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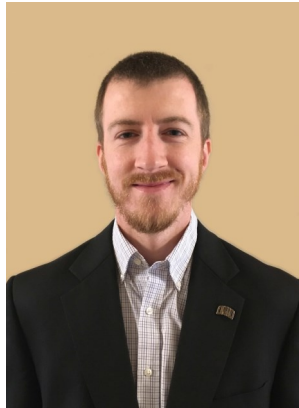
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President's Corner



Welcome to 2023, OACRAO!

OK, so it's not technically January anymore, but it still qualifies as early 2023 as far as I am concerned (and this is the first update from OACRAO in 2023). In some ways, the fall conference in late October seems like a long time ago, but, at the same time, it feels like so much has happened since then. The Board of Directors met in early December for its annual board retreat where we worked to acquaint new board members with their roles, discussed goals and an overall vision for the organization, and made some key decisions and plans for the year. Below are a few important announcements on what to look forward to in 2023!

Save the date for the return of OACRAO Summer Institute (OSI)

OSI will be July 24 – 26, 2023 at the Hocking Hills Lodge and Conference Center. More details later in the newsletter.

Save the date for the OACRAO Annual Conference

The conference will return to a three-day format and be held October 25 – 27, 2023 also at the Hocking Hills Lodge and Conference Center.

Be on the lookout for more details about the conference from our Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) co-chairs, Frank Yanchak and Jayme Arnett!

Speaking of committees, one more thing you can look forward to is more engagement opportunities with OACRAO. This year we will return to having a true, full LAC, as well as more opportunities for members of program committees, the scholarship committee, and other committees to be actively involved in OACRAO work. If you have not already been contacted about committee membership, look for that soon. If you have not yet volunteered, there's still time! You can complete and submit the OACRAO committee participation form [here](#).

There truly is a lot to look forward to this upcoming year, and I hope each OACRAO member can find a way to be involved.

**Bob Bulow,
OACRAO President**

Call for UPDATES!

Submit news for future issues to Chris McNay at chris.mcnay@myunion.edu.

OACRAO 2022 Conference: Don't Call It A Comeback!

By Cindy Davis, Vice President, Membership Development



Above, current Past President, Michelle Rable, presents former President, Molly McDermott-Fallon, (left) and former VP of Workshops, Lauren Martin, (right) with service awards on behalf of the organization in recognition of their work and dedication.

As part of the new, post-COVID normal, we plan to return to a three-day conference in 2023 at Hocking Hills State Park Lodge on October 25-27. So be sure to save the date now so you don't miss out. We can't wait to see you there!

The 2022 OACRAO Annual Conference was an enormous success. OACRAO members came out in droves last October to attend the conference and meeting held at the beautiful Hueston Woods State Park in College Corner, OH. Attendance far exceeded board expectations with 75 members gathering to learn and share with each other over two days of fresh, thought-provoking sessions. The association was thrilled to welcome 27 first-time attendees whose positions ranged from registrars to associate vice presidents to technical enrollment specialists. It was especially encouraging to see so many new faces as we make strides towards hosting more in-person gatherings, and we are very excited to see all that they have to contribute to the future of OACRAO.



Congratulations to OACRAO's Own Chris Dorsten!

By Cindy Davis and Chris McNay

We are truly proud to celebrate the recipient of the 2022 Linus J. Ryland and Garland G. Parker awards, Chris Dorsten! For the first time in its history, OACRAO recognized one person to receive both awards at our yearly business meeting. The Garland G. Parker Award is given for outstanding distinguished service to the profession at both the state and national levels, and the Linus J. Ryland award recognizes outstanding distinguished service to the profession and to OACRAO.

Chris is the registrar at Kent State University. His dedication and contributions to the profession and the organization remain an inspiration to his colleagues. Chris also operated as a one-man Local Arrangements Committee for the conference helping the with logistics and conference preparations. He is truly deserving of these honors and the board extends its heartfelt thanks for all he's done.



The OACRAO Summer Institute Is Back!

By Cindy Davis, Vice President, Membership Development

OSI is scheduled for July 24-26 at Hocking Hills State Park Lodge. A three-day intensive workshop for members who are new or relatively new to the profession, OSI is structured to provide an affordable experience for those who may not be able to attend out-of-state training opportunities. We will cover such topics as the role of the modern registrar, leadership, diversity and inclusion, current issues and best practices in the profession, and other areas aimed at establishing core professional competencies. Experienced professionals from the Board and beyond will provide not only instruction, but a great chance to develop informal connections in a relaxed, beautiful location.



Registration will open in early April, and the number attendees will be limited, so be sure to start planning so you can register early! The registration fee is \$450 per person and includes a free, non-transferrable registration at the annual conference in October.

We are really excited to help foster the development of the next great leaders in enrollment services and encourage you to join us. Look for updates on the listserv including final schedules and presenter lists coming soon!

Old Man's Cave at Hocking Hills State Park



In December, the OACRAO Board of Directors met for their annual retreat at Hocking Hills State Park Lodge. As part of their scouting mission, they hiked the beautiful nearby Old Man's Cave and Whispering Cave. There is lots to do for OSI and annual conference attendees who would like to plan to spend a little extra time in the area!

