

MACRAO Insider

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Michigan Association for Collegiate Registrar and Admissions Officers

President's Corner

Dear MACRAO Colleagues:

It's hard to believe that at this very moment, students are back onto our campuses and classes are in full swing! Although it still feels like summer, we are all in the midst of a new school year, dusting off our college sweatshirts, and maybe even enjoying a pumpkin spice latte. I hope you enjoyed this amazing summer season the last couple of months.

Due to retirement and career changes, MACRAO's Board of Directors has embarked on quite a few position vacancies throughout the 2015-16 year. I hope you all had a moment to say your good wishes and welcome the new folks aboard the MACRAO team. We greatly appreciate everyone's superior volunteerism to the organization. Due to all the movement, I thought it wouldn't hurt to recap all the shifts in leadership.

- Karen Arnould (University of Michigan-Flint) resigned from the Treasurer position and Laurie Huber (Oakland Community College) was voted in to fulfill Karen's 1.5 year remaining term.
- Doreen Root retired from Central Michigan University and the board voted Kurt Kruschinska (Wayne State University) into the Historian position.
- Tammy Grossbauer resigned from Lansing Community College and Aimee Adamski (Macomb Community College) fulfilled the Membership Coordinator position.
- Stephanie Gerling resigned from Aquinas College and Carrie Lewis (Alma College) fulfilled the Newsletter Editor position.

Many thanks and appreciation goes out to the entire MACRAO membership. The organization has procured a successful transition in the midst of a busy year, and it wouldn't have happened without member support. Hope to see you all Back to the Future, at the Annual Conference, November 16-18th!

Happy Fall,

Libby Bonnell
President

A Note from the Former Newsletter Editor

As some of you may know, I have accepted a position outside of higher education and will no longer be a part of MACRAO. I have really enjoyed serving as your Newsletter Editor for over the past year! You have all submitted great articles and kept the newsletter fresh and up to date. I thank you for all of your participation!

Thanks!

Stephanie Gerling

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Committee Updates

Legislative Issues

In wake of the upcoming Presidential Election, here are some interesting articles that effect higher education:

- [How Conventions and Party Platforms Shaped \(and Re-shaped\) Candidates' Higher Ed Plans](#)
- [Private colleges to Clinton: Not so fast on free tuition](#)

Professional Development Committee

[MACRAO Gives Back to Members with Four \\$500 Annual Conference Travel Grants](#)

The Professional Development Committee is please to announce a significant increase in the number and amount of travel grants for the 2016 year! We encourage you to apply for one of the four \$500 Annual Conference Travel Grants. This grant is intended to allow active members to attend the Annual Conference who may not otherwise be able to because of limited budgets. Please take advantage and apply now [here](#).

College Articulation Committee

The College Articulation Committee will have four openings for the 2016 – 2017 year. MACRAO Committee forms may be found at [Committee Application Form](#). As a member of the College Articulation Committee you will assist with the planning of the Summer Summit and session proposal ideas for the annual conference. The committee provides an opportunity to enhance leadership, communication, presentation skills and so much more. If you are geographically bound please do not let that stop you, technology is a wonderful thing. As a result of this being such a wonderful committee there is often a waiting list, so please complete and submit your application before the deadline.

2016 MACRAO Nominations

MACRAO's Immediate Past President, John Meldrum, and the 2016 Nomination Committee are proud to present the following slate of nominees to be presented to the membership for voting at the 2016 Annual Conference at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, MI from November 16-18th.

According to the MACRAO Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, the Nomination Committee is composed of the three most recent past presidents who are still active in the association, plus three at-large members elected by the institutional members at the Annual Meeting. The three elected at-large members shall include one each from a four-year public university, a four-year private college/university, and a two-year community college. The members shall be notified by the Past President sufficiently in advance of the Annual Meeting to perform their task of preparing nominations for the elective offices. The nominations shall be made at the Annual Meeting and at this time an opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor. Only institutional members whose current dues are paid prior to the Annual Meeting are eligible to vote. Please review the bios for each nominee in the coming pages to get better acquainted with the candidates.

Many thanks and appreciation goes out to the 2016 Nomination Committee for their time and commitment in selecting this year's slate of candidates. This year's committee included: **Carrie Bearrs**, St. Clair County Community College, 2 year college at-large member; **Chris Goeth**, Oakland University, 4 year public at-large member; **Chris Marx**, Davenport University, 4 year private at-large member; **Katherine McMullen**, Past President; **Carrie Jeffers**, Past President; and **John Meldrum**, Chair/Immediate Past President.

2016 MACRAO Board of Directors, President-elect Nomination— Dr. Wendolyn Davis, Central Michigan University



Dr. Wendolyn Davis, has held the position of Assistant Director of Transfer Student Services at Central Michigan University for 4 ½ years. Prior to joining CMU, Wendolyn was an Education and Training Specialist at Grand Rapids Community College. Her first experience in higher Education was as a Peer Mentor for Student Support Services and then as Program Coordinator for Upward Bound. Both positions were TRiO programs at Grand Valley State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree. In between higher education experiences, Wendolyn worked in the fields of Child Welfare and Workforce Development. Wendolyn chaired the MACRAO Equity in Education Committee during the 2012 – 2013 and 2013 – 2014 academic years, was co-chair of the 2015 Conference Planning Committee, and is currently chairing 2016 Conference Planning Committee. Additionally, Wendolyn was a member of the Government Relations Committee with the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling (MACAC). Wendolyn holds a Ph.D. in Organization and Management with a Human Resource Management Specialization, an M.B.A. in Human Resource Management, and a B.S. in Psychology.

2016 MACRAO Board of Directors, Treasurer Nomination— Laurie Huber, Oakland Community College



Laurie Huber, Associate Registrar for Oakland Community College (OCC), has served in a progression of administrative and managerial positions while working at OCC the past sixteen years. From facilities management and construction to rejuvenating the 50+ year old, nationally recognized Raider Athletic program, Laurie has continued to take on new and exciting challenges focused on student success, personal growth and their educational goals. Prior to coming to the higher education setting, Laurie was employed by the YMCA of Greater Toledo and YMCA of Indianapolis as Sr. Program Director and Executive Director. In 1999, her family relocated to Michigan as her husband's position with General Motors had moved. Laurie and Robert are parents to two young adults – Emma (22) and Mitchell (19) who are both working and attending college. She and her kids are very active in their community including City of Troy Parks & Recreation, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), U.S.D. of 1812, as well as volunteering for many church activities. They enjoy visiting family in Ohio and Montana, where Laurie grew up. Laurie completed her Bachelors at the University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse (1986) and moved to West Lafayette completing her first of two Masters' programs at Purdue University (1989). She finished her MBA at Ferris State University. She is grateful to have had the honor to serve as MACRAO Treasurer these past few months and to be considered for the next three year term on the Board. It has enhanced her knowledge and tremendous support base among colleagues. The most valued asset we all have is one another's experience, support and friendship.

2016 Nomination Committee Candidates

Dr. Chris Engle—Mott Community College, 2-Year Comm. College At-Large Member



Dr. Chris Engle currently serves as the Dean of Enrollment, Retention & Registrar / Title IX Coordinator at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan. He has a Master of Science in Education with a specialization in Leadership for Higher Education from Capella University, as well as his Doctorate Degree in Education with a specialization in Community College Leadership from Ferris State University. In his role, he oversees operations that includes Records, Registration, Counseling, Advising, Career Services and Veteran Services. Additionally, he serves as an academic Dean for the Division of Counseling and Student Development (CASD), which offer courses such as College Survival Skills, Study and Learning Skills, Career Exploration and Decision Making, and Job Seeking Skills. Dr. Engle is an active member of MACRAO and was Chair of the Registrar's Practice Committee in 2011; a Steering Level Committee member for the Consortium of Veteran Educators (CMVE); and an active member of NACADA and MIACADA. Dr. Engle is passionate about community college students, student retention and student completion. He focuses professionally on long-term strategic planning, institutional effectiveness and staff development.

Lee Cruppenink—Central Michigan University, 4-Year University At-Large Member



Lee has worked in post-secondary education for 16 years. He began his career jockeying a front desk as a student employee in the College of Education at Saginaw Valley State University. While at SVSU Lee served as a student employee, a receptionist, and an academic advisor. Life took Lee to the University of Michigan-Flint where he spent three years advising nursing students before taking a position as an Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions. In this role he supervised the University's recruitment staff and managed the institutions transfer credit evaluation process. Most recently Lee has transitioned to Central Michigan University as Associate Registrar, where he provides leadership in the areas of records, registration, and course scheduling. Lee has earned a B.A. and M.Ed. from Saginaw Valley State University and an Ed.S. from the University of Michigan-Flint. Lee has been a member of MACRAO for five years and served on the College Articulation Committee from 2011 until 2014. MACRAO has been great to Lee and he is grateful for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Nominations Committee. Lee lives in Midland with his wife, Kimberly, and his son, Hamish.

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Scott Wyckoff—Walsh College, 4-Year Private College/University At-Large Member



An experienced finance and banking professional with a 15+ years of experience in the financial services and advisory industry. He began his career with Olde Discount Corporation where he worked in the retirement services department advising stockbrokers and clients on the ins and out of retirement plan program. He then moved on to Comerica Bank. He worked in the Global Trust department working with numerous overseas partners in Europe and the Americas arranging securities trades and foreign exchange transactions for trust clients. From there he took advantage of an opportunity to work in Comerica's investment division - Comerica Securities. His experience there and at Olde Discount helped him learn one thing - the customer does business with companies that help them solve their problems. His final stint in the banking and financial services industry was with TCF Bank. There he helped run one of the most profitable branches in the region but also one of the best well-run branches. From each experience he learned the valuable lesson that leadership is a skill that can be employed when needed. Client-centric service and improvised leadership. These are what he brought to Walsh College where he has spent the past seven years. He earned his MBA from Walsh College and is active MACRAO; it is from these experiences he is always looking for opportunities to use those acquired skills from each. Contributing from the strength of a follower, an improvised leadership and an inquisitive advisor he is able to change the experience a student has when considering Walsh College. In serving on the Nominating Committee, he hopes to contribute in the same manner: listening, questioning, following, and leading through improvising.

Movers & Shakers

Josh Jacobson will be joining Grand Valley State University's Traverse City Regional Center as Student Services Coordinator. He began his position on September 6th.

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