

MACRAO UPDATE

June 2009

President's Corner

On April 28, I had the opportunity to attend the **Governor's Education Summit** in Lansing. It was great to see several MACRAO members at this event. I was able to talk to not only people in higher education, but K-12 teachers and administrators, and representatives from community organizations who were all dedicated to education.

This summit marked the official launch of the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN), and Governor Jennifer Granholm gave the keynote address. As everyone knows, Michigan is going through some very tough times right now and, while she recognized this fact, I felt one of the key quotes from her address was, "out of crisis comes opportunity."

We can take this time to look at all we do and possibly make it better. Education is a key part of this. One of the other keynote speakers was Kati Haycock, who is president of the Education Trust. She gave an excellent, but sobering, presentation on the gap in our education compared to other countries. To download her presentation please go to [The Education Trust](#) Web site, and then scroll down to "It's Up to Us: Going the Distance to Improve Results and Close Gaps" by Kati Haycock, Governor's Education Summit, Lansing, MI, April 28, 2009.

We will continue to work with Lansing on the portal part of MCAN. According to the MCAN timeline, we will select a vendor(s) by August or September, and go live in fall 2010. Training on the new site for students and staff will take place prior to it going live. As more information continues to become available, I will share it with the membership.

There is another education conference coming up November 15-16 at the University of Michigan — the **Michigan Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference**. You visit the [conference](#) Web site for more information. Brandy Johnson-Faith, who is coordinating the MCAN project out of the Governor's Office, has been asked to sit on the steering committee and will be sharing updated information on MCAN at this conference.

Please know that the executive committee is here to listen to our membership and all meetings are open. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the [EC members](#).

Karen Hutslar, MACRAO President

Call for Honorary Members

If you have names to submit for consideration for an honorary membership in MACRAO please submit them to Dorene Root, MACRAO Historian, at root1dl@cmich.edu. Nominees should be widely recognized as leaders who have distinguished themselves through continuous active service on committees, participation in successful workshops and association projects, and other noteworthy accomplishments for the association. Their accomplishments should be outlined for review by the executive committee, and should accompany the recommendation for honorary membership. These are also individuals who are no longer eligible to participate in MACRAO due to retirement, leaving the state, or due to a new position. [Click here](#) for a complete list of honorary members.



**In summer, the
song sings
itself.**

**-William
Carlos
Williams**

Support Staff Workshop Update

Unfortunately this year MACRAO will not be sponsoring a Support Staff Workshop. We understand this is an event that many of our support staff enjoys attending and we also feel it is important, but due to several different circumstances it will not be offered. Plans are already moving forward for next year, so look for the return of this exciting event in 2010.

2009 Outstanding Transfer Program Recognition Award

The MACRAO Articulation Committee is pleased to accept nominations for the Outstanding Transfer Award Program for 2009. In an effort to celebrate the many initiatives across our accomplished state that serve to support and assist transfer students in meeting their educational objectives, we are calling for nominations to formally recognize these premier programs. The winner will be invited to conduct a session and receive their award at the annual fall conference at Boyne Mountain, November 4-6, 2009. The deadline date for all nominations is Friday, September 18. The 2009 Outstanding Transfer Program Award nomination form can be found as a PDF on the MACRAO Web site under the member services link. Please forward nomination forms and supporting materials (if applicable) about your program to:

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Questions about the program may be directed to Sylvia Stancil at (313) 577-4902, or Susan Cushnier, (313) 593-5659.

Spring Drive-In a Delicious Success

The MACRAO Spring Drive-In took place in Novi on Friday, April 24 at host institution Walsh College. 106 people from across the state attended, along with 6 presenters. For the first time, the event crossed the MACRAO spectrum with both admissions and registrar's professionals in attendance. A mix of amazing topics and food convinced people to come out and stick around on such a gorgeous, 80 degree spring day.

We started off with a breakfast of scones, cinnamon rolls as big as your head and other tasty treats, then headed right into the morning session which covered FERPA and HEOA updates, issues, and changes. The presenters included Traci Gulick, Associate Registrar at Michigan State University, and Radhika Pasricha, Assistant General Counsel from Michigan State University. Then they joined up with a panel which included Jason Vonreichbauer, Director of Security for Northwood University and Ann Nitschke, Assistant Registrar & Veteran Services, Delta College. Many questions were asked and answered prior to the group breaking for a delicious lunch of almond chicken, rice pilaf, tossed salad and cookies.



Member Spotlight: Kara Fields of Walsh College



From presenting various session topics focused on Gamers, Millennials, and non-traditional student populations to moderating round table discussions and planning a pre-conference workshop, the Registrar's Drive-In workshop, and the annual conference, Kara Fields has been getting her feet wet with MACRAO since 2001. That was when her then supervisor (Holly Diamond) at Walsh College's Novi campus recruited Kara to become a member of the Local Arrangements committee. New to higher education, Kara did not know anything about MACRAO and describes that first experience as a "crash course" in learning about the organization.

Now, a self-described "MACRAO lifer," Kara has a long list of contributions to the organization. Following her work on the Local Arrangements committee, Kara was part of the Graduate and Professional Studies committee (2002–2005) and eventually stepped into the position of co-chair and then chair. In 2005, after switching from an admissions and academic advising role to that of Assistant Director of Records and Registration at Walsh College, Kara joined the Registrars' Practices committee (2006-2009). After a year, she became co-chair and now sits as chair. With all of her experience in the organization, Kara says, "Overall, I love being part of a system that values education as a service to the community." Kara's passion for helping students is real. In her opinion, "Education occurs in more than just the classroom. Everyone in education educates in some way. We educate to better the person, who in turn will better the world around them."

By Wallace Holder
Admissions Counselor – Chicago Region, GVSU

Membership Updates

Lisa Bushaw was promoted to Coordinator for Student Recruitment at Schoolcraft College.

Daniel Mathis has joined the Office of Admissions and Orientation at the University of Michigan-Dearborn as an Admissions Counselor. He previously served as a graduate assistant in Admissions at Michigan State University.

Upcoming Events

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

- Annual Conference—November 4-6, Boyne Mountain Resort
- New Professionals Workshop—August 26-27, Sheraton Hotel, East Lansing

Questions or comments?
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