

## MACRAO UPDATE

August 2008

### President's Corner

How quickly time passes! It is almost the start of another fall semester. The work of MACRAO committees continued throughout the summer to bring you some exciting events for this fall, from the New Professionals Workshop in September to the [Great Lakes Conference](#) this November. The program for the Great Lakes Conference is currently being finalized, and a notice for registration will go out to the membership as soon as the online form is available.

I hope you will consider getting involved or "re-involved" this year by joining a committee and attending some dynamic events. In other news, we will soon be announcing the dates for our first ever legal issues conference, so stay tuned!

Howard Shanken



**I have never  
let my  
schooling  
interfere  
with my  
education.**

**-Mark Twain**

### By-Law Revisions

The Executive Committee set as one of its goals for this year the revision and updating of the by-laws. The [recommended changes and rationales](#) are available for viewing online. If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the EC members for clarification. These changes will be voted on at the business lunch on Thursday, November 13 at the Great Lakes Conference in Dearborn.

### Message from the Nominations and Elections Committee

Visit the [Committee News](#) page for Past President Jim Dwyer's update on the nominations and elections process for MACRAO officers.

### Member Profile: Betty Wagner

Watch this space for a monthly article profiling one of your fellow MACRAO leaders. Suggestions for future profiles are welcome; email them to newsletter editor Melinda Booth at [mbooth@oakland.edu](mailto:mbooth@oakland.edu). Special thanks to Wallace Holder of Grand Valley State University, who authored this month's profile.



A valued MACRAO member since 1984, Betty Wagner has done it all. She began as part of the Special Project Committee and continued on as co-chair from 1985-1986, followed by chair from 1986-1987. Betty later went on to become MACRAO Vice President from 1987 through 1990. Ultimately, all of her experience culminated in serving as MACRAO president from 1991-1992 and staying on the Executive Committee as Past President from 1992-1993. Since the mid nineties, Betty has continued to promote the interests of MACRAO through her involvement in the Directors of Admissions of the State Universities in Michigan (DASUM).

**(Betty Wagner, continued)** Early on, Betty was encouraged by her supervisor, Michael Owens (now Associate Dean of Students at CMU), to become involved in MACRAO. This experience led to mentorship and guidance from Michael and other colleagues who eventually became Betty's friends in the organization. Betty recalls, "They taught me that although universities compete for the same students, we all should have the individual student and their best interests at heart, not just the enrollment needs of our respective institutions."

The challenges and rewards of a lifetime in higher education have Betty feeling, "very fortunate to be in a profession with individuals across the state who are passionate about assisting students at an exciting time in their young lives." Betty views her involvement in MACRAO in light of a quote from Dan Eversole, another MACRAO friend and mentor, who said, "Values are the gold that is in each of us, they are the real fortune of the MACRAO organization."

## Upcoming Events

View more information on registration and hotels for these events [online](#).

- New Professionals Workshop, September 4-5, 2008 (registration coming soon)
- Great Lakes Conference, November 12-14, 2008

Questions or comments?

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