



# MACRAO Insider

September 2013

## President's Corner

Dear Colleagues,

The 2013 GLACRAO conference is rapidly approaching and my time as MACRAO President this year has been wonderful. I appreciate everyone's support and confidence in me as I lead this organization through many up and coming transitions that will impact our membership for the coming year. Serving this outstanding organization has been an extraordinary experience and I am looking forward to another great year serving as your MACRAO president. My involvement on the Executive Committee has proven that we are an organization of strong volunteers working hard to strengthen our mission and serve the communities in which we live and work. Special thanks are extended to the Committees, Chairs/Co-chairs, and the Executive Committee for your unwavering service to MACRAO.

The 2012 Business Meeting Minutes and 2013 Committee Reports are posted on our website. Please take a moment to review their accomplishments.

I am looking forward to what 2014 will bring as we transition to the new MTA (Michigan Transfer Agreement) which will prove to be a growing experience for all of our institutions as we implement this new transfer agreement that will truly benefit the students that attend Michigan institutions of higher learning. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in just a few short weeks at GLACRAO being held at the Sheraton at Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis, IN, November 6-8. I hope that you will attend as this will be a great opportunity to connect with colleagues from other states as well as Michigan and to share best practices across state lines.

Have a great start to the beautiful fall season that Michigan has to offer!

Carrie

MACRAO President



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## **MACRAO By-law Constitution Proposal 2013**

Per Article V of the Association's By-Laws, proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Committee sixty (60) days prior to the Annual meeting and the Executive Committee shall be responsible for circulating the pro-posed amendments at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee is sending a recommendation your way for review. The proposed amendments are reflected in **red** below and will be presented for vote at our Business Lunch on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at the Sheraton at Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis, IN.

### **Current Language of the By-Laws; Article I; Section 2.**

- a. The annual institutional membership fee shall be no less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) as approved by the Executive Committee.
- b. The annual affiliate membership shall be no less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) as approved by the Executive Committee.
- c. The annual individual membership fee shall be no less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than seventy five dollars (\$75.00) as approved by the Executive Committee.
- d. Honorary members are not charged an annual membership fee.

### **Proposed Language:**

- a. The annual institutional membership fee shall be no less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) as approved by the Executive Committee. **Membership fee is due by July 31 of each year.**
- b. The annual affiliate membership shall be no less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) as approved by the Executive Committee. **Membership fee is due by July 31 of each year.**
- c. The annual individual membership fee shall be no less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than seventy five dollars (\$75.00) as approved by the Executive Committee. **Membership fee is due by July 31 of each year.**
- d. Honorary members are not charged an annual membership fee.
- e. **Invoices for membership fees should go out no later than June 1 of each year.**

### **Rationale:**

To clearly define when membership fees are due each year to eliminate confusion and to hold the Executive Committee accountable for the timeliness of issuing annual membership invoices for payment.

**Current Language of the By-Laws; Article I; Section 3.** Members who fail to pay the annual membership fee before the annual meeting may be subject to late fees and other membership sanctions after appropriate notification by the Executive Committee.

**Proposed Language:** Members who fail to pay the annual membership fee **by July 31 of each year will be subject to a \$50.00 late fee** and other membership sanctions **outlined below** after ap-

## MACRAO By-law Constitution Proposal 2013 (cont'd)

propriate notification by the Executive Committee. **Membership Sanctions include:**

- Remove access from MTN (Michigan Transfer Network)
- Remove access to MACRAO Member Services
- Remove access to the MACRAO/Cvent List Serve
- No voting rights at the annual Fall Meeting
- Restrict participation in the MACRAO College/Day Night and Transfer Fairs

Appeals go to the President for any extenuating circumstances.

### **Rationale:**

To clearly define the Membership Sanctions within the By-Laws so all MACRAO members understand the consequences associated with not paying membership dues instead of finding what the sanctions are at the time of removal.

**Current Language of the By-Laws; Article 1; Section 4.** Institutional, affiliate and individual members who fall into arrears may apply for reinstatement under the current membership criteria and then must pay membership dues for the two most recent years.

**Proposed Language:** Institutional, affiliate and individual members who fall into arrears **and are removed as a result of membership sanctions must** apply for reinstatement under the current membership criteria, must pay membership **fees** for the two most recent years **and the \$50 late fee within 30 days from the invoice date.**

### **Rationale:**

To clean up language as well as clarify the process for MACRAO member reinstatement due to sanction removal by the Executive Committee.

**Current Language of the Constitution; Article III; Section 3.** Only representatives of institutional members may hold Offices in the Association. Affiliate, individual, and honorary members may hold committee positions within the Association. Eligibility to participate in the meetings of the Association shall be open to representatives of institutional, affiliate, individual, honorary members, and invited guests.

**Proposed Language:** Only representatives of institutional members may hold Offices in the Association. Affiliate, individual, and honorary members may hold committee positions within the Association. Eligibility to participate in the meetings **MACRAO sponsored events** of the Association shall be open to representatives of institutional, affiliate, individual, honorary members, and invited guests.

### **Rationale:**

To clean up language.

# Mark Your Calendar



The [2013 Great Lakes Conference](#) is scheduled for **Wednesday – Friday, November 6-8, 2013** at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme is “Race to the Future”. I hope you will be able to come and enjoy an annual conference with not only your colleagues from Michigan, but also Indiana and Ohio.

For the Wednesday night dinner you will have a choice between a dinner theatre presentation of Les Miserables or Maggiano’s an Italian restaurant right next to the hotel (either choice is included in your registration fee)

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> will be a spirit day and we hope you will proudly wear items from your institution.

The cost will be \$240 for the early bird rate and \$265 for the late rate.

The registration site is as follows:

<https://s01.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?P=15353051911426420000&PG=1535305182300&Info=>

The site to book your hotel room is as follows:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1307013542&key=828C0>

## 2014 MACRAO Conference

\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\*

2014 MACRAO Annual Conference

Wednesday, November 5—Friday, November 7, 2014

Boyne Mountain Resort

Boyne Mountain Road

Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713



# Save the Date



2014 Leadership Retreat  
Friday, December 13, 2013  
Lansing Community College—West Campus  
9:00 am—3:00 pm

## “Admissions Superheroes” New Professional Workshop

Fifty-nine new admissions counselors, representing 27 Michigan institutions gathered on August 14 and 15, 2013 for the annual MACRAO New Professionals Workshop. The theme, “Admissions Superheroes” set a colorful, interactive tone for the 2 day workshop. Attendees learned how to be a superhero admissions representative from Michigan College Access Network representative Ryan Fewins-Bliss. They also went to sessions about college fair expectations, high school visit scheduling, travel tips, financial aid, transfer/non-traditional recruitment and learned great information from a panel of guest high school counselors. The committee, led by Libby Bonnell from Grand Valley State University and Matt Norrod from Michigan Technological University, challenged the attendees to learn more about themselves and their own institution, while networking with people they’ll see out on the road during travel season. A big thanks to all who made the workshop a HUGE success!



## Movers and Shakers

Letitia Kaiser has been named the new Assistant Director, Enrollment Services at Macomb Community College.

Jenny has retired from Oakland University on September 3, 2013 after 30 years of service at her alma mater. She started in Office of the Registrar in 1983. She has been the grade change clerk, graduation auditor, transfer credit evaluator, office manager, Assistant Registrar for Records, Acting Registrar and until her retirement as Senior Associate Registrar. Her husband, Lieutenant Mel Gilroy of the Oakland University Police Department retired from OU in 2012 after over 40 years of service and an OU graduate as well! Best wishes to Mel and Jenny!

