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Navigating Challenges Together Missy Weininger , OACRAO, VP of Membership

As budgets tighten and higher education continues to face scrutiny in the news, it's more important than ever that we stay connected, informed, and supported. OACRAO is here to help you do just that.

Whether you're new to OACRAO or just beginning your journey in the profession, we want to ensure you feel welcomed and empowered. Through our **Community Boards**, the **OACRAO listserv**, and regular opportunities for engagement, you can build strong professional networks and tap into a wealth of knowledge from peers across the state.

Looking to grow your skills? We offer multiple opportunities to learn and lead, including:

- **Staff Development Workshop:** Registrar and Enrollment Services staff are encouraged to attend this workshop to learn about a variety of topics. This event is FREE to employees of OACRAO member schools.
- **Residency Workshop:** Learn about best practices when it comes to determining residency. Fee associated.
- **OSI:** 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. Fee to attend.

And, of course, our **Annual Fall Conference**, which brings us all together to collaborate, innovate, and inspire.

OACRAO is committed to supporting our members during this time of uncertainty by expanding access to resources, enhancing professional development opportunities, and fostering a strong, engaged community.

Looking ahead, we're working to offer even more ways to stay connected and grow—digitally and in person. But we can't do it alone. **Become an active member, Get Involved - OACRAO website to learn click [OACRAO](#) to learn more.**

Becoming a [member](#)

Joining a [committee](#)

Getting involved with [Facebook!](#)

Joining our [listserv](#)

Attending a [conference](#) or [workshop](#)

Already a member? OACRAO needs you to **Update Your School Roster:**

View "My Profile" then "My Organization" to see "Org Members" on the <https://oacrao.memberclicks.net/my-profile-menu#/organization/members>

Together, we can continue to build a strong, resilient, and supportive professional network.

Scholarship Committee Update

As we embark on another year of supporting our students' educational pursuits, the Scholarship Committee is thrilled to kickstart our fundraising efforts for the 2025 scholarships. Your ongoing support has played a key role in our past accomplishments, and we truly appreciate your continued involvement.

In the previous academic year, we had the privilege of awarding three outstanding student leaders with \$1,000 scholarships out of 30 notable applicants. Witnessing the impact of these awards on their academic journeys reinforces our commitment to sustaining and expanding our scholarship program.

Looking to the year ahead, we aim to raise \$3,000 through innovative and diversified fundraising initiatives. Notably, the vendor sponsorship last year marked a significant milestone, contributing \$1,750 to our overall fundraising total.

To achieve this ambitious goal, we rely on your support and engagement. We encourage you to expand our outreach efforts within your institutions by sharing our communications with your colleagues and acquainting them with the details of our mission and initiatives.

Save the Date

Support the OACRAO Scholarship Fund on June 10th!

We invite you to join us in celebrating the Days of Giving with the first event starting June 10th. This day is dedicated to providing financial support to make a difference in students' lives. Stay tuned for the donation link and mark your calendars to make a difference on this significant day!

OACRAO Summer Institute

July 30-August 1

Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center

This three-day intensive workshop is designed for members who are new or relatively new to the profession. Participants will learn from seasoned professionals in the field and have the opportunity to build lasting connections with peers for future collaboration. All OSI attendees receive a non-transferable 2025 OACRAO conference registration as well!

For details on session topics, please see the agenda [here](#).

To register for the Institute, please visit the [OSI webpage](#).

For lodging, call 740-435-9000, select option 1, and mention that you are with the *Ohio Summer Institute Group* to receive the discounted rate.

Room rates of \$173.00 per night will be held until June 23. After that date, all remaining rooms will be released to the public.

Please note that June 23 is also the final day to register for the Institute.

Staff Workshop

June 5, 2025

Marion Technical College

Cost—FREE

To Register Click Here: [Staff Development Workshop](#)

Workshop Agenda:

9:00-9:30 AM—Registration and Welcome

- ◆ Kristy Taylor, VP of Workshops, OACRAO; College Registrar, Marion Technical College
- ◆ Dr. Amy Adams, Executive Vice President of Planning & Student Engagement, Marion Technical College

9:30-10:30 AM— AACRAO Update and Opportunities for Involvement

- ◆ Jack Miner, Past President, AACRAO; Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, University of Cincinnati

10:30-11:30 AM— Desk Ergonomics: Sitting is the New Smoking

- ◆ Chad Hensel, Associate Dean of Health Programs/Director of PTA, Marion Technical College
- ◆ Josh Line, Director of Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, Marion Technical College

11:30-12:00 PM— Lunch and Networking

12:00-1:00 PM— The Future of AI in Higher Education

- ◆ Michael Augenstein, Director of Workforce Solutions, Marion Technical College

1:00-2:00 PM— Holistic Student Support: Best Practices

- ◆ Laura Emerick, Executive Director of Student Success Engagement, Marion Technical College

2:00-2:10 PM— Closing and Adjournment



Congratulations Chris Dorsten!



OACRAO proudly acknowledges Chris Dorsten, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management and University Registrar at Kent State University, as a recipient of the prestigious Tina Falkner Engagement Grant.

Chris's outstanding achievement was recognized at the 110th AACRAO Annual Conference in Seattle.

Residency Workshop

The Residency Workshop was held on Thursday, April 24th, at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. We had an excellent turnout and enjoyed acquiring new information and sharing best practices. Thank you to our presenters and attendees for a fantastic workshop!



OACRAO is Turning 100 in 2026!!!

OACRAO's 100th Conference – Help Us Celebrate a Century of Gatherings!

In 2026, OACRAO will host its 100th annual conference — a remarkable milestone marking a century of conferences, collaboration, and community in Ohio higher education.

To celebrate this historic event, we're planning a special centennial celebration, and we'd love your help in bringing our history to life. We're collecting photos from past conferences and events to showcase the people and moments that have shaped OACRAO over the years. Whether it's a group shot from the '80s or a candid from last year, your photos can help tell our story.

We're also gathering contact information for retirees and past members who have contributed to OACRAO through the decades. If you or someone you know has moved on or retired but was once part of the OACRAO community, we want to invite them to join the celebration!

To contribute, please use the forms below:

[Photo Submission Form – Upload your favorite OACRAO photos](#)

[Retiree Contact Form – Share contact details so we can extend a personal invitation](#)

Let's make the 100th OACRAO Conference a celebration to remember — one that honors our past and strengthens our future.

OACRAO 2025 Annual Conference - October 15-17, 2025

The 2025 OACRAO Conference is just around the corner, heading to Salt Fork State Park, October 15-17, 2025!

The Program Committee has been working diligently to craft a dynamic agenda packed with insightful discussions and engaging sessions. OACRAO is committed to making this year's event our best one yet, and we can't wait to share what's in store!

Prepare to enhance your expertise with these key benefits:

Professional Development: Attend sessions to learn about the latest best practices, guidelines, and standards in critical areas such as enrollment management, admissions, records and data management, and student services.

Emerging Trends and Challenges: Engage in discussions on topics designed to provide attendees with deep insight into the ever-evolving higher education landscape. This includes data-driven decision-making, strategic enrollment management issues, navigating regulatory changes, and the integration and use of technology like Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Networking Opportunities: Connect with peers, colleagues, industry experts, and thought leaders. Discover fresh ideas that can support efforts at your institution and build lasting relationships that will serve you well beyond the conference. Dedicated informal opportunities will foster a vibrant community of support for your ongoing professional growth.

Vendor and Partner Insights: Explore opportunities to engage with exhibitors who can offer valuable insights into new software and services designed to enhance your institution's operations and help achieve institutional goals.

By attending and participating in sessions and discussions, you will contribute to the collective knowledge of OACRAO and the broader higher education community. The OACRAO conference is an invaluable opportunity to share your expertise and insights with colleagues, helping to shape the future of higher education best practices and policies.

Registration for the conference is now open. Find more information about the annual conference [here](#).

OACRAO's A-C-R-O-ss the Years

David Schneider, Assistant Provost for Institutional Research and University Registrar—Otterbein University

1. What inspired you to first get involved with OACRAO?

I began my career in higher education in 2003 with a position in the Office of the Registrar at my alma mater, The Ohio State University. Two things really inspired my initial interest in OACRAO: first was encouragement from the leadership of the office, most notably Jack Miner and Brad Myers, who truly believed in the importance of professional development and also in giving back to the profession. It really helped to build confidence in me as a young professional, knowing that they saw “something” in me and wanted me to be included in an activity that they saw so much value in. The second thing that inspired my interest in OACRAO was a drive to learn more about the Registrar profession. It’s often said that no one grows up aspiring to become a Registrar someday, and that was certainly true of me as well. While I conceptually understood what a Registrar’s Office did, our roles at OSU were so specialized that it was sometimes hard to see the “big picture” of what we were doing. OACRAO presented an opportunity for me to learn more about the career opportunities that existed, and what a successful professional looked like.



2. What advice would you give to new members looking to get involved?

First, volunteer to be on a committee. Committee work is the best way to engage with OACRAO and serve your profession throughout the calendar year. It can also - as I’m guessing anyone who has been on the Scholarship Committee can attest to - be a really enriching experience. Second, share your expertise by volunteering to present a session. You don’t have to be the world’s greatest public speaker to present, and I’m willing to bet that you have more to share than you think you do. The best OACRAO sessions, in my opinion, are focused on process improvement. If you’ve ever successfully re-engineered a process in your office, the rest of your colleagues around the state, myself included, stand to benefit by hearing what you learned along the way and what you’ve gained.

3. How has OACRAO helped you grow professionally or personally?

From a professional growth perspective, I have no doubt that OACRAO involvement has significantly contributed to my career and led me to where I am today. I’ve been able to develop professional connections, which have translated to personal connections, and are true friendships that will last a lifetime. OACRAO involvement helped me to rise through the ranks during my time at OSU, and really prepared me for my current role at Otterbein University. From a personal perspective, OACRAO helped me to gain confidence during my time as a younger professional. Looking back on it now, internally I really struggled with that “imposter syndrome” feeling, wondering what, if anything, that I had to contribute. The confidence that my colleagues from around the state instilled in me at that time in my career was very reassuring and quite humbling. It helped me to believe that I had something to contribute.

4. What keeps you involved?

Honestly, the first thing that comes to mind is that it’s just a lot of fun. The opportunity to attend the annual meeting in the fall, and to see so many friends who feel like family, and to meet new people in the profession, is something I am always looking forward to. The random committee meetings that I have throughout the year help to break up the everyday routines of the Registrar’s Office, and also help to remind me of the bigger picture that we can all contribute to. I also think back to the time when I was new in my career, and now desire to serve in the role of someone who can potentially help to instill confidence in today’s young professionals. It meant so much to me back then, and I like to think that I might be able to have a similar impact.

5. If you could describe OACRAO in one word or phrase, what would it be and why?

Community. Whenever I think of OACRAO, I just tend to think of all of the best parts of being a part of a community, and OACRAO has all of those things. It’s comprised of friendly people who are willing to share with and care about the good people who live and work nearby. And just like the Westerville community where my wife and I live, it’s a place that I am always excited to return to and connect with.

OACRAO fun at AACRAO 2025!



At the 110th AACRAO conference in Seattle, OACRAO members convened at Ben Paris restaurant on Tuesday, April 1, for a casual reception, focused on catching up with familiar faces, forging new acquaintances, and sharing conference insights in a relaxed atmosphere. It was a nice opportunity for OACRAO members attending the conference to connect in a more informal setting.



CALL FOR UPDATES!

Do you have ideas for articles for upcoming newsletters, or photos from your campus that you would like to share???

If so, please email OACRAO Secretary Carlier Myers at cmyers@case.edu