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Everything can be taken from a man but...the last of the human freedoms – to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.
~Victor Frankl



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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As we begin our 10th year as an organization, the board has many exciting plans for the coming year! At the recent Board retreat, we transitioned with previous officers, discussed various initiatives, began planning for the 10th anniversary (2006!), discussed using a listserv and creating a speakers Bureau, and reviewed the member survey results. While our "to-do" list is aggressive, we are beginning with the information collected from our members via the member survey. Other items we would like to add to our list are the development of a Mission Statement, posting articles of interest on the website, and possibly offering an "Advisor Toolbox" on the website where advising ideas can be exchanged.

attention through the survey was the matter of the location of our annual conference. To clarify, the purpose of having the conference rotate around various parts of the state is to allow individuals throughout the state opportunities to attend, and also allows various members and institutions to showcase their campuses. In addition to comments about conference location, some members asked for more professional opportunities in addition to the conference. See our reflections below.

particularly if it is an opportunity to partner with institutions that are providing programs on their campus. In March, 2006 the board is partnering with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on a conference they are hosting. See details this newsletter. If you are interested in submitting a program proposal, please contact Karen Thorne at kthorn@usm.edu or at 414/229-3872. Watch future newsletters and website for additional details, as they become available.

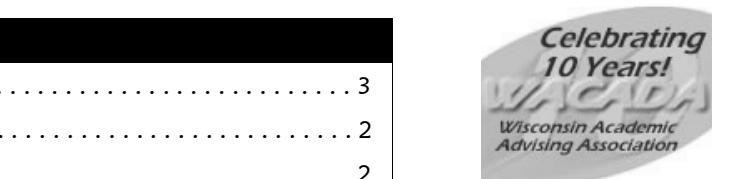
SPEAKERS BUREAU

While opportunities for continued professional networking and programs were mentioned in the survey, the board would also like your feedback on the possible formation of a WACADA Speakers Bureau. If you are interested in providing input, suggestions, and/or insight, please contact Aubrey Schramm at schramma@uwosh.edu or at 414/424-3341.

OUR ANNIVERSARY!

I look forward to an exciting anniversary year and the opportunity to work with the board and you, the members. At anytime, please feel free to contact me with any concerns.

~Cathy Mathweg



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MEMBER SURVEY!

For members unable to attend the conference and complete the member survey, please visit the website at www.wacada.org to participate. Your feedback will be added to the current document. In short time, we hope that the information being shared via the survey will be used to meet your needs. Common survey threads from all institutional types were communication and resources.

Another matter that received

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The board is eager to entertain hosting other professional development events for our members,

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"Need more variety in topics offered"; "As a faculty member, I suggest you provide items of interest to faculty. Had I had a role to play on Thursday, I would have been very disappointed in the overall experience".

I apologize to those of you who needed to find their lunch elsewhere. Apparently, there was a gaffe with the food, and steps have already been taken to assure this is not repeated.

Next year, the conference will be held at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside. Discussions have already started and the conference committee is being formed. Look for more information in future newsletters regarding the 10th Annual WACADA Conference and expect a suitable celebration!

I also want to express my sincerest thank you to the 2005 Conference Committee members and to the University of Wisconsin – Sheboygan for hosting the conference.

Take care and have a good year. See you at the 2006 10th Annual WACADA Conference!

~Laurie Freeland

Dates to Remember

December 1, 2005

Deadline for Proposals
Advisors as Teachers & Learners:
A Cross Cultural Perspective

March 1, 2006

Advisors as Teachers & Learners:
A Cross Cultural Perspective
UW-Milwaukee

July 1, 2006

submission deadline
WACADA Grants

July 3-August 4, 2006

NACADA Summer Institute
Madison, WI

April 20-22, 2006

NACADA Region 5 Conference
Cleveland, OH

October 18-21, 2006

NACADA National Conference
Indianapolis, IN

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Grant Proposal details can be found at the WACADA website. Please submit your GRANTS applications to:

Jeff Ritter, St. Norbert College
100 Grant St., De Pere, WI 54115,
(jeff.ritter@snc.edu)

Criteria is as follows:

- Recipient must be a member of WACADA.
- Recipient must use the award for activities related to academic advising issues.
- Recipient must share the experience with colleagues via seminar, workshop, or conference session.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, 9/1/2005	\$6,702.02
Receipts	6,270.12
Disbursements	<u>3,834.16</u>
Cash on hand, 10/31/2005	<u>\$9,137.98</u>

Take a Break from advising and wrap your mind around the WEB info below:

<http://www.time.com/time/2005/websites/> (Time Magazines 50 Coolest Websites)

<http://www.homefair.com/homefair/calc/salcalc.html> (Salary Calculator, by state)

<http://costofwar.com/index.html> (Cost of War in Iraq, by state, county and city)

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/> (What's cool about Wisconsin? Plenty!)

Websites provided neither supported nor endorsed by the WACADA executive board.

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Professional Development Opportunity!

Advisors as Teachers & Learners: A Cross Cultural Perspective March 1, 2006

This innovative conference for academic and faculty advisors explores what it means to be an engaged and effective advisor serving an urban, multicultural student population. Drawing from theory, current research, and best practices, the conference provides an opportunity to strengthen knowledge, skills, and awareness around cross-cultural advising, examine advisors' dual roles as teachers and learners in the advising process, and share tools, strategies, and best practices that impact student success and retention.

The keynote speakers for the conference are Dr. Charlie Nutt, Dr. Azara Santiago-Rivera, and Dr. Nadya Fouad. Dr. Charlie Nutt is a nationally known advising expert and Associate Director of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). Dr. Azara Santiago-Rivera is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at UWM. Her publications and research interests include multicultural competence in the counseling profession, and bilingual therapy. Dr. Nadya Fouad, Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at UWM is training director of the doctoral specialization in counseling psychology.

FREE MONEY!

2006 Professional Development Grants Call for Proposals!

WACADA is committed to helping members to participate or develop professional development opportunities. Ideas include classes, workshops, seminars, research, and conferences. In that spirit, two awards will be granted at up to a maximum of \$250 each activity. Awards will be announced and presented at the WACADA 2006 Fall conference.

Deadline for submission: July 1, 2006. See details, page 4

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT? Our membership year begins and ends with the annual conference. If you weren't able to join us in Sheboygan, your membership may not be current. Check your mailing label on this

newsletter to confirm. Do you know someone that should join? Share the joy of WACADA! As of October 31, our current membership is 190. My professional goal, as VP of membership, is to get that number above 231. So, here's my challenge to all of you, if you choose to accept. As the new VP of membership, I

Conference Recap

Thank you to the 183 people who attended this year's WACADA conference. It was a success because of you! I would also like to thank those of you who turned in your session evaluations and the overall conference evaluation. As we strive to present you with the best conference, please know that all of the suggestions for improvement will be taken into consideration for next year.

The following are some of the positive comments we received. "The presenters were very professional and personable and provided a lot of great information"; "The sessions I attended were well done"; "I really appreciated the keynote speaker because of my specific area of interest and professional responsibility is working with adult learners"; "The keynote speaker very informative and knew her stuff well"; "Dr. Baily offered the most practical and applicable information for the population of advisees I serve. Much of what she presented will be used to revise our orientation sessions for advisees".

In the area of "suggestions for improvement" comments include:

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would like you as members to assist me and recruit at least one new person to join WACADA. Use the quickie form below, or visit or download our form off the website <http://wacada.org/membership.htm>

In the meantime, I will be working on our new directory and will be sending it out to you all very soon. ~Houa Xiong

Deb Heiber

Steering committee 97-88, President-Elect 98-99, President 99-2000, conference chair, 2002

What I remember most about the beginnings of WACADA was the sense of promise that we had for this organization. At the time, a group of advisors from public and private institutions had been having informal yearly meetings as a group called SWAN (Southeastern Wisconsin Advisor Network). We found that our connection with other advisors was relaxing and renewing. From this informal network, grassroots impulse to bring together advisors from all over the state provide at least one day that we set aside to pull away from daily responsibilities to talk about philosophies, mutual concerns and

innovative programs. There was much debate about becoming affiliated with NACADA since the original task force was determined to keep this a Wisconsin oriented organization to address our own needs, and not the needs of a national organization. Ultimately, we were convinced that our desire for autonomy could work within the NACADA structure, and today's WACADA started to take shape. Officially, WACADA was born at the first conference in Madison-one we all remember by the ripping of Velcro flaps throughout the business meeting (a lesson learned for future conference planners).

NACADA UPDATE!

The recent NACADA National Conference held in LasVegas (Oct. 5-8) hosted a record number (3350+) of NACADA members - including lots of WACADA members! Congratulations to NACADA Award winners from Wisconsin: Susan Harrison (UW-EC)-Outstanding Faculty Academic Advisor; Randy Gentile (UW-Madison)-Outstanding Academic Advisor Certificate of Merit-Primary Role; M. Virginia Epps (UW-W) and Joan E. Riedle (UW-P) Outstanding Faculty Academic Advisor Certificates of Merit.

● NACADA Comes to Region 5! NACADA will be hosting a Summer Institute in our state next summer, and

the next NACADA National conference in also in our Region (see dates above). Let's show NACADA what the Great State of Wisconsin contributes to the profession!

● Check out the NACADA website <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/index.htm> for upcoming Administrators' Institute, Assessment Summer Institutes and Faculty Advisor Seminar.

● Mark your calendats now for the Great Lakes Region 5 NACADA conference: April 20-22, 2006 in Cleveland, Ohio. Theme: Advisors Rock! Rolling with the Challenges of Academic Advising

~Steve Schneider, Wisconsin State Representative to NACADA

ADVISING RESOURCE CORNER

TIP: *Recently, several academic advising offices have taken advantage of the free online instant messenger opportunities for ease of notification of when students arrive, quick "heads up" notes to each other, etc. MSN.com offers this free service and it has truly helped ease the challenges of communicating in larger offices with several advisors and multiple students checking in at all times.*

QUOTE: *"Academic advising is the only structured service on the campus in which all students have the opportunity for on-going, one-to-one contact with a concerned representative of the institution." SEE, WE DO MATTER!!! ☺*

Habley, Wes. (2003). NACADA Summer Institute, quoting "Academic Advising: Critical Link in Student Retention." (1981). NASPA Journal, 28(4): 45-50.

RESOURCES: *Check out the WACADA website (www.wacada.org) for featured links to academic advising information and a list of the new executive board contacts. Remember, as we approach our 10th anniversary as a professional organization, we need you! Your interest, membership, and trust are necessary for our continued growth and improvement!*

Send forms and checks payable to WACADA to:
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