

PACRAO Summer 2012

"We all need time to sit and rest, a place to relax and take a breath." Michael Albrechtsen

On these hot, summer days, I've been starting my mornings by sitting in the shade on my deck and taking time to enjoy my breakfast, the view, and the stillness, before the work of the day begins. This summer, I hope that you each give yourselves time to relax and recharge. Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter and to re-connect with PACRAO.

Enjoy the summer! I hope to see you this fall in Sunny San Diego!

Julia Pomerenk, PACRAO President, pomerenk@wsu.edu

Registration is Open for San Diego Annual Meeting!

Follow this link to the conference mini site:

<http://www.pacrao.org/docs/conferences/2012/index.html>

Visit this site often, for information about the conference, including session details, speakers, and things to do while in San Diego.

Thanks to All who Submitted Sessions

The Program Committee thanks all who submitted session proposals. Everyone who attends the conference will find many sessions that will add to their professional development.

Two Sessions to Highlight

Let me highlight just two of the terrific sessions:

History of PACRAO, presented by a panel of PACRAO Past-Presidents

The DREAM Act, by Adrienne McDay, AACRAO President-Elect

Conference Participation Grants

Apply for a conference participation grant to cover the conference registration fee for PACRAO's annual conference in San Diego, California, November 4-7!

PACRAO offers up to six conference participation grants. Special consideration is given to applicants who are first-time attendees, persons from under-represented groups or institution types, and members of institutions whose funds are especially limited.

Deadline to apply: September 1, 2012

How to apply: Submit by email:

- A one-page written proposal including:
 - applicant's Name, Title, Institution, Address, Phone, and Email
 - reasons for applying a conference participation grant
- A short letter of support from the applicant's supervisor/manager and/or from another PACRAO member outlining the benefit for the applicant.

For more information about the Conference Participation Grants, or to apply, contact Celeste Fowles Nguyen at cfnguyen@stanford.edu.



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PACRAO News

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Nominations and Elections Report & Invitation

By Helen B. Garrett,

Past-President

Executive Board Nominees for 2012-2013

President Elect

Todd M. McCollum

Linfield College

Oregon

Vice President for Professional
Development

Celeste Fowles Nguyen

Stanford University

California

Vice President for Membership

Marianne Stickel

Dominican University

California

Secretary

Desi Nielsen

Salt Lake Community College

Utah

Nominations and Elections Committee 2012

In early July, notice that the election is open for the Nominations and Elections Committee will be sent to the PACRAO list-serve. The election will run from July 15th through August 30th.

Has Your Time to be a PACRAO Leader Arrived?

I remember being approached by Nora McLaughlin years and years ago to consider being nominated to be Secretary of the PACRAO Executive Board. I looked at her like she was crazy to think that I was ready for that. She reminded me that I had given to PACRAO by facilitating and presenting. She stated so wisely, "When are you ever really ready to raise your hand and say 'pick me'?" So, I accepted the nomination,

and I loved every minute of my two years as Secretary.

I challenge you to look at your professional development resume and future path and to thoughtfully consider nominating yourself for one of these positions. I also encourage members to nominate others. Look around and think about who you want to join the Executive Board and to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Leadership Opportunities for 2013-2014

President-Elect

(3-year Term)

**VP for Publications and
Information Technology**

(2-year Term)

Treasurer (2-year Term)

**Nominations and Election
Committee** (6 members)

(One meeting commitment)

Call for PACRAO Award Nominations

We are seeking nominations for the following annual PACRAO Awards.

Please e-mail Helen B. Garrett, Past President, at garretth@lanecc.edu with names of colleagues you would like the Executive Board to consider for the following awards. Let us know why you think this member would be an ideal candidate for each of the following awards.

Retirees

Do you know PACRAO members who will be retiring

in 2012? If so, please notify Helen Garrett so that they will be announced and recognized at the Annual Meeting in San Diego. Feel free to let Helen know if you are the member retiring, as well.

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership is granted to those individuals who have given outstanding service to PACRAO over the years. Recipients are normally leaving the profession through retirement or re-entering a different field of work.

Exemplary New Member Award

The Exemplary New Member Award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to PACRAO and to the membership in their first years as a member.

See the PACRAO website for more information on awards and leadership opportunities:

<http://www.pacrao.org/>

Professional Opportunities with PACRAO Review

By Celeste Fowles Nguyen,

VP for Professional Development

Publish an Article!

PACRAOs' very own peer-reviewed journal, the PACRAO Review, offers an opportunity for members to publish articles. This is a great opportunity to:

- (1) write about a project you have worked on at your institution;
- (2) co-author a point-counterpoint article;
- (3) write about a presentation you have done;
- (4) give a PACRAO Review Webinar at your convenience; and/or

(5) add to your professional vitae as a higher education professional.

Or Join the Editorial Board!

Interested in participating in the PACRAO Review in other ways?

Join the PACRAO Editorial Board for 2012-13.

For more information about the PACRAO Review or Editorial Board, contact Celeste Fowles Nguyen at cfnguyen@stanford.edu.

News from Missy Mumford, VP for Membership



Aloha, my PACRAO sexy cousins!

As you read this, I am soaking up the sun in Maui. It's a rough life, I know.

(PACRAO colleagues who attended the conference in Hawaii will remember that we all claimed "Aloha, my PACRAO sexy cousins!" as our greeting, on the bus ride to the luau.

I wonder what greeting will we gain from our time in San Diego this fall?)

Some Housekeeping.

Our annual membership campaign has officially kicked off. If your campus is like mine, things are always changing. I would encourage you all to log into your profile and update your contact information.

You can log on by clicking on this link:

<http://www.pacrao.org/docs/forms/memIndivUpdate.html>.

Please update your mailing and email addresses and telephone number.

While typically we only send things electronically, once in a while, we want to send something directly to your office. Incomplete addresses can be costly, so any effort made to update your profile would be greatly appreciated.

A Fond Farewell to Christine Kerlin, a PACRAO Powerhouse, who retired at the end of June

I spotlight Christine Kerlin as our PACRAO Profile for this newsletter.

Read the profile on the next page, to get a glimpse into her career in higher education and the passion she has for those she serves. She leaves Everett Community College as the Vice President of the University Center. Christine has served in many capacities and has become a very dear friend to PACRAO.

(Photo of Christine Kerlin courtesy of EvCC Voices)

PACRAO Profile: Christine Kerlin talks with Missy

How long have you been a member of PACRAO? I believe I became involved with PACRAO in 1985-86. I became Director of Admissions at The Evergreen State College around that time and actually had a travel budget so I could start attending conferences.

How did you first get involved with PACRAO? I attended the Tahoe conference, and then was asked to be on the LAC for the following Seattle Conference. That was a steep learning curve!

What was your favorite PACRAO conference? That's not a fair question! Naturally I must say "Spokane" since that was my conference as President. Yes, the Spokane conference sessions and local arrangements were letter perfect, of course, but a key moment was the oversized, stuffed elephant that Faith Weese had delivered to my room. I also have fine memories of Vancouver, Victoria, Hawaii, and the PACRAO pre-conference seminar that took place on the train from Seattle to California. Don't ask me what we learned on that adventure!

Who were/are role models for you in PACRAO? Dangerous question. Too many to name. I might inadvertently leave someone out. I can say that I have learned much from those who have served on PACRAO Boards and Program Committees and LACs, and those who have made stellar presentations and done special projects. I have seen so many colleagues who stretch themselves to provide leadership and to present sessions. I respect folks who put in the extra time to make this volunteer organization work. Without them there would not be PACRAO; we would be the poorer for it.

What have you learned from your connections to PACRAO? I have learned the value of paying it forward. All of us – I hope – have benefitted from mentorship or training by at least one other professional in our field, a person who was paying it forward. We need to do it ourselves. I feel such joy to observe the more recent Boards in action and the younger presenters and to see folks who are now leaders who were newcomers at one point in my memory. At a concrete level PACRAO keeps our profession vital by providing vehicles for us to learn from each other. PACRAO enables us to pick up the phone and call a colleague with a sensitive question, or to e-mail a colleague and know that we will get a thoughtful response. I have also learned that our profession is friendly and fun. Think about it. You can walk into the PACRAO conference and suddenly relax because everyone there speaks your language and knows what crazy things you deal with!

What are some ideas that you've brought back to your college or university from a PACRAO presentation or conversation? A bunch of things: I remember Jim Buch excitedly showing us how to do Pivot Tables – what a revelation. FERPA interpretations, of course. Insights into multicultural issues. International credential evaluation methodologies. Customer Relations Management (CRM) tools. Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) strategies. Staff development models. Articulation ideas. And some PACRAO Solid Gold tunes.

What do you like best about PACRAO? Easy. The friends and colleagues. We all know it: It is all about relationships. As Julia Pomerenk says: "People are the heart of PACRAO." May I add that I particularly enjoy the integration of US and Canadian friends and colleagues.

How could PACRAO improve? Hmmm. Times change, and ways we address professional development change. I have seen PACRAO adding special projects such as the Writer's Team, the PACRAO Review, and making the website a "go-to" location. I would like to see more outreach to those in our profession who are involved with international education; there are so many linkages (and gaps) there. Many of us wear multiple hats that include international responsibilities, and many of us have institutional colleagues with whom we work who would find PACRAO could also serve them in terms of recruitment, admission, credentials and advising issues. I also think we need to reach out to our colleagues in the for-profit sector who are not involved and who might benefit from a broader view of professional responsibilities and practices.

Any last words, Christine? Yes, thanks for asking. I want to offer a heartfelt "thanks" to PACRAO colleagues past and present for their participation in a great career. Though I am retiring from Everett Community College, I will remain interested in PACRAO and AACRAO and perhaps do a project here and there. I hope to stop by the conference in San Diego!

PACRAO Word Search

Contributed by Joyce Allen, VP for Publications and Technology

A E Q W A W U N R E A C G V R
 R C S I S P O P R F E P T E E
 O N C P K I P A G R A F M R T
 L E C R S T W L T R O W E I E
 E R R I E T N I I S A G U F N
 H E V E F D F E E C I D F I T
 C F R O T I I L M S A U E C I
 A N S G C S P T T L N N G A O
 B O B A E O A R A N L W T T N
 T C T U E D A M E T E O F I A
 D E C P N R A L Y N I M R O I
 T P I R C S N A R T N O A N D
 U N I V E R S I T Y D A N I E
 H N Q L A I N E L L I M B W L
 E N I L N O U O F F I C I A L

- ACCREDITATION
- AID
- APPLICANT
- BACHELOR
- BANNER
- CERTIFICATE
- CONFERENCE
- DEGREE
- EMAIL
- ENROLLMENT
- FUNNEL
- GPA
- MASTER
- MILLENNIAL
- OFFICIAL
- ONLINE
- PEOPLESOFT
- REGISTRAR
- RETENTION
- SIS
- SOFTWARE
- TRANSCRIPT
- UNIVERSITY
- UPGRADE
- VERIFICATION
- VISION





Willing to Lead a Run or a Walk in San Diego? Willing to Lead Yoga in San Diego? Willing to Participate in a Run or a Walk or Yoga?

In addition to making your stay at this year's PACRAO conference in Sunny San Diego warm and enjoyable, the LAC would like to offer you some health and fitness options. While the San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina offers a fitness center and a swimming pool, we want to include run/walk tours along the waterfront and Seaport Village. We are currently looking for anyone who is interested in leading either a morning or an evening run/walk any day during the conference. If you are interested in doing the run/walks on your own, we will definitely have maps of these trails available at the hospitality booth for you to enjoy.

We also would like to know if there is anyone interested in volunteering their time to lead a yoga session either on Monday or Tuesday morning (Nov. 5 or 6). If so, we can reserve a room for the yoga session and formally offer this activity to the rest of the attendees.

- If you are interested in leading a run/walk or a yoga session please email Mark Fonseca at mark.fonseca@uci.edu. Please specify in the email that you would like to lead.
- We also would like to know how many are interested in these activities. If you are interested in participating in a run/walk or a yoga session please email Mark Fonseca at mark.fonseca@uci.edu.

Just in Time for Foster Youth PACRAO 2012 has joined with Just in Time for Foster Youth, a San Diego area nonprofit, for a special College Bound Drive during the conference. You too can help "create a brighter future" for San Diego foster youth transitioning to college. With little or no family support, these young adults are at risk of being homeless, unemployed, and under-educated, and too often can be on the path to lifelong dependence or prison. Through your generosity and commitment, you can help transform the appalling national statistics. The impact of your donation not only changes the lives of individual youth served but also breaks the cycle of foster care for future families they will be able to support.

Please visit the PACRAO 2012 website and learn more about 'giving back to foster youth' with a donation. Tax receipts will be provided at the conference. All donations, regardless of size, provide invaluable support at critical junctions when foster youth need the most.

Collect and contribute the following new items at the conference: Backpacks; USB Drives (4G); Pens/Highlighters; College-Ruled Notebooks/Binders; Blankets/Comforters; Sheets (XL Twin/Full/Queen); Kitchenware (Glasses/Plates/Flatware); Pots and Pans; Towels (Kitchen and Bath); Lamps (Desk/Reading/Livingroom); Storage Containers; Vacuum Cleaners; \$20 Gift cards to Walmart or Target; Cash or check donations in any amount.

Bring your donations to the 2012 PACRAO Conference in San Diego. Help support an area foster youth who is transitioning to college! Questions can be directed to LAC Philanthropy Chair Ann Klein, University of California, San Diego Financial Aid Director at aklein@ucsd.edu or at (858) 534-3898.

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Pictured below at our January board meeting: Jan, Joyce, Heather, Julia, Sue, Missy, and Nancy. Ann took the photo. Kent and Helen attended by phone, due to winter weather.

