

The Wisconsin Advisor

A service for WACADA Members

Fall 2002

2002 WACADA CONFERENCE at UW-Whitewater

The 2002 WACADA State Conference was held at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus on Friday, September 13, 2002. 186 members attended with representation from over 60 institutions and organization. Even though the conference was held on Friday the 13th, no disasters struck and the conference went smoothly with positive evaluations from attendees.

The pre-conference meetings on Thursday were well attended with 119 participants in the UW-System workshop, "Raising the B. A.R.: Building Advising Relationships. Pre-conference attendance was up this year for the Private College session, with 23 participants; and for the Technical College session, with 17 participants.

Don Woolston, Assistant Dean, College of Engineering, UW-Madison opened the conference with his vision of metaphors to help us understand and improve our work

as advisors. His address challenged us to consider how academic advisors interact with students, and it set a tone (both humorous and thoughtful) for discussion throughout the day.

One of the conference goals was to encourage faculty advisors and professional advisors to feel a closer connection and to encourage faculty members to be a part of the WACADA organization. The keynote established that connection which was supported by several faculty advisor presentations throughout the day. The committee would like to thank the many presenters who contributed to the conference and provided an excellent selection of sessions. We know that, ultimately, it is the quality of the presentations that makes a conference successful.

Thanks to Debra Heiber and the conference committee: Barb Erlandson, Blackhawk Technical College; Gillian Batterman, Beloit College; Theresa Pickarts; UW -Rock County; Jen Bower, UW-Whitewater; Steve Kruse, UW-Whitewater; and Samantha Samreth, UW-Whitewater.



WACADA Conference—Student Panel

WACADA BOARD CHANGES...

New—Nanette Jordahl of UW-River Falls was elected to position of Treasurer. We are happy to have a faculty advisor on the board since Nanette is a faculty member in Communicative Disorders.

Former—Thanks to Treasurer Diana Skornicka of Waukesha County Technical College, and Past-President Chris Bakkum of UW-La Crosse, both contributed greatly to WACADA over the years.

WACADA PRESENTS 2nd ANNUAL ADVISING AWARDS

The 2002 winners of the WACADA Advising Awards were announced at the WACADA Conference in September. The WACADA Advising Award program is intended to recognize individuals who work with and for students in an academic advising capacity, and those who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the profession of academic advising. The winners were:

Ms. Lynette Enlow, winner of the **Advising Excellence Award**. Lynette has been an advisor at the Madison Center of Upper Iowa University for over 11 years and serves as a source of information for other advisors in the organization. She also advises about 200 students who are majoring in business programs.

Dr. Deborah Gough, winner of the **Outstanding Achievement Award**. Deborah has been involved in academic advising at UW-Eau Claire for over 20 years. Presently, she coordinates the New Student Orientation programs and serves as the coordinator of Advising and Academic Testing at UW-Eau Claire. She has been very involved in campus committees and projects that enhance advising services.

Ms. Debra Heiber, winner of the **Leadership Award**. Deb is the advising coordinator for the College of Letters and Sciences and the director of Undeclared Advising at UW-Whitewater. She has served on numerous university committees, has developed into a "People Soft" expert, and has presented at numerous professional conferences.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: Jim Joque

This semester started out on a positive note in our advising office at UWSP. Members of our staff gave a presentation about our undeclared advising program to our Vice Chancellors of Student and Academic Affairs. At that meeting, our small audience learned a great deal about what advising at our university is all about. Last year at this time, the UW-System was faced with a vote within our governing structure to have academic staff reclassified as "classified staff." Many of you and I wrote letters to our representatives informing them of the inappropriateness of this decision. Our letters must have had an impact, because the decision was to remain unclassified.

This year in 2002-2003, I am hoping that as WACADA members you consider promoting advising by advocating for your advising program and inform administrators, politicians and other invested parties about the importance of advising in higher education. With budget crunches existing today, advising can be threatened as it was in Illinois last year when a university closed its advising doors. It is important that those in power be aware of the value and significance of advising.

I presented a set of goals to the WACADA Executive Committee for 2002-2003. Those five goals include providing networking opportunities, promoting professional development, supporting professional standards, recognition of the advising profession, and support of NACADA through the Regional Conference in Madison.

I look forward to serving you as president and I wish all of you a very positive and productive academic year.

WACADA

Wisconsin Academic Advising Association

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Sign on to an advising forum specific to State of Wisconsin Advisors. Open to any one: <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Profres/N-WISCONSIN.html>



WACADA Board: Becky Ryan, Tim Walls, Steve Schneider, Samantha Samreth, Jim Joque, Mary Minson, Melanie Harring, and Chris Bakkum. Not present: Nanette Jordahl, Cathy Mathweg, and Mary VanHaute. Thanks to outgoing board member Diana Skornika for a great job of Treasurer!

2002 Professional Development Grants: First Annual Winners

Dana Zahorik from Fox Valley

Technical College and

Diana Maki and Andrea Boulanger
from UW Madison (pictured to the right)

These winners received \$250 for professional development purposes and will share their professional development experiences with colleagues at a individual institution, or at a seminar, workshop or conference such as WACADA or NACADA. Congratulations to Dana, Diana and Andrea!

To be considered for the 2003 Professional Development Grants, contact Nanette Jordahl at nanette.j.jordahl@uwrf.edu. The deadline is March 3, 2003.

The State of the Budget

Cash on Hand (9/13/02)	\$ 963.08
Income	\$ 60.00
Cash on Hand (10/31/02)	\$ 1023.08



Wisconsin State Liaison

The new Wisconsin State liaison will be announced at the Regional conference in Madison WI. This 2 year term position involves participating on the WACADA Exec. board, and participating in meetings with the Region 5 representative, and the other Region 5 state liaisons to suggest, develop and implement decisions that affect our region, and the profession of academic advising. Recent achievements include developing a local and state grant program for the region. If you're interested in running contact Rebecca Ryan, rjryan@facstaff.wisc.edu, (608) 265-5460.

2003 CONFERENCE IN PLANNING

The plans are already starting for the 7th annual WACADA to be held at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, September 17-18 2003. We have booked the Radisson Hotel that is situated on the shores of the mighty Mississippi River with rooms facing the town and rooms facing the river. It's a beautiful setting. We also have rooms reserved for anyone who would like to stay for the weekend and join in the festivities for **Applefest**. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Tim Walls at walls.timo@uwlax.edu.

Membership Update

WACADA is a great organization and it owes its success to the membership. It takes numerous people to run an organization like WACADA and it is because of the efforts and involvement of our members that make WACADA the great organization it is today. The membership for the 2002-2003 year is the highest in WACADA history, 228 members. Thanks to all of you for letting others know about WACADA. Let's continue to grow. Contact Tim Walls at walls.timo@uwlax.edu to have info sent to other interested colleagues.

Regional Update

Regional NACADA Conference, right here in our home state!
Mark your calendars for March 23-25, 2003. If you're interested in presenting, the Call for Proposals is now available on the Regional website at matcmadison.edu/nacada. Registration information will be available on the website by December.

Highlights of the conference includes a welcome address by Katherine Lyall, president of the UW System, Keynote address by Sandy White Hawk, an active advocate for Indian issues in education for almost 20 years!

The location is the Monona Terrace Convention Center. In addition to having a beautiful location and invigorating conference sessions, we'll be having lots of great food, and lots of opportunities to share and network with your colleagues from Region 5 & 6! In fact, the Sunday Evening reception will be sponsored in part by WACADA and is sure to be an awesome kick-off to the conference.

For information contact Becky Ryan, rjryan@facstaff.wisc.edu, or Adrienne Thunder, athunder@facstaff.wisc.edu.