

KACRAO FALL 2000 CURRENT PRINTED VERSION

President's Report

Joey Linn

Greetings!

Another fall conference is in the bag for Kacrao. I sincerely hope that all of you who attended the conference were pleased with the sessions, entertainment, and other activities that took place throughout the three days. As always, there was a lot of networking and conversations with old friends. There was also a lot of excitement with all the members that are new to the organization. This camaraderie is what makes Kacrao such a great organization to belong to.

Hats off to Glenn Lygrisse and the LAC committee for planning such unique and entertaining activities that truly added to the atmosphere of the conference. Without their hard work and commitment to Kacrao, the conference would not have been so successful.

The Executive Council met during the morning of the Wichita Futures Fair. A variety of issues were brought up that are very important to our organization. Pat Duncan from Pittsburg State has emailed all of you requesting feedback concerning the KACRAO scholarships we award each year. There has been talk of increasing the number and/or amounts of these scholarship awards. Please provide Pat with your comments and concerns. Jon Armstrong will be looking for feedback concerning the CPC circuit. Can we improve the existing structure?

Finally, the Executive Council will be moving forward with regards to the incorporation of Kacrao. However, I would like all of you to review the following web site to make sure all of your questions are answered regarding this process (www.bizfilings.com). If you have comments, questions or concerns, please relay those to me soon. I strongly feel it is important for Kacrao to move forward on this issue.

On Sunday, November 5, Lisa Miller, Heather Eckstein and I had the opportunity to attend the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals annual conference in Wichita. During the conference we expressed our concern regarding access to high school students. While we did not make any major breakthroughs, we did increase the awareness of our challenges with them. I believe this was a great beginning for further discussions with this association.

Last but not least, please remember AACRAO is right around the corner. This year we are off to Seattle on April 22-25. I hope a lot of you can make it. For more information on the Aacrao conference, please check out their web site at www.aacrao.org.

In closing, I would like all of you to know that I appreciate your confidence in me as your president for this current year. I will do my very best to represent this great organization in a professional manner. Please remember my door is always open, my email is always available (jlinn@fhsu.edu), and my phone (785-628-4044) is always close by. Have a great year!

Joey

Local Arrangements prepares for KACRAO 2001

Keena Neal

Although the dust from the Swedish dancing may have settled from this year's conference, and the karaoke is not yet a distant memory, Lynnette Brummett and the Local Arrangements Committee are gearing up for KACRAO 2001.

Yes, Kansas State University invites you to the 'little apple' September 26-28 to meet up with conference favorites Kilt Boy and Sausage Man. The conference will begin Wednesday morning with social activities. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn. Watch the KACRAO list serv and web site for more information, as well as things to do while you are in Manhattan.

Professional Development enlists help from KACRAO membership

Keena Neal

Someday, someone will be seated across from Regis Philbin on the hit ABC show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," and reply to a million dollar question with the words: The committee is charged with providing professional development activities for KACRAO and its support personnel.

Regis' initial question is obvious: Do you know what the Professional Development Committee of KACRAO does? But Tracey Payne, committee chair, has some questions of her own: "Do you want to participate on this committee?"

Like all committees, Professional Development is in need of able bodies with fresh ideas. "We need your enthusiasm and ideas of how we can provide a greater array of professional development to our organization," writes Payne in an email. And that's her final answer!

Payne invites other members of KACRAO to join the fun as professional development gears up to plan KACRAO's annual Summer Drive-In Workshop. It is a one-day event hosted for admission and registrar's office staff across the state. The workshops focus is to enhance and promote professional standards, ethics and practice for KACRAO.

The committee's first meeting will be held at Emporia State University in January. Please contact Payne via email at Traceypay@aol.com for information on how to get involved.

Records & Registration Looking for Suggestions

Randy Mudge

Each year the Vice President of Records and Registration does a survey on various topics. The question that has arisen for this year is, *what does the group want information on or do you even want a survey at all this year?*

If you have any comments or suggestions, please e-mail Jill Megredy at jmegredy@sckans.edu.

Nominations and Elections Gives Update

Randy Mudge

The Nominations and Elections Committee annually prepares a slate of candidates for offices in KACRAO, which is presented to the membership at the business meeting.

Although the work of the committee does not begin in earnest until February or March, Rodney Frey is making two requests of KACRAO members. First, please consider serving on the committee. There are still openings on the committee for members. Ideally each type of institution would be represented: private, public, two-year, four-year. Call or e-mail me if you wish to volunteer to serve on the committee at (316) 283-2500 or rodfrey@bethelks.edu.

Second, begin thinking about persons to nominate to serve as officers next year. Although the annual meeting is months away, the process for selecting a slate of candidates will begin early this year.

EEO Committee Plans for Upcoming Year

Melinda Roelfs

The EEO Committee met Nov. 27, at Bethany College. The committee is excited about some of the initiatives they are looking to implement this year, to better serve the KACRAO family.

One initiative will be to put the Minority Scholarship Booklet on the KACRAO home page. This will make access to the booklet more convenient for institutions to update their scholarship information and also increase convenience for those students and counselors who need the information about scholarship opportunities.

The committee is also looking to have a link on the KACRAO home page that would go to an EEO page. This would provide the association with information and web sites concerning equal opportunities in education. The page would also include a calendar of events of recruitment opportunities that are specific to minority populations.

These are a few of the initiatives and activities the EEO committee is planning to tackle this year. Read future KACRAO Currents for updates on progress.

If you have ideas or suggestions please contact Paul Kyle at Butler County Community College.

The KACRAO 411

Keena Neal

Judy Stine has left the Office of Admissions at Southwestern College in Winfield to take a position as a reading specialist at Cowley Community College.

After three and a half years as Registrar for Ottawa University International Programs, Kristine Young was promoted to Director of Enrollment Management for Ottawa University International Programs. In addition to her registrar duties, in her new role Young is responsible for recruitment and retention and new program development.

Annette Dye was promoted to Senior Transcript Analyst and Linda Prather has been hired as a Transcript Analyst in the Registrar's Office at St. Mary's College. Thomas C. Green, Vice President for Enrollment Management at Seton Hall University, extends his congratulations to Annette and Linda.

Neal Hoelting, Community College Coordinator at Wichita State, was married to Vicki Carter on Oct. 21, 2000 in a private ceremony that included family and close friends. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Chris Hett, Assistant Director of Admissions at Wichita State, and his wife Kim are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Gehrig Thomas Hett, on November 10, 2000.

The Lighter Side...

Christopher Hett

Yep, it's 2001 already. Can anyone believe it? Are you all looking back at the fall semester and thinking any of these things...

1. Gosh that semester went by fast!
2. Is traveling Kansas always that much fun?
3. Where the heck is my issue of the KACRAO Current?

Well, I thought about all three of those things just recently. It's amazing how a little thing such as the birth of your first child can completely consume your life. Anyway, I make no excuses...ok, other than *that* one...for why I didn't get some news out to you sooner. Hopefully, now that the late nights aren't quite as bad and the doctor's appointments are slowing down, I will be able to help keep all fellow KACRAOans better informed with timely newsletters.

On another somewhat related note, if there is anyone out there who would like to help the committee out as we get to the heart of the many stories that are out there, please contact me at chris.hett@wichita.edu. The world needs great writers and we are doing our best to expose more to you all.

Well, obviously this went from being the "lighter side" to begging for forgiveness and an open plea for committee members. Stay tuned for more side-splitting humor in upcoming issues.