

# The Wisconsin Advisor

A service for WACADA Members

Fall 2001

## 2001 WACADA CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED

The 2001 WACADA Conference held in Stevens Point, was well attended by advisors from around the state. A total of 176 registrants attended this year's event that took place September 20 and 21. Technical College and UW System pre-conferences were also well attended.

Dr. Wes Habley of American College Testing was the conference keynote speaker. As his message to Wisconsin advisors, Dr. Habley presented "Realizing the Potential of Academic Advising."

Conference goers appeared satisfied with the fourteen concurrent sessions from which they could choose. Topics varied, including sessions on technical college collaborations, multicultural and disability concerns in advising, peer advising, retention issues, advising probation students, computer technology in advising and more. This year, luncheons had a musical touch with presentation by UW-Stevens Point students. The evenings were spent by many who enjoyed hiking through the Schmeckle Re-



*With Packer hat on, conference keynote speaker Wes Habley is greeted by WACADA Past President, Chris Bakkum.*

socializing at the Stevens Point Brewery. Culminating the conference was the annual WACADA meeting with presentation of the new WACADA awards.

### WACADA WEB-SITE UPDATED

Samantha Samreth, WACADA Webmaster has updated our website for 2001-2002. Be sure to click on to [www.wacada.org](http://www.wacada.org) and check out the updates. The site will provide you with access to WACADA meeting minutes, resources for higher education, national resources for advisors, board member information and much more.

### Welcome New Board Members

New members to the 2001-2002 WACADA Board are Jim Joque, President Elect, Tim Walls, Vice-President of Membership and Mary VanHaute, Historian.

## WACADA PRESENTS FIRST ANNUAL ADVISING AWARDS

Last year, the WACADA Executive Board announced the advent of the WACADA Advising Awards. The Advising Awards program was initiated to recognize the outstanding advising being done by people involved in advising and WACADA. The following people were honored with a WACADA Advising Award at the recent WACADA conference in September.

#### Excellence in Advising Award:

Susan Inciong, UW-Oshkosh  
Jean Harms, UW-Eau Claire

#### Outstanding Achievement Award:

Emily Johnson, UW-La Crosse

#### WACADA Leadership Award:

Steve Schneider, Fox Valley  
Technical College

A call for nominations for next year's WACADA Advising Awards will go out shortly after the first of the year. Nominations are due by March 1, 2002. Take a moment now to think about an individual on your campus who is worthy of a WACADA Advising Award and plan to nominate that individual!

### FROM THE PRESIDENT: Mary Minson

Greetings to you all!! I am excited about serving as your WACADA President. This will be my fifth year serving on the WACADA Executive Board. Since WACADA's founding, we have truly grown as our state advising organization. The Executive Board of WACADA continues to reflect the membership of our three institutional types-private, technical, and University of Wisconsin colleges/universities.

The Executive Board recently met to discuss our goals for this year and develop plans for our annual WACADA Conference in 2002 at University of Wisconsin Whitewater. This year we hope to increase our membership, especially with the private colleges/universities. At this past WACADA Conference in Stevens Point, we had to unfortunately cancel the private college/university pre-conference due to lack of registrants. Through increasing our private college/university membership, we will be able to sponsor this pre-conference.

The WACADA Executive Board also hopes to increase the number of nominations for our academic advising awards. We are very committed to increasing the rewards and recognition for our advisors. We announced our first annual award winners this past September at our WACADA Conference. Please consider nominating one of your colleagues for our WACADA Advising Awards. WACADA sponsors awards in four areas: Advising Excellence, Outstanding Achievement, WACADA Leadership and Advising Profession Impact.

Continued professional development is another goal of our Executive Board for this year. We hope to encourage your research interests by sponsoring research grants. As we announced at our WACADA Conference, we will present our first Professional Development Grants at our 2002 Conference in Whitewater.

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*WACADA Conference sessions were well attended. Large group sessions were held in the Laird Room at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.*

# WACADA

Wisconsin Academic Advising Association

## WACADA 2001-2002 BOARD

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**Mark Your Calendar:** NACADA Great Lakes Region Conference is set for April 25-27, 2002 in Indianapolis; NACADA 26th Annual Conference is set for September 29, through October 2, 2002 in Salt Lake City



*Special thanks to the past WACADA board for an excellent job done in 2000-2001. Several continue into 2002. Left back: Samantha Samreth, Melanie Harring, Julie Janiak-Fenton, Karen Bowen, Diana Skornicka. Lower left: Chris Bakkum, Steve Schneider, Cathy Mathweg and Mary Minson. Also, thanks for a great job done to Karen and Julie who are now coming off the*

## 2002 Professional Development Grants: Call for Applications

WACADA is committed to assisting members in participating in professional development opportunities through classes, workshops, seminars, research and conference. Therefore, two awards will be disbursed at up to a maximum of \$250.00 each for professional development purposes. Award winners will be announced and funds disbursed at the WACADA 2002 Fall Conference at UW-Whitewater.

The following criteria will be compulsory for submission:

- \* Recipient must be a member of WACADA
- \* Recipient must use the Professional Development Grant for activities that surround Academic Advising issues;
- \* Recipient must share their professional development experience with colleagues in their individual institution, or at a seminar, workshop, or conference (such as WACADA or NACADA)

Interested individuals must submit a brief proposal with a statement about their current position and institution, why they feel they should receive a professional development grant, and how they will share their experiences. You can find the application form in the 2001 Fall WACADA binder or you can contact Diana Skornicka for an application and any further information. Note that the **deadline for the application is March 1, 2002**. The contact Person is:

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## The State of the Budget

Cash on Hand (9/17/01)	\$ 4,795.25
Income	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses	\$ 3,806.65
Cash on Hand (11/5/01)	\$ 3,988.65

## 2002 CONFERENCE IN PLANNING

Debra Heiber began coordinating the development of the 2002 WACADA Conference to be held at UW-Whitewater. Be sure to mark your calendars for **September 12 and 13**. Committee planners include Debra Heiber of UW-Whitewater, Gillian Batterman of Beloit College, Barbara Erlandson of Blackhawk Technical College, and Greg Smith of UW-Rock County. For information or suggestions, contact [heiberd@mail.uww.edu](mailto:heiberd@mail.uww.edu).

## Membership Update

The WACADA board would like to thank Julie Janiak-Fenton of UW-Rock County, for her exemplary job in charge of Membership. She came off the board this year and Tim Walls of UW-La Crosse has replaced her. Currently WACADA membership is at 204. Please invite non-member advisors to join WACADA. Note that if your mailing address has recently changed or if you have any questions about your membership, please contact Tim Walls at: [walls.timo@uwlax.edu](mailto:walls.timo@uwlax.edu).

## From the President (continued)

Please consider applying for a professional development grant.

In response to your comments and suggestions, the Executive Board would like to involve faculty advisors in WACADA. Our upcoming 2002 Conference hopes to encourage a partnership with faculty advisors.

Finally, we invite you to become involved in WACADA. Being part of the WACADA Executive board is a wonderful experience. Please consider running for a WACADA officer position for next year. Feel free to e-mail or call me or any WACADA Executive Board member for more information on becoming part of the Board.

Mary Minson  
WACADA President