

# MACRAO Insider

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## President's Message

Happy New Year and I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season in which you were able to relax before the start of the semester! We have another exciting year planned with an array of workshops as well as our Annual MACRAO Conference transpiring in 2014. Committees are hard at work planning opportunities for our membership to be informed on upcoming issues as well as to grow as professionals. I hope that you will take the opportunity to join your fellow colleagues throughout the state at the various workshops that will be offered!

The annual Leadership Retreat was held on December 13, 2013 at Lansing Community College's West Campus. This was a wonderful opportunity for the MACRAO Executive Committee members as well as all of our new committee chairs and co-chairs to gather together to plan the goals and objectives for the 2014 MACRAO year. Everyone left with a greater understanding of their role within the organization and how our success is really built on the wonderful events planned, participation of members and by those who volunteer in leadership roles with MACRAO. If you have not yet signed up to join a committee, I encourage you to do so and to get involved today – it is not too late!

The biggest change that will be occurring this year with MACRAO is the transition of the current MACRAO agreement to the new Michigan Transfer Agreement. There will be many opportunities for our membership, as well as others, to be well informed of all of the changes that will be transpiring as we all work toward the implementation of the MTA at our institutions for the Fall 2014. The MTA Ad-Hoc committee as well as the College Articulation Committee have been hard at work planning many workshops to make sure that the information is readily available, that there are opportunities to network with colleagues as well as ensure that all institutions involved will be ready for implementation in the fall. Please join us for the kick off of the MTA at our annual Spring Drive-In, hosted by the Registrars Practices Committee, taking place March 13th at Macomb Community College, South Campus. Watch for more information to come!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome Kara Fields to the MACRAO EC in her new role of Vice President. I am so grateful for all of the members of the Executive Committee for their commitment to this organization as we tackle 2014!

I must also report that Janail Silver has decided to step down in her role as Newsletter Editor for MACRAO. Janail truly took our newsletter to the



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next level over the past 5 years and I greatly appreciate her service to our organization. Please look for more information about your opportunity to be our next Newsletter Editor in this newsletter edition.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the various professional opportunities throughout 2014! I am hoping that you will take the time to attend at least one workshop that is being offered to meet new people as well as gain new and insightful information to take to your institution as we forge a new year.

Wishing everyone a great start to the new year and looking forward to what lies ahead for MACRAO in 2014!

All the best

~Carrie

# Spring Drive-In Registration Available

Come learn about the new MTA at the MACRAO Spring Drive-In Workshop on March 13, 2014, at Macomb Community College.

## When

Thursday, March 13, 2014  
8:00am—4:30pm

## Where

Macomb Community College - South Campus  
K Building – John Lewis Center, 14500 E 12 Mile Rd, Warren, Michigan 48808

## Fee

[View Event Fees](#)  
[View Event Summary](#)  
[View Event Agenda](#)

## RSVP

Wednesday, March 5, 2014  
[Register for Event](#)



## Patricia Farrell-Cole on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement

Dear Colleagues:

Below you will find quite a bit of information and updates regarding State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Near the bottom you will find information on what is occurring in Michigan, but please do not assume Michigan will have joined SARA by July 1, 2014 or that your university does not have to put forth a good faith effort into obtaining state authorizations because Michigan is working (and hopefully) on joining SARA.

Our goal is to update you every month to two months on what is occurring within Michigan. We will also present updates to the Academic Affairs Officers (quarterly), Presidents/Chancellors (3 times a year), State Relations Officers, and to other interested PCSUM committees.

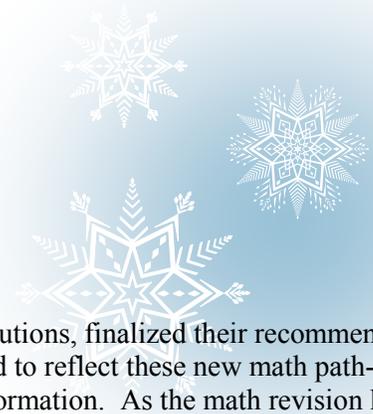
### What is M-SARA

The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. SARA is overseen by a National Council and administered by four regional education compacts – WICHE, New England, SREB and MHEC. Michigan is a member of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) and the acronym for MHEC's SARA is M-SARA.

SARA is designed to allow states to retain full oversight capacity over any on-ground campus. That must include the entire program offered by such a campus, including such portions as are delivered online, from any source. Therefore, SARA cannot be used to “screen” part of such a program from state oversight by outsourcing part of a program to an online provider operating under SARA. This does not prevent a campus from requiring part of its program to be done online if state law allows, it simply doesn't qualify as operating under SARA. It would be done under normal state rules. NCS 6(1).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mike Boulus ([mboulus@pcsum.org](mailto:mboulus@pcsum.org)) or Patty Farrell-Cole at [pfarrell@pcsum.org](mailto:pfarrell@pcsum.org).

Thank you,  
Patty



## MTA Math Task Force

Dear Colleagues:

The MTA Math Task Force, composed of math faculty from a cross-section of institutions, finalized their recommendations for the math distribution requirement. MTA documentation has been revised to reflect these new math pathways. Please visit MACRAO's MTA web page to download the most up to date information. As the math revision has been anticipated, institutions who have already signed onto the MTA do not need to re-submit a new signature page.

Remember that on Thursday, March 13, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, MACRAO's Registrar's Practices Committee will be hosting the Spring Drive-In that will mark the official roll-out of the MTA. Please be sure to register as soon as possible; registrations are limited to the first 250 individuals. Sorry, walk-in registrations will not be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the MTA, please email MACRAO's College Articulation Committee at [michigan-transferagreement@gmail.com](mailto:michigan-transferagreement@gmail.com).

Regards,

John Meldrum  
President-Elect

## Position Available... Inquire Within

Have you ever thought of becoming more active in MACRAO, but not quite sure how to get your foot in the door? Consider joining a committee or serve on the Executive Committee as the Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in being the next newsletter editor for MACRAO, please contact Carrie Jeffers at [jeffersc@macomb.edu](mailto:jeffersc@macomb.edu) or Janail Silver at [silver@oakland.edu](mailto:silver@oakland.edu).