

WINTER 2023 PACRAO NEWS



Pacific Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers



Hello, My Dear PACRAO Colleagues!

The year 2023 has arrived and many of us are in the full swing of things with Winter term. 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of our beloved PACRAO Association. It's a reason to celebrate and a notable milestone! I would like to take a minute to look back on our amazing conference in November where many of us gathered including a large constituent of first-time attendees (over 40% of conference attendees)! It sure was heartwarming to be back together in person. I was worried that too much time had passed during the pandemic, but those warm familiar feelings that PACRAO's networking opportunities afford us, were as strong as ever. The conference sessions, keynotes and the chance to enjoy a bit of fun (as we all know PACRAO peeps love to do) was a reminder that the PACRAO spirit lives on!

THANK YOU to 2022 LAC Chair Ken Keziah & Program Chair Kylie Borges who, with the help of their committees, put together a wonderful conference. As a Board, we weren't quite sure what to expect with going all in person with the budget concerns as well as the other challenges the pandemic has thrown at our institutions and Association. However, I feel reinvigorated by this past year's engagement of our membership! Looking forward to this year as your President (still getting used to the official title), the PACRAO Board and I want to make sure to stay relevant to our Membership. There are many of you who have been engaged over the years with PACRAO, and we acknowledge that professional development needs are changing and that many of us have limited resources for those development opportunities. We are working hard to find ways to keep current so we'll be trying out some new things and will be actively reaching out to you to find out how we can help make your membership worthwhile. For me personally, one of the most valuable aspects of being involved in PACRAO have been all of the connections I've made, so we will also be working to find additional ways to connect members!

Thank you for being a member of PACRAO and I look forward to this year serving as your President!

Melissa Frey (she/her)

Registrar and Dean of Student Recruitment, Enrollment & Graduation Services
Chemeketa Community College & PACRAO President

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Annual Meeting & Conference Updates



Join us for the 2023 PACRAO conference!

November 5-8, 2023

Hilton Portland Downtown

Stay tuned for more information as the conference gets closer!

Planning for the 2023 conference is underway and the Programs Committee is actively working to solicit session proposals! In an effort to provide as much information to PACRAO members as they make decisions about conference attendance, we will start accepting session proposals in mid-late February.

Our goal is to provide members the opportunity to see some of the wonderful sessions that will be available during the 2023 conference as soon as we are able. If you or someone you know in the field have a session topic to share with your fellow PACRAOnians, **we welcome you to submit your ideas!**

An email will be sent to all PACRAO members in the coming weeks with the session proposal information. We look forward to an amazing program at the 2023 conference!

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Davenport, Program Chair.

**Call for
Proposals!**



Nominations & Elections Updates

One of the PACRAO Past President's duties is facilitating nominations and elections. Process. Thank you to everyone who provided an application to the Nominations and Elections committee. We have outstanding members! The previous committee, chaired by Jana Jaraysi (former PACRAO Past President) and co-chaired by Erin Jensen, selected the following members to lead our organization.

I, along with my co-chair Helena Babinski, are happy to present the following members on behalf of the Nominations and Elections committee.

Executive Board

PACRAO membership votes on this slate at the annual meeting in November 2023 in Portland, Oregon

- President-Elect: Tina Miller, University of Washington Seattle
- Vice President for Information Technology & Publications: Michael Davenport, University of Arizona
- Treasurer-Elect: Pheng Xiong, University of Hawaii

Audit Committee

This 2-year term begins immediately after the selection occurs.

- Audit Committee: Tricia Hanks, Mohave Community College

Nominees for the Nominations and Elections Committee

PACRAO membership votes electronically in April 2023 for 6 of the following members. The top recipients will comprise the 2023-2024 N&E Committee. More information about these candidates will come in the spring.

So...YOUR TIME TO VOTE WILL BE SOON!

THE NOMINEES

- Cheryl Gaughan, Point Loma Nazarene University
- Patricia Isaac Michelsen, Chapman University
- Wendy Ivie, Oregon Institute of Technology
- Dominic Laureano, Claremont McKenna College
- Christine Lee, Thompson Rivers University
- Jill Rodgers-Lash, University of the Pacific
- Julisa Sanchez, University of Arizona
- Lindsay Stadler, Pomona College
- Sarah Strickler, University of Oregon



2023 Program Committee Recruitment

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Hello PACRAO members!

It is hard to believe that we are in 2023. I hope the new year is off to a good start for all of you!

We are actively recruiting for Program Committee members for the 2023 PACRAO conference in Portland, Oregon. We would like to have representation from across the membership and invite anyone who is interested to join the team! Program Committee members will meet once per month via zoom to plan for the November conference and should plan to attend the 2023 conference.

Responsibilities of the team include:

- Creating the schedule for the conference
- Reviewing and selecting conference sessions
- Identifying keynote speakers
- Drafting communications for speakers and membership

Involvement with the Programs Committee is a great opportunity for new and returning PACRAO members and is a great way to stay involved and connected with PACRAO outside of the annual conference. If you would like to join the team or would like to learn more about the Programs Committee, please contact:

Michael Davenport, 2023 Program Chair, at michaeldavenport@arizona.edu.



Michael Davenport
Associate Registrar
Office of the Registrar
The University of Arizona
2023 PACRAO Program Committee Chair

WE WANT YOU

LAC Call for Volunteers

Are you local or close by the Portland area?

The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is looking for a few more volunteers! The LAC is responsible for Registration, Meals, Gala, Hospitality, and Physical Arrangements for the conference. They work very closely with the Programs Committee to ensure a successful experience for all attendees.

The first meeting will be on January 27th, 2023. If you cannot make that first meeting, that is okay! We will catch you up and have you join us in future planning meetings.

JOIN NOW



Contact Dawn Sallee-Justesen at dawn.sallee-justesen@mhcc.edu to join the fun!



VP Professional Development Update

Professional Development Webinars

Thank you to those who joined us for our December and January professional development webinars, **Best of PACRAO: How to Win the Battle with Burnout** with Chelsea Peoples and **Exceptions prove the rule? Degree Audit Exception Analysis on Student Success Outcome** with Shelly Hsu and Abril Vega. The recordings for these and our other webinars are available to members on the [PACRAO website](#).

Our Best of PACRAO series, featuring outstanding sessions from the 2021 Conference will continue this month - hope you can join us!



Best of PACRAO: Dive into Discord: Creating Community & Increasing Communication with Prospective Students

February 21, 2023 at noon Pacific, 1pm Mountain | [Register here!](#)

Discord, a social communication platform often associated with the gaming community, is also increasingly gaining popularity on college campuses. Discord can be a great way to foster community, provide resources, and increase engagement with prospective students from inquiry to enrollment.

Presenter: Amanda Mu | Director, Events & Programs,
DigiPen Institute of Technology



VP Professional Development Update

Join the Professional Development Committee!

We're looking for people to join the Professional Development Committee to help identify great opportunities for the membership. [Sign-up with the interest form here!](#)



Reach out to VP for Professional Development, Alex Underwood, at vp-pd@pacrao.org for more details or any suggestions/questions on our Professional Development offerings.



Diversity Development Update

Hello fellow PACRAOians!

I hope you all had a restful winter break and are having a fantastic start to the year!

I want to start by introducing our Diversity Development Committee (DDC). Thank you to the following PACRAO members who have confirmed that they'll be continuing their work on the DDC—welcome back!

- Helena Babiski, Coconino Community College
- Kristin Benson, Oregon State
- Erin Collins, Pomona College
- Laura Schonberger, University of Phoenix
- Amanda Mu, DigiPen Institute of Technology

I want to also welcome Sarah Reed, from UC Berkeley, who will be joining this year's DDC!

We have exciting work planned in the year ahead, and are looking forward to being able to connect the PACRAO community with a variety of DEI content and resources! We are also very open to those who want to join us in doing this important work, so if you're wanting to get more involved with PACRAO and are passionate about higher education and diversity, equity, and inclusion, I hope you'll consider joining the 2023 Diversity Development Committee!

This committee meets on a monthly basis and is responsible for a number of cool things, including identifying DEI speakers and content for the conference, selecting a charitable organization for PACRAO Gives Back, curating DEI-related social media content, and more! If you're interested in learning more about the DDC (and/or joining!), please don't hesitate to reach out to me at kborges@stanford.edu.

Brought to you by the VP for Diversity Development,

Kylie Borges (she/her)

Associate Registrar, Degree Progress and Degree Audit
Stanford University



Budget Update

The PACRAO 2022-2023 fiscal year closes on January 31, 2023. In preliminary numbers, the organization currently has total assets of \$372,446.86. This reflects a loss of \$9699.65 from this time last year. However, \$5000.00 of that “loss” is technically a prepayment deposit for our 2024 conference location, which will be credited against our amount due in 2024. So, all being said, the organization remains in solid financial standing.

In other Treasurer news, please be aware that the mailing address for PACRAO is changing. Effective immediately, any checks or other postal mail for PACRAO should be sent to:

PACRAO
440 N Barranca Ave, #2920
Covina, CA 91723



MDC Call for Volunteers



Join the Membership Development Committee!

If you're interested in connecting with current members or increasing membership at PACRAO, join the Membership Development Committee!

For more details about the role, please get in touch with Gaby Asamsama-Acuna, VP for Membership, at membership@pacrao.org.

We look forward to working with you to make this year the best yet!

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