



NACRAO Newsletter - September 2023

2023 Annual Conference: NACRAOpoly Recap & Highlights



Business Meeting Highlights:

- 3 amendments to the [Constitution](#) were voted on and approved.
 - Bylaws - Article III - Section 3

- Changed VP for Communication's committee responsibility name to College and Transfer Fairs Planning Committee
 - Bylaws - Article IV - Section 1 - Item (d)
 - Post Secondary Planning & Transfer Programs Committee changed to College and Transfer Fairs Planning Committee
 - Bylaws - Article IV - Section 2
 - Added the treasurer and VP for technology shall be ex-officio members for their third year commitment
- Said farewell to our outgoing Board Members - Thank you for your time and service to NACRAO!
 - Past-President: Jolene Martin, Western Nebraska Community College
 - Third-Year, Past-Treasurer: Erin Lesiak, Central Community College
- 2023 [Board of Director](#) members were approved!
 - President: Joni Cassidy, Northeast Community College
 - President Elect: Bailey Michaels, Southeast Community College
 - Past President: Lisa Neal, University of Nebraska at Kearney
 - VP for Communication: Gabriela Perez-Patterson, Chadron State College
 - VP for Education and Professional Development: Ashleigh Eickhoff, Peru State College
 - VP for Membership: Nancy McConkey, Southeast Community College
 - VP for Technology: Kelsee Dunn, Doane University
 - Treasurer: Susan Stephenson, Western Nebraska Community College
 - Secretary: Jenni Gartner, Peru State College

Award Highlights:

- Free 2024 NACRAO Conference Voucher
 - Sheree Haynie, UNO
 - Liz Chvatal, UNO
- Honorary Membership granted to Ed Siffring, former Registrar of Concordia University



NACRAO Board Bulletin

The NACRAO Board hears you and we know that our members want and need more resources! We hope this new Board Bulletin provides you with insightful, innovative, impactful and important news that you can share with your institutions or departments.

We plan to provide you helpful articles and learning opportunities in four areas that we hope you will learn and grow from. **Insightful** or trending items in higher education; **Innovative** or new ideas, **Impactful** or relationship focused content; and **Important** need to know information in terms of strategically planning for yourself, your department, or your institution.

Insightful

Reducing Mental Health Stigma on College Campuses

Innovative

Academic Experts on ChatGPT

Impactful

Promoting At-Promise Student Success (PASS)

Important

FAFSA Simplification

College & Transfer Fairs

Ready, Set, Travel!



NACRAO College Fairs will soon be under way! This year there are 47 scheduled events across the state of Nebraska. Details/information for each fair will be published on the NACRAO website, and weekly emails will be sent out to all registered institutions prior to events.

[Transfer Fairs](#)

[College Fairs](#)

Tips & Tricks of Travel

Fair Season is HERE!



- Schedule 60% of your day (not 100%!), leaving 20% for interruptions and 20% for unforeseen events
- Check the weather where you're going. Just because it's sunny and 75 at home, doesn't mean it isn't snowing at your destination.
- Plan for different table shapes and sizes. Binder clips are great for making your tablecloth fit whatever kind of table you end up with.
- Take more materials than you think you'll need-better to bring some home than run out.
- Pack snacks and water. Sometimes it is a long distance between locations.
- Make sure you have an actual map or atlas in case you don't have cell phone service.
- Always arrive at least 30 minutes before a college fair begins to allow yourself plenty of time to get your table set up.
- Take care of yourself-read, workout, sightsee, and follow your regular routine as much as possible.
- Check in with your office as much as possible. You can quickly start to feel isolated and disconnected from campus when you are on the road for long periods of time.
- Make a friend or friends and have dinner or lunch with them from time to time.

Committee Highlight

Technology and Social Media

What do we do?

The Technology & Social Media Committee shall address issues and foster awareness for advancements in technology and social media related to the mission of the colleges and universities in the NACRAO membership.



Have you ever thought about getting more involved in NACRAO? The best and easiest place to start is by joining a committee. For a breakdown of committees to get involved in, please explore our website!

They are also charged with the creation and upkeep of the NACRAO website. This committee will work closely with Heartland Hosting to make sure the web is accurate, up-to-date, and most importantly, the main source of communication for this organization. The technology committee also maintains the NACRAO social media outlets, such as Facebook and Twitter.

No knowledge of web-development is necessary to serve on this committee.

Click here to sign up for this committee: [Committee Sign Up](#)

Join

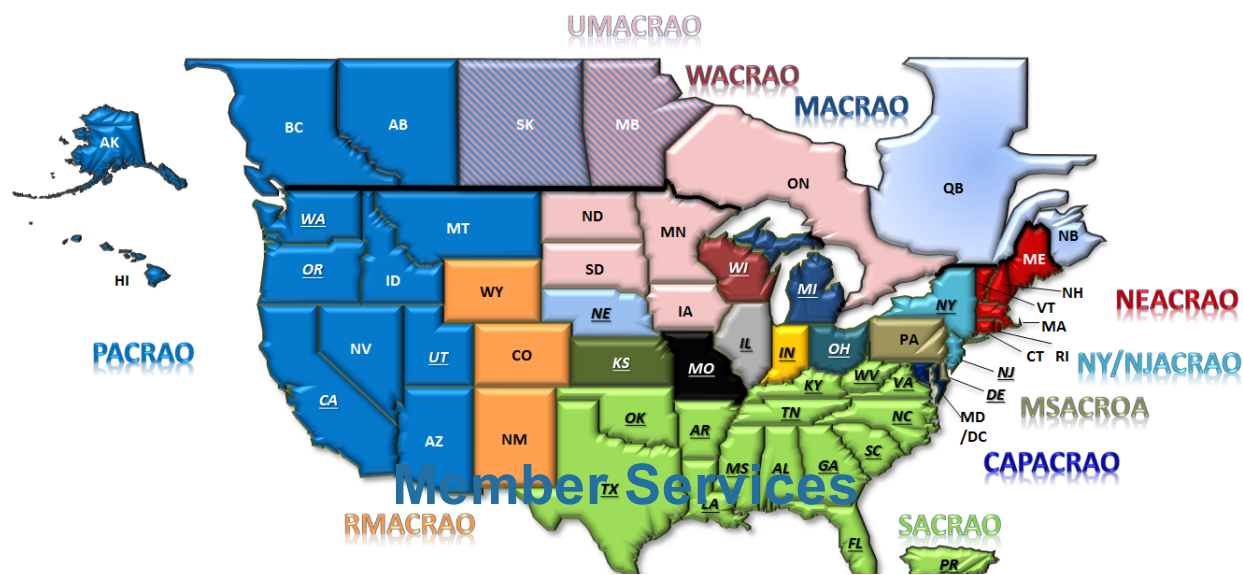
Join a Committee

AACRAO Webinars



AACRAO and the state and regional associations (ACRAOs) share the same basic goals of enhancing not only the profession but also the professional development of the individual members. One of the fundamental strengths of our profession is the vitality of strong, active state and regional associations. These associations provide members with many professional development activities and opportunities and generally are instrumental in forging the informal networks that exist throughout the country.

ACRAO webinars are a convenient and cost-effective way to obtain information on the topics relevant to your profession. Take a few minutes to review the upcoming webinars that might be of interest!



MEMBERSHIP

The NACRAO Member Services Committee is gearing up to take what we learned from the Membership Survey and use it to enhance services to our members. The key themes that emerged were Professional Development and Networking.

Within those themes, interest in the following areas was expressed:

- Development of a mentoring program
- Provide opportunities to connect outside of the annual conference
- Develop New Member information to welcome individuals into the organization
- Increase communication on topics such as best practices, job postings and the work of the NACRAO board
- Provide opportunities to hear from those who attend AACRAO offerings
- Offer sessions on best practices in Registration and Admissions
- Invite industry experts (AACRAO, Dept. of Education) to share insights on what is happening in Higher Education

Interested in exploring these ideas? Please reach out to Nancy McConkey, NACRAO Vice-President for Membership (membership@nacrao.org) for more information!

2024 NACRAO Conference

Save The Date:
Thursday, July 11 & Friday, July 12

Norfolk, NE



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