



PACRAO NEWS

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Fond Farewell to Disneyland and Looking Forward to Las Vegas

The New Year presents a chance to reflect on the past and also ponder upcoming opportunities. This sentiment is very relevant for me as I look back on the excellent meeting that occurred in Anaheim and begin planning for our next meeting in Las Vegas.

At the end of January, the Executive Board will be meeting in Las Vegas for our Winter Board meeting as we review some of the logistics at Planet Hollywood for our upcoming annual meeting. While a good portion of our time will be focused on conference planning, we will also be discussing the direction of the association for 2016.

Because PACRAO gains its strength from the talents and resources of its amazing membership, I invite you to reach out to me at marc.booker@phoenix.edu if you have any ideas or thoughts on opportunities to improve the association going forward as I meet with the board later this month. In the spirit of the New Year, this is a great time to look at what one would like to accomplish over the next 12 months, so I invite you to join me in this process as we work together to make PACRAO the best it can be.

Happy New Year and looking forward to a great 2016.

Regards,
Marc Booker
2016 PACRAO President

Did You Know?

This year's conference in Las Vegas, Nevada will represent the 90th Annual Meeting for PACRAO.

Be on the lookout for opportunities to contribute to this year's conference and help celebrate 90 years of Annual Meetings as we get closer to PACRAO 2016.



Savoring the Experiences of Disney - Picture Posted on the PACRAO Facebook Page

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PACRAO 2016

October 30 – November 2
Las Vegas, Nevada



Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino

Centrally located and overlooking the Las Vegas Strip, the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino features colorful rooms adorned with movie memorabilia.

Watch PACRAO.org for more information about how and when to reserve your room.

Thank You Anaheim LAC and PC

Hosting and planning for a conference for several hundred attendees can be a complex process with many moving parts. For PACRAO, a lot of this work rests squarely on the shoulders of our Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) and Program Committee (PC).

This year our fantastic LAC Chair, **Soraira Urquiza** and great Program Committee Chair, **Ryan Burton** helped lead a phenomenal group of people that made the event such a success.

From excellent food, events, and programming the LAC and PC work to ensure everyone has a good conference, and are often the unsung heroes that work behind the scenes to make it appear there is order to what can sometimes be best described as chaos.

Thank you to both the 2015 LAC and PC, you truly made Disneyland the most magical place on earth for PACRAO during our 89th annual meeting!



2015 Anaheim Local Arrangements Committee

PACRAO Helps Our Communities

Every year a charity is chosen for PACRAO to help. The charity chosen is usually local to the site of the conference that year, and throughout the duration of the year - and at the conference - the membership donates money, clothing, and gift cards, and whatever other items that specific organization can benefit from. The PACRAO conference members in attendance at the 2015 PACRAO Conference in Anaheim, CA learned about the demographics surrounding the happiest place on earth. Unfortunately, for those in these demographics the situations are not always very happy at home even when looking at the Disneyland fireworks from their own backyards. The Wooden Floor is a nonprofit that aids these unfortunate individuals residing in Orange County, particularly, Santa Ana, through dance. Elizabeth Gonzalez, a former student and now a local higher education student, conveyed her personal struggles and how The Wooden Floor helped her overcome these in order to align her own life on the path she has chosen.

As the chosen 2015 PACRAO Charity, *The Wooden Floor* took home \$180 after this year's conference. which contributes towards sponsorships of students attending *The Wooden Floor* and aiding them in overcoming their unique obstacles that get in the way of achieving their full potential as successful individuals in their communities. Even one dollar in aid is a benefit for the organization, and I would like to thank all those that were able to contribute.

We have yet to decide on a charity in the Las Vegas, NV area for the 2016 PACRAO Conference, but I challenge every one of you to commit in beating the donation totals from 2015. Together, we can make an even bigger impact in our communities, year after year.

Thank you.

Kindly submitted by Ruth Garay - Diversity Development Advocate

Upcoming Higher Education Conferences You May Be Interested In

AACRAO 2016 Annual Meeting - Phoenix, Arizona

March 20th to March 23rd - <http://aacrao.org/>

American Council on Education Annual Meeting - San Francisco, California

March 12th to 15th - <http://www.aceannualmeeting.org/>

Summit on Innovating Academic Credentials - Washington, DC

February 17th - <http://www.ParchmentSummit.com>

Will You Help Shape Professional Development for PACRAO?

Please raise your hand and join the PACRAO Professional Development Committee!

This is a new group that is forming to help shape opportunities for all of us in PACRAO. All are welcome—those new to the profession and those with years of experience. We have a lot to learn from each other and a lot to offer to everyone. We can be our own best source of professional development.

Here are the expectations for committee members:

Make a one-year commitment.

Members will serve through November 2016 and may renew their terms under the next VP for Professional Development.

Connect as a committee once a month.

Members will meet monthly on the phone, with in-person meetings at the conference.

Improve professional development opportunities for everyone.

Members will expand PACRAO professional development opportunities by: soliciting PACRAO Review articles; encouraging presentation submissions; planning webinar presentations; creating an initial PACRAO Expert list; collaborating with the Program Committee; reviewing conference participation grants; matching PACRAO Pal pairs; advising the VP for Professional Development; and dreaming up new ideas!

Questions? Please contact Julia Pomerenk, VP for Professional Development, at pomerenk@wsu.edu.

PACRAO Review: Our Own Professional Journal

PACRAO Review is PACRAO's own peer-written and peer-reviewed publication, posted twice a year since 2012 and archived for future reference. Look to the PACRAO Review for timely professional development.

We Need More Writers: Please submit an article to the PACRAO Review. Convert a conference presentation into an article. Write an article about a topic that is important to you. Put on paper what you learned from the latest project that you completed.

We Need More Editorial Board Members: Do others come to you to make their writing better? Do you like to edit? Is your red pen close at hand? Consider joining the PACRAO Review Editorial Board.

Questions? Please contact Julia Pomerenk, VP for Professional Development at pomerenk@wsu.edu.

Upcoming PACRAO Webinar

The 5 Dysfunctions of a Registrar's Office: Managing the Journey through the Book

Wednesday, January 20

90 minutes, including discussion and comment time, starting at noon

In this webinar Laura McKenzie, the Registrar for Idaho State University, will cover the journey her office took through the book *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team* by Patrick Lencioni.

She will briefly review the dysfunctions but will focus mainly on how she had her office progress through the book. She will discuss how she used small groups and whole-team discussions to address the dysfunctions and to open communication within her office. Included in the webinar will be what questions she asked her team to address, what items the team chose to address, and a review of what she felt went well and what she would do different if she had the chance to do it again.

This webinar will be beneficial to all PACRAO leaders but is designed as a follow up to the PACRAO 2015 presentation "The Five Dysfunctions of a Registrar's Office."

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6479588420060993538>

Questions? Please contact Julia Pomerenk, VP for Professional Development at pomerenk@wsu.edu.

PACRAO 2016 Conference Programming

The Program Committee for PACRAO 2016 has been hard at work recruiting keynote speakers for our conference. We hope that this year will be full of thought-provoking and entertaining events. The call for sessions from membership will happen in Spring 2016 so please begin thinking about how you might contribute to your profession by sharing your experiences and expertise with your colleagues next fall in Las Vegas.

We know the conference will be *A Sure Bet for Success!*

2015 Nominations and Elections Selections

Last spring the PACRAO membership voted these colleagues to serve on the 2015 Nominations & Elections Committee:

Rayanne Williams, 2015 Vice Chair (continuing from 2014), San Diego State University

Courtney Whetstine, 2016 Vice Chair, Central Oregon Community College

Natalie Coppedge, Southern Oregon University

Steve Downing, Bellevue College

Stuart Lau, University of Hawaii - Manoa

Brandy McLelland, California State University - Dominguez Hills

Stephen Shirreffs, Stanford University

Desi Nielsen, Salt Lake Community College

Throughout the summer and conference the committee was busy soliciting nominations for open board positions, the audit committee, and the 2016 N&E Committee slate of nominees. At the conclusion of the Anaheim conference, the committee met to consider 28 nominations. After careful consideration, the committee presented their selection to the Executive Board who received the names of the nominees.

And now on behalf of the board I am pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the four positions that will be open on the 2016-2017 Executive Board. The membership will vote on these candidates at the 2016 annual meeting, November 2, at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, Nevada.

President Elect:

Rayanne Williams

Registrar

California State University – San Diego

Vice President for Professional Development

Colm Joyce

Registrar

Clark College

Vice President for Membership

Michelle Dodge

Registrar

University of Western States

Secretary

Kristin Benson

Registrar

Portland Community College

2015 Nominations and Elections Selections (Continued)

The N&E Committee is also charged with appointing the Audit Committee Secretary, a two year position that begins concurrent with the Winter Executive Board meeting and continues as the Audit Committee Chair in the second year. The N&E Committee selected Jan McCuen from Chapman University to serve as the incoming Audit Committee member.

The N&E Committee is responsible for selecting 10 nominees who will stand for election this coming spring for the 2016 N&E Committee. As the highest vote recipient in 2015, Courtney Whetstine, will serve as the 2016 vice chair. The membership will elect six committee members and two alternates from these 10 nominees. The individual who received the highest number of votes will serve for two years, continuing as vice chair in the second year. The individuals selected to stand for election for the 2016 N&E committee are:

Gabriella Asamsama-Acuna	Santa Barbara Business College, Director of Records Mgt.
Leesa Beck	UC – Santa Barbara, University Registrar
Revy Buchanan	Chapman University, Associate Registrar
Jared Forell	Central Oregon CC
Tara Hardee	CSU – Dominguez Hills, Interim Registrar
Lauren Kim	Harvey Mudd College, Associate Registrar
Grace King	CSU – San Bernardino, University Registrar
Nora McLaughlin	Reed College, Registrar
Laura McKenzie	Idaho State University, Registrar
Tina Miller	University of Washington, Associate Registrar

The association will vote in April/May for the 2016 N&E committee. Information about the voting process will be sent to the membership prior to the election.

Thank you to all who put their names forward for consideration. PACRAO doesn't function without its members and their willingness to serve the association. Thank you.

Submitted By:

Heather A Chermak

Past President

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