



## New England Association of Collegiate

### Registrars and Admissions Officers

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#### President's Letter



Greetings!

As winter finally releases its hold and spring begins to metamorphose around us, our minds are already in tune to the many changes in our lives and the world. Spring is a time of renewal and new beginnings, budding trees and blossoming flowers, longer periods of daylight and warming temperatures bolster our spirits as we look forward to the more relaxing time of summer.

Changes are in the forefront in our professional lives as well. The economic pressures we face at our institutions, tight budgets, increasing personnel issues due to cutbacks and retirements, reinforce our need to seek new ways to manage our workforce and continue to provide the best possible service to our students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The Executive Council is already hard at work preparing for our 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, November 2 – 4, 2011, at the Newport Marriott. “Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity” is the theme for our meeting. Changes to institutional organizations, the configuration of our offices and the ways we do our work, and adapting to new federal regulations that impact us are just a few of the challenges we face every day. Many of the sessions being planned will focus on the myriad of changes that occur on our campuses. We hope that you will find solutions to some of the problems you encounter in your professional lives by attending the Annual Meeting.

I was very pleased to represent NEACRAO at the recent AACRAO meeting in Seattle. Along with Kathy Posey, Past President, Carol Herrick, Secretary, and Ari Kaufman, our Treasurer, I participated in the Workshop for State and Regional Officers. The daylong event included many topics related to leadership at the state and regional level as well as a great deal of information on our legal obligations as organizations and brainstorming sessions on how to increase membership and participation in our annual meetings.

It was also my pleasure to host a get together at McCormick and Schmick's for approximately thirty NEACRAO

#### Mark Your Calendars!

**2011 Annual Meeting  
& Reverse College Day  
*Waves of Change, Oceans of  
Opportunity*  
Newport, RI  
NOVEMBER 2-4, 2011**



Building on over 60 years of experience as a leader in higher education, our 64<sup>th</sup> annual meeting will be held *November 2-4, 2011* in Newport, RI at the Newport Marriott. Our conference was held last year at this site with great success; we're excited about returning to Newport again this year!

members. I really enjoyed relaxing and getting to know our members better. Everyone enjoyed the evening immensely, despite the downpour on our return trip to the hotel.

NEACRAO is an organization run by volunteers and as such we are greatly indebted to each of you who have given or are still giving of yourselves to help keep the organization running smoothly. Without your continued assistance we will not be able to maintain the current caliber of the sessions at our Annual Meeting or the strength of our organization. Please consider volunteering for one of our standing committees so you can contribute to the development of the sessions for the Annual Meeting or a possible summer workshop. If you've done a presentation for another organization, it's not too late to submit a proposal for the Annual Meeting. Session proposal forms are available on our website at [www.neacrao.org](http://www.neacrao.org). If presenting is not your forte, perhaps you would like to facilitate a session. Contact one of the Vice Presidents if you would like to learn more about being a facilitator. Email addresses for the Vice Presidents can be found on our website under the "About NEACRAO" tab, "Officers and Committees."

Please don't let the opportunity for personal and professional growth or the chance to serve the organization slip away.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve NEACRAO as its President and I look forward to continuing to serve you for the second half of my term.

*Patti*

Patti Stimpson  
President, NEACRAO

## Future Sites for the Annual Meeting

The Executive Council is researching possible sites for the 2012 Annual Meeting. One location that is being considered is the Portsmouth, NH, area. If you have attended a conference in New England and believe it would be a good location for a future NEACRAO conference, please send an email to me at [patti.stimpson@unh.edu](mailto:patti.stimpson@unh.edu) and share your experiences.

We also welcome comments and feedback that you have for places where we have hosted conferences in the past. We want to provide our members with not only a comprehensive and robust program, but also a pleasing and comfortable venue.

## Getting Involved in NEACRAO

NEACRAO places a special emphasis on getting its membership involved in the association. NEACRAO members can serve as session presenters, session facilitators, work on program committees, or serve on the Executive Board. These provide wonderful professional development opportunities to members and also give the organization a continuous supply of experienced members from which to elect its leadership. Getting involved is easy. Just submit the interest form to volunteer for a committee. [Committee Interest forms](#) are available online.

## NEACRAO Leadership in 2011-2012

**The Nominations and Elections Committee is seeking nominations for the following positions:**

### **President Elect**

The President-Elect is a one year term, which begins at the close of the annual meeting. This officer's primary responsibility is the program for the next annual meeting. The President-Elect is also the principal assistant to the President and in the absence of that officer performs all the duties of the President. The President-Elect performs other assignments which may

## Benefits of Getting Involved...

### *BEST PRACTICES*

Many of the presentations at the annual meeting demonstrate practices that have been successfully implemented. You will benefit from information sure to generate ideas you can use right away.

### *PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING*

Most sessions at the annual meeting are developed and presented by your peers -- professionals who are passionate about the roles we have in the management of higher education. Question periods and cracker barrels give you the opportunity to discuss how your colleagues handle issues you have in common.

### *GETTING INVOLVED*

NEACRAO is a volunteer organization. Committees are always looking for new members to join. The ideas and efforts that lead to successful meeting sessions and move our organization forward come from the many members who volunteer their time and energy. Committee service is also a great way to get to know your colleagues throughout the region.

### *TRENDS*

What's next and why? Working on developing a presentation or serving on a panel gives you a chance to interact with and gain insight from experienced practitioners and leaders in our field. You'll get the future perspective you need to act wisely.

### *NETWORKING*

You are not alone! NEACRAO is an active, vibrant community with members from large universities to small community colleges throughout the six New England states. It's your chance to add new contacts to your collegial network.

### *HANDS-ON SOLUTIONS*

The Exhibitors at our annual meeting are a valuable complement to the conference program. Our exhibitors work closely with higher education institutions and are eager to help you find the best practical solutions to your administrative challenges.

### *COLLEGIAL ENVIRONMENT*

The NEACRAO Annual Meeting is unlike other events where the pace is hectic without time during the conference for interpersonal opportunities. That's why so many of our attendees return year after year. They enjoy the collegial atmosphere and appreciate the easy access to presenters and exhibitor representatives.

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be delegated by the President.

The President-Elect's position requires a three year commitment and institutional support because this officer succeeds to the presidency of the association, followed by one year as Immediate Past President. Individuals who are eligible for this position will have served on the NEACRAO Executive Council in the last three years.

### **Vice President for Registrar and Records**

The Vice President for Registrar and Records serves a three year term, which begins at the close of the annual meeting. This officer's primary responsibility is the management of sessions related to records and the Registrar field in preparation for the annual meeting. The Vice President also proposes the Executive Board candidates for the Chairs of standing committees. Upon approval, the Vice President will assist chairs in filling committee memberships as necessary.

### **Nominations and Elections Committee**

The members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are elected by the membership to solicit nominations for NEACRAO officers; discuss and approve the slate of new officers and present it to the Executive Board; and solicit from the Executive Council nominations/suggestions for Honorary Membership.

For more information or to nominate yourself or a colleague for a position, please contact Kathy Posey ([kposey@bennington.edu](mailto:kposey@bennington.edu)) or visit [http://www.neacrao.org/nomination\\_form.html](http://www.neacrao.org/nomination_form.html).

## NEACRAO—A REMINDER ABOUT WHO WE ARE

The New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers was founded in 1947 and is a regional organization of AACRAO, the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

NEACRAO is a professional organization open to registrars and admissions officers in any accredited college, university, or other post-secondary institution in New England. The purpose of the Association, as noted in the bylaws, shall be to "promote the advancement of education, particularly higher education, and the professional enhancement of administrative areas of higher education pertaining to admissions, records, registration, and closely related functions such as financial aid and institutional research, among institutions of higher learning."

## Department of Education Updates

- **Letter to Colleagues regarding the new gainful employment reporting requirements.** [Click here to see the letter.](#)
- **New initiative to safeguard student privacy information.**

Secretary Duncan announced several steps to create a balance between student records privacy and data availability. [Click here to read more.](#)

## A Brief Look Back in History

In 2001...

- There were 4,197 Title IV degree granting higher education institutions in the United States with a total of 15,928,000 enrollments
- Average tuition, room and board at:
  - Public institutions: \$7,621
  - Private institutions: \$21,423
- Duke beat Arizona in the NCAA Basketball tournament
- Gas was \$1.46/gallon
- The first Harry Potter movie was released

2010-2011

### Officers and Committees

#### 2010-2011 EXECUTIVE BOARD

**President** - [President@neacrao.org](mailto:President@neacrao.org)  
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- NEACRAO was held at the Viking Hotel in Newport, RI
- President George W. Bush was sworn into office
- The first iPod was released at a cost of \$399 with 5 GB of space. (Today, an iPod with 160 GB of space sells for \$249)
- The most popular car sold in the US was the Honda Accord

Anita McFarlane, Endicott College

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