



# PACRAO NEWS

Pacific Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers

Winter 2021

Hello Colleagues and Friends!

I am excited to update you with what has taken place since our 2020 virtual conference. First, I want to say **thank you** for participating in all that's been shared from the PACRAO board- from surveys to social media, emails and more. We know you receive hundreds of emails a week and to take a moment to read what is happening within our organization is appreciated, especially during what has been a difficult or stressful time for many.



I am reminded during our monthly Board meetings and during the time I spend with our 2021 PACRAO conference chairs, Alex Underwood and Chelsea Peoples, that **we aren't alone** in figuring everything out. We come together and always think about what is best for our membership, what opportunities we can provide, and how we can get more people involved.

This **newsletter edition** will provide you with opportunities to:

- stay informed about our Nominations and Elections
- get involved with our upcoming conference
- learn how to stay connected with PACRAO and your colleagues via social media
- identify resources for conversations around diversity, inclusion, and equity
- as well as how to get involved with various committees

**Thank you** for being members of PACRAO. I look forward to working with you all and I am hopeful to see more members get involved this year.

Sincerely,  
Jana

Jana Jaraysi  
PACRAO President  
Director of Admissions, Eastern Washington University

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## Annual Meeting and Conference Updates

Chelsea Peoples



Alex Underwood



## TUCSON 2021: Looking for volunteers!

THANK YOU 2020 conference committee, your hard work and creativity helped us have a wonderful virtual conference. We're getting excited for 2021 Tucson conference. In each newsletter edition we'll be sharing updates of what is taking place.

Now, we want **YOU** to join us in planning for the conference!

### Program Committee Seeking Additional Members

Would you like to have a direct impact on the content of the 2021 PACRAO Conference? Are you interested in collaborating with Registrar and Admissions colleagues who work at a variety of institutions from across our region? Consider joining the Program Committee. Our committee is hoping to add a few more members to our group in an effort to create a dynamic and engaging program that will meet the wide variety of professional development needs across our membership!

Committee members will need to commit to monthly meetings that will increase in frequency in the months leading up to the conference.

If you are interested, please contact **Program Committee Chair: Chelsea Peoples** at [chelsea.peoples@unlv.edu](mailto:chelsea.peoples@unlv.edu).

### The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is looking for volunteers

And you don't need to be local to Tucson or Arizona to participate! The LAC is responsible for Registration, Meals & Special Events, Hospitality, and Physical Arrangements for the conference, and works very closely with the Programs Committee to ensure a successful experience for all attendees. The first meeting will be on January 29th.

Contact **Alex Underwood** at [aunderwood@arizona.edu](mailto:aunderwood@arizona.edu) to join the fun!



## Nominations and Elections Update



Brought to you by your Past President, Rebecca Mathern

The 2020-21 Nominations & Elections Committee, chaired by Chris Sweet (former PACRAO Past-President) and co-chaired by Kylie Borges, selected the following members to lead our organization.

As the newly installed Past-President, I am now the chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee. The co-chair is Alisha Higley. We present the following members on behalf of the Nominations & Elections Committee.

### **Executive Board**

The PACRAO membership votes on this slate at the annual meeting. This will occur in **November 2021**.

- President-Elect (3-year term) – Melissa Frey, Chemeketa Community College
- Treasurer-Elect (3-year term) – Karen Khuu, University of Washington
- Vice President of Information Technology (2-year term) – Danielle Ambrose, CSU, Sacramento

### **Audit Committee**

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

- Pheng (Max) Xiong, University of Hawaii, Manoa

## Nominations and Elections Update



### Continued...

#### **Nominees for Nominations & Elections Committee**

The PACRAO membership votes electronically in **April 2021** for six of the following members. The top recipients will comprise the 2021-2022 N&E Committee. More information about these candidates will come in the spring. Be sure to vote so that your voice is heard by PACRAO.

In alphabetical order:

- Gabriella Asamsama-Acuna, Ventura County Community College
- Amaury Avalos, St. Mary's College, California
- Connie Black, College of Western Idaho
- Brittany Budeski, University of Providence (Montana)
- Barb Elich, University of Regina (Canada)
- Erin Jensen, Washington State University
- John Leech, University of California, Davis
- Jill Rodgers-Lash, University of the Pacific
- Kathy Thomas, Portland State University
- Winter Woods, Southern Oregon University

## VP, Professional Development Update



Brought to you by Laura Remillard

### Let's connect!

PACRAO wants to get social and share out! Follow our pages for updated information, what other universities and colleges are doing, and some fun posts to brighten up your day.

**LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/31471421>

**Instagram:** follow @PACRAO1923

**Twitter:** follow @PACRAO handle

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pacrao/>

We will be engaging a lot more via these social mediums, so please follow us and drop us a comment or two. We love to hear from you and share your news!

### SAVE THE DATE! First webinar of 2021!

"FERPA Basics and Beyond: A Conversation with Helen B. Garrett"  
Thursday, February 11, 11:00 a.m. – noon  
Registration coming soon!

You can watch past webinars at: <https://www.pacrao.org/webinars.php>

## VP, Diversity Development Committee Update



### Brought to you by Audra McQuarie

The Diversity Development Committee has been doing some early planning to support PACRAO activities throughout the year, in addition to the annual conference. We are pleased to announce that our committee has grown this year which will allow us to expand how we connect and share diversity, equity, and inclusion topics, and resources with our PACRAO membership.

The Diversity Development Committee meets during the annual conference and is open to any interested member of the Association desiring to commit time and energy to achieving committee goals during the year. Our focus for this year includes:

- Contributing to quarterly PACRAO newsletter articles
- Increasing presence with monthly posts on PACRAO social accounts (FB, Twitter and LinkedIn)
- Increasing diversity related presentation offerings at the annual conference
- Identify charitable organization to promote as part of the PACRAO Gives Back program at the annual conference
- Research and recommend speakers for the annual conference that promote messages that align with diversity, equity and inclusion
- Host an interactive diversity Book Club session at the annual conference

If you are interested in joining our committee, please email Audra McQuarie, VP of Diversity Development, at: [audra.mcquarie@phoenix.edu](mailto:audra.mcquarie@phoenix.edu). Our first official meeting will be held in early **February 2021**.

To learn more about the Diversity Development Committee and to meet our 2021 committee members, please visit our website at:

[https://www.pacrao.org/diversity\\_development\\_committee.php](https://www.pacrao.org/diversity_development_committee.php)

## Treasurer's Report



Brought to you by Tina Miller

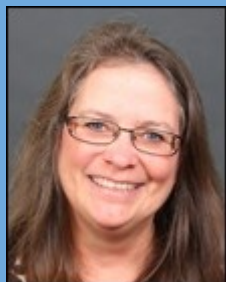
As we approach the close of the 2020-21 PACRAO fiscal year, I'm pleased to report that the organization is, to use an accounting term, "in the black" despite the dumpster fire that was 2020.

Thanks to prudent planning by the board, exceptionally wise spending by the 2020 conference planning "dream team," and the hardcore negotiating skills of (now) Past-President Mathern, we look to be ending the fiscal year with a **positive change** in assets of over **\$25,000**. This puts us in a good position moving forward for the 2021 conference.



## PACRAO

Archivist,  
Sue Eveland



## PACRAO Dateline: 1951

Seventy years ago, PACRAO was preparing for their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, which was held Nov 11-14, 1951 at the Mar Monte Hotel, situated on the shores of the Pacific Ocean in Santa Barbara, California. At that time, the PACRAO Executive Board consisted of just five members: President, President-elect, Past-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President that year was Herman "Herm" A. Spindt, Director of Admissions at the University of California.



Imagine, if you will, 1951. The US consisted of just 48 states at that time, with Hawaii and Alaska's admission not until 1959. Thus, there were no PACRAO members from those two states. The US was in the middle of the Korean War; the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution was adopted (two term limit for the Presidency); the Rosenberg's were sentenced to death; the baby boom was five years in. The country was entering "the Golden Age of Television" with 1951 ushering in the first coast-to-coast transmission. Wow! What a time!

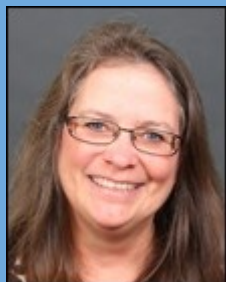
Of course, colleges and universities relied on typewriters and snail mail for record keeping, and communication. PACRAO members were invited to share their news with the President; he then had it all neatly typed up by his secretary for distribution. It was like a midcentury modern Facebook – short snippets of news from random friends. One registrar was renovating a new home and taking an oil painting class. A Director of Admissions opening at University of Oregon was announced. Someone had been in an automobile accident; another person built a greenhouse; someone else was collecting antiques. And on the "pages" went.





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A pre-conference questionnaire provides a glimpse into the world of registrars and admissions directors. A 46-question survey was sent out; 117 institutions replied. Topics covered the gamut of admission policies, registration, medical exams (for TB), transcript practices, and on and on. A confidential salary question showed that the average salary for a registrar at a four-year institution was \$4750/annually and that the average salary for a director of admissions at a four-year institution was \$5200/annually. Many of these professionals had “other duties” as well, such as teaching or serving as the Dean of Men, the Director of Guidance, or the Business Manager. When asked, “Do you use IBM equipment?” the answer was 15 “yes” and 100 “no.”



The conference had a total attendance of 137 members that year: 107 from California; 13 from Oregon; seven from Washington; four each from Idaho and Montana; and one each from Arizona and British Columbia. J.E. Fellows, from the University of Oklahoma attended as the AACRAO Representative; he was AACRAO’s President in 1951. A Sunday evening reception was held nearby at the home of Mrs. Jane Miller Abraham, Registrar at Santa Barbara State College. A brave woman, indeed, to host 137 PACRAOians at her own home (both pictured here)!!!!



# Your Executive Board

Jana Jaraysi  
*President*

Rebecca Mathern  
*Past President*

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