

MACRAO NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Notes from the President

The Executive Committee will be reviewing the 2007 membership survey results at our planning retreat in March. It is our commitment to set goals based on the feedback we have received. It is my belief that if we are to be a vibrant organization, we must demonstrate our ability to listen and to be responsive. (View the survey results [here](#).) Thank you to all who participated!

Also, the regular Executive Committee meetings are open to the membership and starting with the April 18th meeting we will meet monthly normally at the CMU -East Lansing Campus. Watch for information in next month's newsletter.

To contact Howard Shanken or other EC members, [click here](#).

Newsletter, New Look in 2008

The MACRAO newsletter gets a facelift this month, moving to a monthly e-newsletter format to replace bi-annual paper mailings. The EC hopes that, in addition to cost savings, these monthly updates can provide more timely announcements and keep the membership better informed about professional development opportunities and MACRAO-sponsored events. Look for further improvements in the coming months!

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Fast Facts

- Updated [committee membership](#) lists available online.
- [MTN](#) reaches 691,000 course equivalencies.
- [Read evaluations](#) from the fall 2007 annual conference in Grand Rapids.

Valued Member Moves Out of State



Mark Ulseth, Director of Admissions and Registration at Henry Ford Community College will be leaving his position for York Technical College, a community college in South Carolina.

Ulseth leaves MACRAO after more than a decade of service, and will be resigning as Co-coordinator of the groundbreaking Michigan Transfer Network (MTN). Paul Schmidt will continue as MTN coordinator in Mark's absence.

Unveiled in fall 2007, MTN only represents Mark's most recent contributions to the organization and higher education in Michigan. His work to establish and maintain the MACRAO web site, and vision for the use of technology in higher education, earned him respect in the field and helped move our state forward. MACRAO wishes Mark all the best in this new stage of his career!

Mark Ulseth, left, unveils MTN with co-coordinator Paul Schmidt at the annual fall conference in Grand Rapids, MI.

Ad Hoc Legislative Update Committee

This year, the committee looks forward to working with the EC to establish itself as one of MACRAO's newest "standing committees." As we go through this official process, we look forward to continued support and involvement in the discussions and activities vital in securing MACRAO's voice in Lansing.

We are looking to expand our committee membership to better represent the issues and interests of the MACRAO membership. If you have an interest in policy and/or legislative issues and/or would like to learn through participation, we invite you to join us. To learn more, please contact chair, Carol Quigley at quigleyc@ferris.edu.

The committee is making plans to sponsor exceptional speakers at this year's 2008 Great Lakes Conference. So far, we've asked one of higher education's finest leaders to share his expertise in a workshop and a session. [Dr. Paul Lingenfelter](#), President of [State Higher Education Executive Officers \(SHEEO\)](#), will speak on the twenty-first century agenda for state planning and policy in higher education. Our committee will also sponsor another AACRAO "Washington Update" as well as co-sponsor a workshop with MACRAO's Articulation Committee.

Registrars Drive-In Workshop

Mark your calendar for the 2008 Drive In Workshop hosted by the Registrars Practices Committee! It will be held on Friday, April 4 at the Walsh College Novi Campus. [Online registration](#) will be available in the coming week, and closes on Friday, March 28. Email Kara Fields at kfields@walshcollege.edu or call (248) 823-1295 with questions.

Drive in to the starting line at 9 a.m. for a networking breakfast. Then turn on your *blinker* and *merge* into our first session, a morning panel discussion on confidentiality issues. After we *guzzle* our lunch, we will *motor* into the Electronic Age. Here in the *fast lane* we will look at strategies for technology use and useful ways to keep all college staff up to date. As we approach the *finish line*, take part in a closing general question and answer session. Then we will *drive off* at 3 p.m. with our both *gas tanks* and *trunks* filled with new and innovative ideas!

LTU Recognized for Outstanding Service

The One-Stop Shop staff at Lawrence Technological University won the title of 2007 Outstanding Support Staff at the annual MACRAO summer support staff workshop. But that was just beginning—these eleven staffers have taken the award plaque on a whirlwind tour!

The plaque has traveled to Joe Louis Arena for a Red Wings game, out for dinner and drinks at Cheli's Chili, to the Detroit River Walk for dining on the water, skydiving in Tecumseh, a volleyball game in Clarkston (*with Nicole Deaver, bottom left*), and to a conference in Portland, Oregon (*in city park, above left*). It has visited staff homes and desks alike as a reminder of their achievement.

This team approach is nothing new to LTU. The collaboration that led to this honor involved cross-training in all areas of student service—including financial aid, student accounting, admissions, records and registration.



Questions or comments?

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