



# MACRAO

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Registrars & Admissions Officers



MACRAO Insider

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## Growth, Changes, and Congratulations

Hello and Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I am pleased to welcome all of the new MACRAO Chairs, Co-Chairs and Committee Members. 2011 is going to be an exciting year for all of us!

For starters, I have a few Executive Committee membership changes I need to pass along:

- Scott Owczarek has stepped down as MACRAO's President as he was recently named the new University Registrar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Scott will begin his new career in Wisconsin on January 31, 2011. The Executive Committee was thrilled to hear of Scott's exciting news...but at the same time very sad knowing he was leaving Michigan and could not continue as MACRAO's President. We will miss him dearly and wish him the BEST!
- Craig Aimar, incoming Vice-President has also accepted another position. He is now the Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Retention at Saginaw Valley State University. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for Craig! Unfortunately, his new role and responsibilities would not allow him to be active in a MACRAO leadership role so he had to resign as MACRAO's Vice-President.
- Carrie Jeffers from Macomb Community College has graciously accepted the Executive Committee's appointment of MACRAO's new Vice-President! Carrie will serve as the main liaison with the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs and will provide you with regular updates. Please congratulate Carrie on her new appointment!
- I have agreed to resume my role as MACRAO's President for another year. I cannot express in words how fortunate I am to be given this opportunity again. Thank You! I look forward to another fabulous MACRAO year and to working with all of you!
- The Executive Committee is currently working on filling our vacant Past President position.
- To kick off the New Year, the Executive Committee, Chairs and Co-Chairs will have their first meeting of 2011 on January 21st.

I look forward to working with all of you again this year. Let's keep the momentum going!

Sincerely,  
Debbie Harju



### Save the Date

2011 MACRAO **Spring Drive-In Workshop** will be held April 8th, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing, Michigan.



## Join a MACRAO Committee

Looking for professional development opportunities? There are still a few committees looking to add to their memberships.

If you are interested in joining one of MACRAO's important committees please complete the Committee Membership Application located on the [Committees page](#) and forward it to the MACRAO Vice President, you may also contact the committee chair for more information. The following committees are looking for new members:

### College Articulation

Chair: Emily Clement, [emilyclement@delta.edu](mailto:emilyclement@delta.edu)

Promotes communication and articulation between postsecondary educational institutions, monitors articulation agreements, and addresses specialized problems encountered by students in the transfer process.

### Local Arrangements (one year appointment)

Chair: Katherine McMullen, [kmmcmull@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:kmmcmull@oaklandcc.edu)

The LAC assists the President-elect to develop, promote, and execute the Annual meeting by serving as liaisons to meeting sites, vendors, caterers, speakers bureaus, and other service providers. Members provide clerical assistance and budget maintenance as directed by the President-elect.

## Men of MACRAO

At the 2010 Annual Conference, MACRAO inducted four well-versed Registrars into the honorary membership rankings. Pete Lacey, Vice President of Student Services at St. Clair County Community College and MACRAO Treasurer, was charged with facilitating the inauguration of Duff Zube, Paul Schmidt, Paul Wright and Howard Shanken, whom together own more than 135 years of experience in higher education administration.

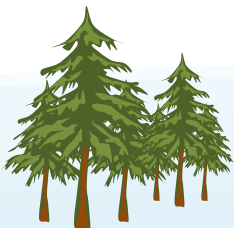
Pete compared the foursome to likes of four well known presidents memorialized in Mount Rushmore out in South Dakota. He compared their service, leadership and dedication/durability.

Each honoree spoke to the audience about MACRAO's profound impact in their professional experiences. They encouraged everyone to get involved, and take pride in this great organization. You can view [Men of MACRAO slideshow](#) on the MACRAO website along with other [2010 conference presentations](#).



## MACRAO Audit

Along with the formation of the sustainability committee, MACRAO leadership is taking measures to ensure that the organization is viable on all fronts. A recent audit of the books was completed by an Enrolled Agent who took the time to audit the books and made some recommendations for improvement. You can find a copy of the Audit and Recommendation on the [Policies & Publications](#) page of the [MACRAO](#) website.



## MACRAO's New Vice President: Meet Carrie Jeffers

Dr. Carrie Jeffers has been the Associate Director of Enrollment Services at Macomb Community College for the past three years where she directs the day-to-day operations of the Center Campus location that involves the oversight of records, registration, admissions and transfer credit. Carrie began her career in higher education 12 years ago on the admissions side of the house where she was the Assistant Director of Admissions at Alma College traveling in Livingston, Oakland and Macomb counties as well as the Chicago-land area. From there, Carrie became the Graduate Admissions & Enrollment Specialist at Davenport University, Warren Campus where she oversaw the MBA Office recruiting and advising MBA students as well as starting the MBA extension campuses at TACOM in Warren and in Romeo, MI. After two years at Davenport, Carrie accepted a position as the Center Director of the Metropolitan Detroit Program for Siena Heights University where she spent over five years. During her time at Siena, she provided the administrative leadership for the largest off-campus degree completion center working with adult learners, faculty and staff. This is where the transition from admissions to the registrar side of the house took place that has afforded Carrie the opportunity to work in both arenas in which MACRAO represents. Carrie also spent two years teaching high school English prior to her career in higher education.



Carrie completed her Bachelor's Degree in English/Music Education from Alma College and a Masters of Arts Degree in Adult Education from Central Michigan University prior to completing her Doctor of Philosophy in Education with a specialization in Leadership for Higher Education from Capella University in 2007.

Carrie has been involved in MACRAO serving on the Graduate & Professional Studies Committee, Ad Hoc P20 Committee, Nominations Committee and most recently the Registrars Practices Committee where she served as co-chair in 2008-2009 and chair in 2009-2010. She has presented on various topics at multiple MACRAO Annual conferences, planning pre-conference workshops sponsored by the Graduate & Professional Studies Committee as well as planning and providing leadership with the annual Registrars Drive-In. In the community, Carrie is a recent graduate of Leadership Macomb, serves as the Publicity Officer for the Utica High School Band & Orchestra Boosters, teaches Sunday School and adult education classes at her church where she also serves on the Missions Board, is involved in local outreach opportunities and has been on several third-world country missions trips serving people in very remote and isolated areas. At Macomb, Carrie sits on several committees throughout the college community and served as the co-lead for the Veteran Services Initiative for the college.

Carrie lives in Sterling Heights with her teenage daughter Tiffany and mini-daschaund Lucy. She loves to shop for shoes, spend time with her family and has most recently been busy updating her new home with several re-modeling projects. Carrie is looking forward to her new leadership role in MACRAO!



# MACRAO Movers and Shakers

## Promotions



Craig Aimar of Saginaw Valley State University has recently appointed as Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention at the institution. Feel free to congratulate Craig at [ctaimar@svsu.edu](mailto:ctaimar@svsu.edu).

Carrie Cumming has been appointed Interim Registrar at Western Michigan University

Scott Owczarek has been named University Registrar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. From 1998-2004, Scotty-O worked in the office of the registrar and the College of Lifelong Learning at Wayne State University in Detroit before moving to Michigan State University. Scott served several posts on the MACRAO Executive Committee as well as a member of several committees.

## Retirements

Pamela Liberacki, Associate Director of Admissions at Western Michigan University, announced she will retire at the end of January 2011, after having served on the staff at WMU for 36 years. Pam has been an active member of both MACRAO and AACRAO. Please take the time to wish her well at [pamelaliberacki@wmich.edu](mailto:pamelaliberacki@wmich.edu).

Susan M. Henker, office supervisor in the Registrar's Office at Western Michigan University for 15 years announced her retirement, her last day will be January 31, 2011.

Patricia M. Emelander a 14 year veteran announced her retirement from the Registrar's Office at Western Michigan University.

After 28 years of service, Joanne M. Lee, a clerk within Western Michigan's Registrar's Office, has decided to retire, effective January 31, 2011.

Barbara McKinney, the Western Michigan University Registrar has retired after 30 years of dedicated service.

Michele C. McLaughlin, associate registrar for scheduling at WMU will be retiring January 31, 2011 after 28 years of service.

Pamela J. Robertson, office coordinator in the WMU Registrar's Office will retire on January 31, 2011 after 21 years of service.

