

President's Corner

As your president for 2008-2009, I really look forward to continuing to be of a part of such a great organization. I know with the tough economic times that 2009 will continue to present challenges for many of us and our institutions but hopefully things will start turning around soon.

The 2008 MACRAO executive committee, under President Howard Shanken, had some significant accomplishments, including the implementation of several items that came up in the 2007 membership survey. I know we are all committed to continuing to move this organization forward. I would like to thank the two outgoing EC members, Jim Dwyer as past-president and Duff Zube as treasurer. Both did an excellent job and will truly be missed. I also look forward to working with all the current EC members. Please note that the names and contact information for all [EC members](#) are located on the MACRAO Web site. You can contact any of us with suggestions or concerns about the organization. All of our meetings are open and the dates are listed on the MACRAO Web site under [executive committee news](#).

If you are currently involved in MACRAO, I thank you. If you have not been actively involved, I hope you will consider becoming involved in the organization at some point by serving on a committee, attending events, presenting at one of many events and/or serving in a leadership role.

Karen Hutslar, MACRAO president



One kind word can warm three winter months.

~Japanese Proverb

Tri-State Conference a Success

Over 450 IACRAO, MACRAO and OACRAO members gathered November 12-14 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan for the 2008 Great Lakes Conference – **Reconnect for A GREAT Experience**. This conference included workshops, sessions, a special evening event in Greektown, as well as time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

At the event this year there was an underlying theme of thinking of others. Food was collected for the Gleaners Food Bank. Attendees were extremely generous in donating money as well as over 1,000 items of food or personal care items. Gleaners was extremely grateful for our contributions. There was also a special silent auction and Split-the-Pot that raised a total of \$5,630.50 for student scholarships.

At the business meeting we were fortunate to be able to recognize several important people and programs. They included the following:

Honorary Membership

Three MACRAO members were recognized for their special contributions to the MACRAO organization. They included:

- Sedgwick Harris
- Dick Stevens
- Mark Ulseth

Please check out the many accomplishments of Sedgwick, Dick, Mark, as well as all of our honorary members, on the MACRAO website.

EEO Award

This was awarded to the Bridge Program at Northwestern Michigan College and was accepted by David Crawford.

Transfer Program Award

This was awarded to the University of Michigan Dearborn for their program on seven micro sites and was accepted by Christopher Tremblay.

A big thank you goes out to all the committee members for their work on the sessions and workshops, as well as their work throughout the year. Their annual reports are posted on the MACRAO website. Also on this site is a summary of the conference evaluations, the business meeting minutes, and the 2008 Treasurers reports.

The links to the data mentioned above are as follows:

[Honorary Members](#)

[Conference evaluations](#)

[Committee Reports](#)

[Business Meeting Minutes](#)

[2008 Treasurer's Report](#)

We are also working with the presenters to post as many of the presentations as possible on the Web site. Information on this will be in a future newsletter once this project it is completed.

Serve the Organization—Join a Committee

MACRAO committees are critical to the success of the organization. A big thank you goes out to all the committee chairs, co-chairs and members serving in 2007-2008. They not only plan sessions for the annual meeting, but organize critical events like the college fairs, the new professionals workshop, the summer summit, the registrar's drive-in and the support staff workshop. You may be asking yourself, how can I get involved? It's not too late. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Anne Monroe at amonroe@nmc.edu or (231) 995-1039. You can also [download](#) and submit a committee application form.

Serving on a committee not only helps MACRAO, but is a wonderful professional development experience for each of you. It is also a great way to network with your colleagues around the state. The current standing committees are College Articulation, College Day/Night, Enrollment Management, Equal Education Opportunity, Legislative Issues, Michigan Transfer Network (MTN) Governance, Professional Development, Registrar's Practices, Secondary School Relations, Data and Technology Applications, and Local Arrangements.

AACRAO Annual Meeting

The 95th Annual AACRAO Meeting "Charting the Path to Institutional and Student Success" will take place at the McCormick Place West convention center in Chicago, Illinois. This year's conference is scheduled for April 13-16, 2009, and the conference hotels are the Hilton Chicago and The Palmer House Hilton.

On-line registration for the conference is now open and the conference hotels are accepting room reservations. To find out more about this exciting professional development opportunity, please visit the [2009 AACRAO Annual Meeting](#) Web site.

Member News

Laura Mathis has joined the Office of Admissions and Orientation at the University of Michigan-Dearborn as Coordinator of E-Recruitment.

Meghan Kelly and **Jennifer Rosebrock** have been promoted to senior recruitment advisers in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at Oakland University.

Upcoming Events

- [AACRAO Transfer Conference](#), February 15-17, 2009 (Tampa, FL)
- [AACRAO Annual Meeting](#), April 13-16, 2009 (Chicago, IL)
- [MACRAO Annual Conference](#), November 4-6 (Boyne, MI)

Questions or comments?

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