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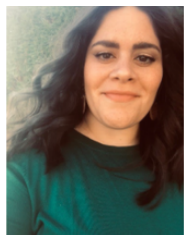
Hello Friends and Colleagues,

We are in a new season and we have a **NEW LOOK** (hey!). It's an exciting time. In Admissions, we're working with our future students to help them think about their next steps and say **YES** to their top choice institution. With our current students, making sure they are prepared for graduation and life after college. It's a time that goes by quickly as we start to think about summer. I'm also thinking about next fall as our annual conference will be occurring October 31st to November 3rd. I want to say **THANK YOU** to those who responded to the membership survey. Your safety and health is our top priority as well as being fiscally responsible for future PACRAOians.

As the Board and the conference chairs dive deeper into planning your conference, there will be updates shared via email, the newsletter, and on the conference mini site. I encourage you to **FOLLOW PACRAO** on all social media outlets to stay current on all things PACRAO.

Connecting with each other is so vital during hard times. Knowing you aren't alone provides a bit of relief. The Board created PACRAO Perspectives, a chance to connect with each other once a month to talk about great topics and share stories, and ideas. Continue reading on and check out all the opportunities we have for you!

Sincerely,
Jana



Jana Jaraysi
PACRAO President
Director of Admissions, Eastern Washington University

Nominations and Elections Committee



Rebecca Mathern
Past President

It is with great pleasure that Alisha Higley, vice chair of Nominations and Elections Committee, and I present to you the candidates for the upcoming Nominations and Elections Committee (N&E). In the next few days, you will be invited to vote in the PACRAO elections. As part of PACRAO's governance structure, the N&E serves the critical role of creating the slate of nominees for the PACRAO Executive Board and Audit Committee. When you elect the N&E, you are contributing selecting the representative body who will speak on your behalf in the Board of Directors and Audit Committee selection process. We rely on all members to vote and help us create the representative, diverse, and best leadership teams possible.

You will soon be receiving an email with a link to vote. In the meantime, you can review the candidates via this newsletter and be ready to cast your vote!

The following list of nominees will be on the ballot and from this list, you will select six candidates. The top six candidates will serve as the 2021-2022 PACRAO Nominations and Elections Committee. The seventh and eighth candidates will serve as alternates should an elected member not be able to serve. The top candidate in this year's election will serve on the 2021-2022 N&E and will continue to the 2022-2023 N&E as that committee's Vice Chair.

Please vote, your voice matters. Each candidate prepared a bio for your consideration. In the coming weeks, we ask that you consider the top six people who you think will most ably serve on the N&E and submit your vote. This body plays an important role in the governance of PACRAO; they represent you!

The candidates for this year's Nominations and Elections Committee are listed below, in alphabetical order, with bios following.

- Gaby Asamsama-Acuña, Registrar, Ventura College (CA)
- Amaury Avalos, Assistant Registrar, St. Mary's College (CA)
- Connie Black, Registrar, College of Western Idaho (ID)
- Brittany Budeski, Registrar, University of Providence (MT)
- Barb Elich, Associate Registrar, Operations at University of Regina (SK, Canada)
- Erin Jensen, Campus Director of Admissions, WSU-Vancouver (WA)
- John R Leech, Transfer Credit & Degree Audit Supervisor, UC-Davis (CA)
- Lindsey Pierce, Enrollment Services Coordinator, Clackamas Community College (OR)
- Kathy Thomas, Associate Registrar, Student Sys & Degree Progress Technology at Portland State (OR)
- Winter Leigh Woods, Academic Scheduling Coordinator, Southern Oregon University (OR)

YOUR VOICE

VOTE

MATTERS

Photos and Bios (as written by each candidate)



Gaby Asamsama-Acuña

My name is Gaby Asamsama-Acuña and I am the Registrar at Ventura College. I have been a PACRAO Member since 2014, served in the Local Arrangement Committee, received the PACRAO Grant Conference Award, and have been a Facilitator at the 2016 Annual Conference. I am eager to continue my involvement in PACRAO and to serve in the Nominations & Elections Committee.



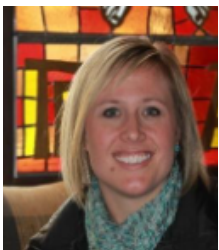
Amaury Avalos

My name is Amaury Avalos and I currently work in the registrar's office at Saint Mary's College of California. I have worked as an assistant registrar for about 4 years now and time has flown by! I am a first-generation college student and I find that this aspect of my identity influences a lot of my professional identity in the registrar's office. I hope to bring this perspective to PACRAO.



Connie Black

Connie Black serves as the first Registrar for College of Western Idaho. With nearly 30 years of higher education experience, helping build Idaho's newest community college has been an amazing journey. Prior to CWI, Connie worked at Boise State University. She received a Bachelor of Arts from Boise State University and a Master of Education from Concordia University. In 2020, Connie served on the PACRAO online conference planning team.



Brittany Budeski

Over the past nearly 20 years, I've worked in the profession of higher education in both public and private institutions in roles such as: Assistant Registrar, Director of Admissions, Director of Auxiliary Services, Registrar, and most recently, as COVID Response Coordinator. While serving in these capacities, I've realized that this work, simply stated, takes a village. PACRAO has been such a significant part of my "village" - now it's time to give back. I have a passion for the profession, a passion for seeing people succeed, and a fascination and obsession with engineering systems to support ideas into reality. I hope to contribute positively to both the organization and the members, so the good work can continue into the future.



Barb Elich

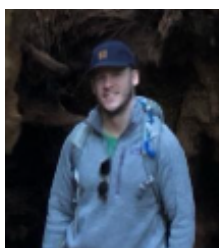
Barb Elich has been involved in higher education for over twenty years. Her passion for education led her into academic administration where she is committed to helping learners navigate and succeed in their post-secondary goals. She has served as Registrar at two smaller private colleges and is currently the Associate Registrar, Operations for the University of Regina in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Barb has served on the executive and conference planning committees for the Western Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (WARUCC). Her first PACRAO conference was in 2020.

Photos and Bios (as written by each candidate)



Erin Jensen

Erin is the Campus Director of Admissions at Washington State University Vancouver. She has spent 12 years working in college admissions at public universities in the Pacific Northwest. She believes access to education is a human right and that as college professionals, our responsibility is to serve and uplift our students. Erin is an alum of the PACRAO LDI and is excited for the opportunity to give back to PACRAO if selected to serve on the Nominations & Elections Committee.



John R Leech

John Leech has worked in higher education since 2013 and within a Registrar's Office since 2015, first in North Carolina before making the long trek to UC Davis in 2018 where he currently resides. Presently, he manages both transfer credit and degree auditing units, as well as supports many other facets of operations including SQL report writing. He received his Bachelors of Arts in History from CU Denver, then later obtained a Master's in Public Administration at UNCC. John loves traveling overseas and being outdoors in his free time. He also enjoys learning from partners across campuses to further the common goal of supporting the best possible education for all students.



Lindsey Pierce

I have served as the Enrollment Services Coordinator at Clackamas Community College for just over four years and have been working in higher education in the Pacific Northwest for ten years. I have a Master's degree in Student Development Administration from Seattle University and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Women's Studies from Portland State University. My professional goal is to advance to a management position within the realm of registration and related services. I've been involved with PACRAO for close to five years, and I would love to deepen my involvement and give back to this professional community by serving on the Nominations & Elections Committee for 2021-2022. I appreciate the diverse and meaningful professional development opportunities that PACRAO has offered to our field for so many years, and I understand that it is only able to do so through its dedicated volunteers. I would love to help cultivate the next group of amazing nominees!



Kathy Thomas

Kathy Thomas is the Associate Registrar of Student Systems and Degree Progress Technology at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. In her position she works collaboratively with units across campus to maintain efficient, sustainable and effective technology solutions for registrar related functions around student enrollment, degree progress, and record keeping. In her 18 years at Portland State University she has had the opportunity to work closely with both functional and technical staff and greatly enjoys her role as the 'funky tech' that brings these two, sometimes very vast, worlds together. Kathy earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Portland State University and has previously served on the 2014 PACRAO Local Arrangements Committee and the 2016-17 PACRAO Board. She is excited at the opportunity to serve on the N&E committee and is looking forward to reconnecting with PACRAO members, new and familiar.



Winter Leigh Woods

Winter has spent the last 5 years working in the Registrar's office at Southern Oregon University. 3 of those years she has served as the institution's Academic Scheduling Coordinator. She is new to PACRAO, having attended her first conference in Arizona 2019, but she is excited for the opportunity to get more involved and work with such an amazing community.



PACRAO Perspectives

Your perspective is how you see things. How one perceives the world, people, things, actions, etc.

The PACRAO Board is interested in your perspective. We're bringing to you an opportunity to gather with one another during your lunch time or late lunch or early morning snack pending which state you live in **to CONNECT**. The Board hosted, once a month, virtual time together will hopefully give you some insight, motivate you, help you relax, or learn a tip or two from your colleagues. The topics will challenge you, make you laugh, and know you aren't alone. The topics will have you saying PACRAOh-No-You-Didn't! or this is a chill PACRAO conversation.

The first PACRAO Perspective is **May 12th, 12:00pm Pacific Time**. The topic: What Do You Do for YOU!

Invitation to come via email. Can't wait to see you!

2021 Session Proposal Teaser

Hey PACRAO,

Jeff from the Program Committee here to make sure you start to think about session proposals for the 2021 annual meeting in (hopefully) Tucson, AZ! If there were ever a time to think on our toes, lean on others for support, or conjure up some new ways of doing our work this past year gave us that! Please share your lessons learned, celebrations, and pitfalls by submitting a session proposal, **and Tell Your Story!** Be on the lookout for the proposal submission form, and get those proposals ready to submit starting April 28, 2021!

Thanks,
Program Committee



PACRAO SITE



Stephen Arod Shirreffs
VPPIT, PACRAO

We are continuing to work on the PACRAO website to try to make it as useful to the membership as possible. As always, your ideas are welcome ... send them to vppit@pacrao.org.

In general, we are trying to make the front page as topical as possible so that you can quickly get to the most recent resources by just going there.

We've also started a project to archive videos. We recently moved on from our subscription to GoToWebinar in favor of a subscription to Zoom, but that means that our older webinar videos no longer have a home. We're working on figuring that out. Again, if you have ideas or experience in this, let me know at vppit@pacrao.org.

And, again, I want to encourage any of you who have archival material ... photos, files, programs, etc. ... to reach out to Sue Eveland, our archivist, at seveland@uoregon.edu. Don't be shy ... you never know ... you might have just the treasure we are looking for.

Laura Remillard, PACRAO's Professional Development Chair, is the new AACRAO's Women's Caucus Chair.



Laura Remillard
VP Professional Development

[See more information here](#)

Also, keep a close eye on your email for the next Professional Development webinar.

NEW! PACRAO DIVERSITY & INCLUSION RESOURCE PAGE



Audra McQuarie
VP Diversity Development

We know that education is one of the best ways to strengthen diversity, "belonging", and inclusion in our workplace and in our communities. The PACRAO DDC has created a new [Diversity & Inclusion Resource Page](#) to support our mission and encourage growth, learning and advocacy opportunities for our members.

We will continue to maintain this page with up-to-date and relevant resources throughout the year and welcome your contributions. If you have a resource that you would like to recommend for this new site, please complete this [PACRAO D&I Resource Submission Form](#).

I would like to thank our committee members that focused on launching this new resource to our membership. Thank you, **Devin Andrews**, **Amanda Gadian**, **Erin Collins** and **Helena Babiski** for your contributions.

MEMBERSHIP



Laura McKenzie
VP Membership

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO RENEW!

The PACRAO Board of Directors has been working hard to provide great resources, webinars and a conference for you in 2021! These great benefits are all included in one \$125 membership per institution.

Renewal information will go out the week of April 26th. If you have any questions or would like more information on membership benefits please reach out to me at mckelaur@isu.edu

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Pics: *The Old Delmonde Hotel and the album cover from Jake Stock and the Abalone Stompers – Live at the River Inn, Big Sur.*



DATELINE

**NOVEMBER 6-9, 1983
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**



Sue Eveland
PACRAO Archivist

In 1983, PACRAO members gathered at the Doubletree Inn for PACRAO's 57th Annual Meeting. The hotel property, now called the Portola Hotel and Spa, is situated high above the Monterey Bay harbor, near Carmel-by-the-Sea, the Big Sur, the Carmel Valley, the famed 17-Mile Drive, and the world-class Pebble Beach Golf Course.

The theme for the Annual Meeting was "Austerity as Incentive... And All That Jazz." PACRAO President Kenneth Mowrey, Dean of Admissions and Records at Orange Coast College, presided over the event. The keynote speaker for the opening session was Sheikh Ibn Ben Salaam, Assistant Oil Minister of Saudi Arabia, who was serving as the head of a special delegation studying higher education in the US. The AACRAO representative was President Leo Sweeney, Director of Admissions and Registrar, University of Missouri – Kansas City.



Topics covered the usual... international recruitment and admission, transcript exchange, "holistic" admission (though it did not have that name in 1983), professional development, staff evaluations, budgeting, athletic issues, tuition, records retention, and much more. "New" technology presented included an online admission system, the transmission of official transcripts through electronic mail, and using forms for efficiency. In one curious session, Arizona State University colleagues demonstrated an "on-line registration system using satellites." The "satellites" were in reality four "offices" distributed around campus, each with four terminals and two printers. Students would bring their approved course requests to one of the satellites, where the requests would be entered on the spot, and the students were given a printout of their schedule and a billing statement right then and there! Reportedly, each transaction took merely one minute! But if the student failed to pay their bill that same day, their classes were all dropped!

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NOVEMBER 6-9, 1983, MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

The gala event, dubbed the “Un-Banquet” was held at the Old Del Monte Hotel on the grounds of the US Naval Postgraduate Academic. This holiday hotel, which operated from 1880 to 1942, was once one of the finest luxury hotels in North America. It included polo grounds, a Roman plunge pool, a racetrack and a golf course. It served the upper class, the rich and famous, Hollywood stars, famous authors and politicians. In 1983, the property was no longer a resort, but a Naval academy. Music for the Un-Banquet was provided by Jake Stock and the Abalone Stompers, a legendary jazz band from the Monterey area. Jake, in case you wondered, played the clarinet and sax, and performed vocals.

In addition to the Un-Banquet, many other tours were offered for a nominal fee, including shopping in Carmel, the 17 Mile Drive (coastline road), a wine country tour, Fort Ord tour, and a Hearst Castle tour. But the most interesting offering was for this:

“On Monday evening, Tours of Distinction is offering a Steam Train Excursion and Chuckwagon Barbecue inn the Redwoods of Santa Cruz, complete with round trip transportation. The cost is \$35 per person with a minimum of 40 passengers. The group will take over the park on a private party basis. The dinner will include Chuckwagon Chicken, tossed green salad, western style home cooked beans, sourdough roll and butter, choice of beverage and tax. The cost also includes admission into the park as well as the steam train excursion.” The train still operates to this day as RoaringCamp.com. Curious quotes from the annual meeting:

“It was noted that by the end of this decade, we will probably be operating in a paperless office, and that we may not yet be prepared for this situation.”

“Thank you for not smoking in the sessions.”

And, following the repeat of 1962 formula for staffing based on number of students:

“When the laughing died down, it was suggested that this would make a good AACRAO topic with a formula derived on numbers of students (headcount) and level of automation.”

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1983 BY THE NUMBERS:

Membership Dues:
\$35

Conference
attendance:

- 419 members
- 10 past presidents
- 1 honorary member
- 41 new members
- 94 non-members
- 87 spouses
- 16 exhibitors

Total: 688.

Membership
Institutions in 1983:
359

Individual Members
in 1983: 1191

Assets: \$17,607.41

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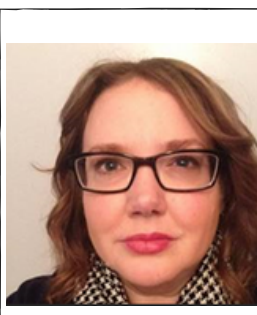
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