key role in MSU’s effort to comply with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008, specifically the institutional requirements for textbook information.

In December, 2010, Scott was chosen to be the next University Registrar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and began work there on February 1, 2011.

During his years in Michigan, Scott was an active member of MACRAO and AACRAO. A frequent presenter at state and national annual meetings, Scott took a leadership role in MACRAO, advancing from committee member and chair, to the Executive Board as Membership Coordinator in 2007 and then President Elect in 2009, with installation as President in 2010. Scott contributed to several important initiatives while an officer of MACRAO, most notably; the membership survey in 2007 which resulted in numerous improvements to the organization, and the state-wide effort regarding state-assigned Unique Identification Codes (UIC) and the Student Transcript and Academic Record Repository (STARR).

Therefore, it gives us great pleasure to bestow Honorary Membership in the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers upon Scott Owczarek in recognition of his consistent and meritorious service, commitment to excellence, and outstanding leadership in the profession.