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NACADA UPDATE!

*Great Lakes Region 5 NACADA conference: April 20-22, 2006 in Cleveland, Ohio.

"Advisors Rock! Rolling with the Challenges of Academic Advising"

- Six pre-conference workshops
- Conference will be held at Crowne Plaza Cleveland
- Six concurrent sessions over two days with "hot topic" session
- Early registration fee is \$125 before March 29th, or \$160 after March 29th
- Check out the website for more details: http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region5/confindex.htm

SUMMER INSTITUTE WILL BE IN MADISON! July 30-Aug 4

~Steve Schneider, Wisconsin State Representative to NACADA

Dates to Remember

July 1, 2006
submission deadline
WACADA Grants
WACADA Awards

July 30-August 4, 2006
NACADA Summer Institute
Madison, WI

April 20-22, 2006
NACADA Region 5 Conference
Cleveland, OH

May 5, 2006
WI Pre-Health Prof. Seminar
Medical College of WI

May 11, 2006
MIACADA Annual Conference
Allendale, MI

June 22-23, 2006
Effectively Engaging Faculty in
Academic Advising
Portsmouth, Virginia.

September 21-22, 2006
WACADA Annual Conference
Kenosha, WI

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 online at wacada.org or 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	\$9137.98
Receipts	174.94
Disbursements	<u>1367.46</u>
Cash on hand, 2/28/2006	<u>\$7945.46</u>

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

www.mapspots.com/ (See what your house or office look like from the sky—satellite/aerial photos)
www.avianflu.gov (What's going on with the bird flu?)
www.wispolitics.com (all things political—Wisconsin)

www.lafollette.wisc.edu/publications/workingpapers/reschovsky2006-003.pdf

(a long address, but worth it if you're interested in the Taxpayers Protection Amendment "TPA" impact on higher education and the Wisconsin economy)

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

While we have the gift of life, it seems to me the only tragedy is to allow part of us to die—whether it is our spirit, our creativity, or our glorious uniqueness.

-Gilda Radner



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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear WACADA Members,

As we continue our journey of our 10th year as an organization, the board continues to work together and provide opportunities for members. As stated in my fall 2005 newsletter article, the board's "to-do" list is aggressive, and we are forging forward! We continue to use the member survey feedback as a guide to serve members.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

At the December 2005 Board meeting, it was approved to offer a "Student Membership" option for students enrolled in graduate programs. The yearly student membership fee will be \$8.00. In addition, the Board approved a "Student Registration" option for the fall conference. The Board is also considering conference scholarships for students. WACADA continues to promote the profession of Academic Advising and support our 'up and coming' peers!

LISTSERV

As announced in the previous newsletter, the listserv is available to all WACADA members as another avenue for networking, and communication. The listserv is available to **ALL** advisors in Wisconsin, not just those who are also NACADA members.

Instructions to subscribe can be found at: www.nacada.ksu.edu/Listserve/wiscinson.htm. I hope that many of you have signed up - if not, what are you waiting for?

MEMBERSHIP

While our membership is 200 strong, we continue to make a concerted effort to regain previous members who may have attended a conference, but did not renew their membership. A letter outlining the benefits and opportunities of WACADA membership is being compiled and sent to many of those past members. We believe the best recruitment tool exists within our current members. Please continue to refer those colleagues to the website or to our Houa Xiong, Membership Vice President (pg. 3).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mary Power, 2006 Conference Chair, and her committee are busy planning our annual September conference (update pg.2). Some of you may have been lucky enough to attend the sold out "Advisors as Teachers and Learners: Cross-Cultural Perspective" conference hosted by the UW-Milwaukee on March 3rd.

Check out the WACADA website for Featured Articles and Websites of the Week. If you would like to have articles posted and/or have a website to share, contact Michael Martin, Webmaster (pg. 3).

SPEAKERS BUREAU

It seems that this new endeavor is having a slow start. The purpose of the Speakers Bureau is to have a list of individuals who would be willing to share their expertise, knowledge, and experience with others. This could be done by presenting at a conference, facilitating a workshop, offering an in-service or training, or participating in a strategic planning session. If you would like additional information and/or are interesting in the Speakers Bureau, contact me.

Finally, due to a new professional opportunity, Aubrey Schramm, our Board Secretary, has left her position. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Aubrey for her service to the Board and the organization - she will be missed. Good luck in your new position, Aubrey!
~Cathy Mathweg

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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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Metaphors for Advising...

"An advisor is a travel agent for students embarking on a degree. The advisor isn't taking the trip, the student is, but the advisor knows all about the destinations and how to get there." This is an intriguing metaphor. It has power because we all somewhat understand the travel agent business. But, what does it say about advising, students and higher ed? Think about it for a minute. What baggage do you think this metaphor brings along with it, (to use another metaphor!)?

Interested in more? Go to our website and view Metaphors for Advising, presented by Don Woolston, UW-Madison at the WACADA conference held at UW-Whitewater, 2002.

Conference Corner Ten Years of Excellence!

Please plan to join us on September 21-22, 2006 as the Wisconsin Academic Advising Association celebrates *Ten Years of Excellence* during the Tenth Annual WACADA Conference!

Held at the picturesque campus of the University of Wisconsin - Parkside in Kenosha, WI, this year's conference promises to be unforgettable. In addition to the dynamic speakers, insightful workshops and networking opportunities you have come to expect from WACADA, there will be plenty of excitement as we commemorate the tenth year of Wisconsin's premier academic advising association!

Mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for more forthcoming information and a call for proposals. For more information, please contact Mary Power, Director of Advising at UW-Parkside at (262) 595-2558.

along other professionals and students that might be interested in WACADA or have them contact me and I will be happy to send them information.

This year, I will be sending out the WACADA directory to you after spring break. If you have any questions, corrections or update on your membership, feel free to contact me at xiongh@uwosh.edu. I am also working on an on-line membership form, which I hope it will be ready before our annual conference in September. This membership form will allow you as members to update your information on-line.

Grants opportunities
I am also very excited to also talk with you about some new initiatives:

- Student membership
- Student scholarship
- Partnership with other higher education for professional development
- Speakers Bureau
- Collaborative pre-conference

For the first time, WACADA is excited to offer membership to students who may be interested in advising professionals to join WACADA. Student membership fee is only \$8.00. Please feel free to pass this information

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!

Greetings from your VP of Membership! Thank you for your effort and involvement in WACADA. It takes numerous members like you to make our organization successful! Our membership number is now up to 200! As part of WACADA, some of the benefits you can enjoy are:

- Communications with peers
- Networking and sharing resources
- Professional development opportunities
- Award programs

ADVISING RESOURCE CORNER

Job listings, training modules, blogs, online courses, case studies and more!

<http://www.studentaffairs.com/>

Dr. Virginia Gordon's new book: *Career Advising: An Academic Advisor's Guide* is especially for academic advisors who work with students trying to make career decisions. *Career Advising* will be an invaluable guide as you help students understand the relationships between their academic and career choices and the impact these decisions have on their future personal and work lives.

NACADA Members: \$30;

Non-members: \$35

NACADA.KSU.EDU

BOOKMARK THESE SITES!

All things UW-System: www.uwsa.edu

All things WisTech System: www.witechcolleges.com

All things Wis Privates: www.wficweb.org
www.waicu.org

Misc: www.college-scholarships.com

Julie McDonald

Steering committee 97-98, President-Elect 97-98, President 99-00, board member 00-01

As my memory begins to fog over the past decade or so, I can still recall the excitement and energy that gave form to the framework of WACADA. It began with a group of "advising colleagues" who had been meeting to discuss current issues, innovations, tools, challenges, budget constraints/impacts, systems of advising, etc. We shaped a forum where we could pick each others' brains and find out what was happening at other institutions. We also provided a much needed shoulder of professional support for each other. We "knew exactly what we were talking about." We comfortably shared the things that were working for us as well as those things that were not.

Several of us had the good fortune to be able to attend NACADA and experienced first hand how vital it was to have a forum which brought together the collective wisdom of our colleagues from other schools. Thus, the brainchild of 'WACADA' emerged. After many months of planning and attending to literally hundreds of details involved in the birth of a statewide organization, the first WACADA conference was brought to life. The event was a booming success. I am not sure exactly how it happened, but somehow I was "strong-armed" into being the first president of WACADA. At the time, I was still green behind the ears and the more seasoned veterans thought that I had more energy (or was I simply more gullible?). Over the years my professional focus has shifted, resulting in the need for me to attend different avenues of development. As a result, I have not attended WACADA events in many years. I dearly miss the conference and the exceptional people within the organization. It's been a joy for me to recall this time in my life.

Congratulations on 10 Years!

WACADA AWARDS

Information on the 2006 WACADA Awards is available on our website, including nomination forms and eligibility criteria. Go to

<http://www.wacada.org>

The deadline for submitting nominations is **July 1, 2006**. WACADA offers the following awards: The Advising Excellence Award; The Outstanding Achievement Award; The WACADA Leadership Award; and the Advising Profession Impact Award.

I encourage you to submit nominations for your colleagues! If you have any questions, contact Tim Walls at walls.timo@uwlax.edu or 608-785-6634.

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