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“Together in LaCrosse: Rethinking, Renewing, Re-energizing” is the Theme

Plans for the 7th Annual WACADA Conference to be held at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, September 18-19 2003 are beginning to take shape. Our planning committee has decided on a theme and keynote speaker. The theme is, “Together in La Crosse: Rethinking, Renewing, Re-energizing” and our speaker is Tom Thibodeau, a well-known speaker in the region. Tom is member of the faculty at Viterbo University. We have sent out conference reminders and proposal brochures. Be on the lookout for them. Information is also available on the conference website at <http://academics.uww.edu/Business/wacada/index.html>



Tom Thibodeau, keynote speaker for 2003 WACADA Annual Conference

The keynote speaker for the 7th WACADA State Conference is Tom Thibodeau, a speaker, facilitator, motivator, teacher and leader. Tom has developed a reputation as one of the area's most dynamic and effective speakers and motivators. Tom has been at Viterbo University since 1984 as full time faculty and academic advisor for religious studies and ministry majors. Currently, Tom is Chair of Religious Studies and Philosophy Departments.



Paddlewheel ride at the 2003 WACADA Conference.

AWARDS NOMINATION AND GRANT DEADLINE Coming Soon...

ADVISING AWARDS —DUE May 1st

At our 2002 conference in Whitewater this past September, we announced our second annual WACADA Advising Award winners. We now want to encourage you to nominate your colleagues for the 2003 WACADA Advising Awards.

WACADA is sponsoring awards in these four areas: Advising Excellence, Outstanding Achievement, WACADA Leadership, and Advising Profession Impact. These awards are intended to recognize individuals who work in an advising capacity and those who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the profession of academic advising. Please consider nominating your colleagues for these awards.

For more information on these awards, please refer to your 2002 conference program binder, our WACADA web site at www.wacada.org, or e-mail Mary Minson at Mary.Minson@Marquette.edu.

PROF. GRANTS — DUE May 1st

WACADA is committed to assisting members in participating in professional development opportunities through classes, workshops, seminars, research and conferences. In that spirit, two awards will be granted at up to a maximum of \$250.00 each for professional development activities. Awards will be announced and awarded at the WACADA 2003 Fall conference.

Criteria, Proposal Content and other Application details are available from the Fall 2002 WACADA Conference binder, our WACADA website at www.wacada.org, call Nanette Jordahl at (715)425-0699 at UWRF or e-mail Nanette at Nanette.J.Jordahl@uwr.edu.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Jim Joque

In early February, I visited my parents in my hometown of Escanaba, Michigan. Upon waking the next morning, my 85 year-old father said he had a dream about entering college. He said someone in his dream helped him select his classes as he was attempting to enroll. I said, “Dad, that’s what I do in my job.” He thought a while and then responded, “Yes, but don’t you have to know about your student’s interests, their values and goals too?” Wow! My dad knows more about advising than most folks.

I find it important that we continue to inform people about what advising is really all about. It is especially important at this point in time as state colleges and universities face potential budget cuts for this coming year. As I write this message, our state legislature is in the process of trying to find solutions to a major budget deficit that may result in having a profound impact on higher education in Wisconsin.

As a representative of WACADA, I sent a letter to Governor James Doyle. This letter was reviewed, revised and approved by the WACADA Board. The intent was to ask our governor to take higher education into consideration in their budget planning. The content of the letter is printed in its entirety in this newsletter. I hope that our politicians in Madison will place priority on education and that the impact will be less than anticipated. See a copy of the letter on the reverse side.

Speaking of Madison, I hope you to attended the Regional NACADA Conference held at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison on March 23-25. This was a great opportunity to network and welcome others from the region to our fine state of Wisconsin.



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Mark Your Calendar: NACADA Advising Summer Institute is Jun. 22-27 in California and Jul. 27-Aug. 1 in Illinois; NACADA 27th Annual Conference is set in Dallas, Texas for October 2-5, 2003.

Mailing Label

2003 NACADA REGIONAL CONFERENCE at MADISON

What do Bucky, Clapping Hands, Trolley tours and Ice Cream have in common? They were all elements of the 2003 NACADA Region 5 & 6 Conference held March 23-25 at the Monona Terrace, Madison, WI. This beautiful facility provided an ideal backdrop for a conference filled with many treats. Over 460 people attended this first-ever joint regional conference. Comments about the conference range from Good to Fantastic, Best Ever! Highlights of the conference include a Sunday evening "Give Yourself a Hand" welcome reception where attendees received clapping hands, enjoyed jazz music and a plethora of good eats, trolley tours with free Babcock Ice cream, over 40 concurrent sessions to choose from, free childcare, and a million and one door prizes (give or take a few!).

New this year was a community service event in which attendees were asked to bring school supplies for which we designated to go to the Atwood Community Center. Participants also had the opportunity to have their photo taken with Bucky for the bargain price of \$2, a fund raiser also designated for the Atwood community Center. While conference planners **Becky Ryan** and **Adrienne Thunder** have received plenty of accolades, the conference was successful due to the hard work of many on the committee. A true example of what good teams can accomplish! What's next, you might ask? Well, we'll just have to keep you guessing on that one.

It's time to Run for An Office!

Consider running for a WACADA Executive Committee position. Offices open for 2003-04, include **President-Elect**, **Secretary** and **Vice President of Membership**. Additionally, the board is seeking a **Webmaster** who will be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee manages the affairs of the organization, is responsible for the functions of all elected officers and appointed committees, prepares an annual budget, approves contracts and agreements, authorizes all expenditures and presents an annual report at each annual business meeting. The executive committee meets every other month during the academic year, once during the summer, and at the annual WACADA conference. All officers will be elected for a two-year term, with the exception of the President who serves one year. However, the president will have served on the board for three years, one as president-elect, as president, and the third as past-president.

You can become an active and vital part of WACADA. The executive committee and membership encourages "new blood" and new ideas. So consider making a commitment. If you have questions, contact Jim Joque, President at (715) 346-3361 or

jjoque@uwsp.edu. See the box below for a description of openings!
Eileen Kolb -UWGB will be the new State Liaison to NACADA in fall!

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.

Since our last newsletter, we have added 42 new members to WACADA; 39 of those are from Marian College. Thanks to you all and welcome to a fantastic group of advising professionals. Please continue to invite non-member advisors to join WACADA. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Tim Walls at: walls.timo@uwlax.edu. A WACADA Directory will be mailed to new members.

Call for Nominations: The WACADA Executive Committee will be calling for nominations in early June for the offices listed below. Ballots for election will follow after the closing of the nominations period. You may nominate yourself or others for any one of the following positions:

President-Elect: Assumes the duties of the President, and when doing so, exercises the powers of the President. The President-Elect makes arrangements for the subsequent year's meeting in conjunction with the Vice President for Programs and the Program Committee, if any.

Vice President for Membership: Encourages members to renew membership and recruits new members; Maintains a current membership roster; And serves as chair of the Membership Committee, if any. Also, develops and/or maintains organizational brochures and other recruiting documents.

Secretary: Keeps records of all meetings of WACADA and the Executive Committee, maintains a copy of the current bylaws, gives notice to all members of regular and special meetings, and assists the President in facilitating the election process. Also, provides the President with a copy of approved meeting minutes for inclusion to a second master record of WACADA minutes.

Webmaster: Will maintain, update, and monitor the WACADA website. The Webmaster is not an elected position, but rather an appointed position by the President with Executive Committee approval. Persons interested in this position should contact WACADA President, Jim Joque (jjoque@uwsp.edu).

Dear Governor Doyle,

The Wisconsin Academic Advising Association (WACADA) would like to welcome you to your new position as Governor of Wisconsin. WACADA is a professional organization made up of over 200 academic and faculty advisors from the Wisconsin University System, Wisconsin Technical Colleges, and Wisconsin Private Colleges and Universities. Sound decision-making skills and quality information are the foundation for a productive academic experience for college students. Academic advisors play a key role in this process typically assisting with campus retention efforts, managing and maximizing course access on campus, expediting a students time to degree, and facilitating the process for understanding and utilizing their degree.

WACADA members realize you have a difficult job ahead of you relative to managing the State's budget. As an organization concerned about the welfare of Wisconsin colleges and universities, we are asking that you consider maintaining the standard of quality within our higher education systems as you make the necessary adjustments to the Wisconsin budget. Hopefully you will be able to continue to fund education at the existing levels so we can continue to assist students making critical decisions in their education process. We hope that the quality of their education will excel and not diminish. Your concern for our schools will be greatly appreciated by our organization and in turn by the students we serve.

Thank you again for your past support of education initiatives in Wisconsin. We wish you well in your new role.

The State of the Budget

Cash on Hand (12/18/02)	\$2,631.04
Expenses	\$1,084.94
Income	\$ 805.37
Balance (2/18/03)	\$ 2,351.47