



The Wisconsin Advisor

A service for WACADA Members

Wisconsin Academic
Advising Association

Summer 2003

Annual WACADA Conference in LaCrosse on September 18-19

Plans for the 2003 WACADA conference are coming together and it promises to be another excellent program for Wisconsin advisors. La Crosse will be hosting the conference that is scheduled for September 18 and 19. Thursday will include pre-conference activities sponsored by the Wisconsin Technical College, Wisconsin Private Colleges and the University of Wisconsin System. Following the pre-conference program will be a paddlewheel reception. Participants will cruise down the Mississippi River on the La Crosse Queen and be able to take in the surrounding beauty. On Friday morning the keynote speaker, Tom Thibodeau, will set the tone for the conference followed by many concurrent sessions to cover topics such as distance education advising, advising freshman in transition, motivating student change, assessing academic advising, exploring faculty

and student perceptions, study abroad, collaboration between career services and academic advising. There will be a total of eighteen concurrent sessions on the schedule for this year's conference so everyone should be able to find an interesting topic.

Anyone involved in advising should not miss this opportunity to find out what other campuses are doing with advising. This is a great opportunity to spend a few days in La Crosse, interacting with your peers from around the state. Please check out the 2003 conference website at <http://academics.uww.edu/Business/wacada/index.html> and you will find details of the conference. For information, contact the conference coordinator, Tim Walls at walls.timo@uwlax.edu. We look forward to seeing you this fall in lovely, lively La Crosse.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: Jim Joque

Summer comes to an end. Students return to school. The pace of life changes on our campuses. The hustle and bustle of freshman preparing for an exciting adventure seems to fill the air with an exhilaration found only in a fresh new start to life. As advisors, our interaction with those students increase and our usefulness becomes most evident as we make a significant difference in the lives of the students we serve. Advising is truly a grand profession.

With the grandness comes responsibility. Not only responsibility to our students and the institution that employs us, but to ourselves as professionals. I recommend three ways to take care of ourselves professionally. First of all, join. Since you are already a member of WACADA, consider joining the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). Membership in professional organizations not only provides you with a network of fellow advisors, but also makes available most valuable advising resources. Check out their website: <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/>.

Second, participate. You can be an active participant by attending national, regional or state advising conferences. The WACADA conference this year is in La Crosse and promises to be outstanding. Mark your calendars and send in your registration for the September 18 and 19 events. Consider participating in the future by offering to present at one of the conferences and really enhance your level of participation.

Get involved is my third recommendation. You can be directly involved in WACADA by nominating yourself for office. For 2003-2004, we have three positions that are up for election; President-elect, Secretary and Vice President for Membership. Your talents and contributions can be wisely invested in WACADA through your participation as a board member. Again, you increase your network and can feel a strong sense of accomplishment.

I have enjoyed my year as president of this fine organization as I see the academic calendar come to a close. I personally feel that I have



Some of the FUN things to see and do in La Crosse in September!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO RUN FOR A WACADA OFFICER

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WACADA AWARDS

The WACADA Advising Awards Committee thanks all those who nominated their colleagues for a WACADA Advising Award. Nominations were received in all four categories, and the Committee is in the process of reviewing the nominations. Wisconsin advisors are an impressive group of professionals.

Winners will be announced at the 2003 WACADA Conference in La Crosse.

WISCONSIN STATE LIAISON

Due to unexpected circumstances, NACADA Region 5 still seeks to fill the NACADA Wisconsin State Liaison position. This position allows for maximum flexibility, and very little additional workload. If you are seeking an ideal way to get involved at a National level, please contact Rebecca Ryan, rjryan@wisc.edu or George Steele, gstele@oln.org.



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Mark Your Calendar: NACADA Great Lakes Region 5 Conference is set for April 22-24, 2004 in Chicago, Illinois.

WISCONSIN- NACADA LISTSERVE NOW READY TO GO !

Wisconsin Advisors! Please consider joining the WI/NACADA listserv specifically for advisors in Wisconsin. Membership in NACADA is not required in order to join. It's a LOT LESS traffic than the ACADV listserv, and may be of more relevance to you. To subscribe, use the email account under which you wish to be subscribed, and send an email message to:

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Money, Money, Money!

NACADA Region 5 (our region) has some money that they would like to give away! To promote strategic goals for Region V and NACADA, the Region V Steering Committee will offer grants to allied advising organizations within the region, through a formal request for proposal process. The grants can be used for Advisor training and Professional development, for fostering the creation of institutional allied organizations, or for NACADA recruitment efforts by affiliated organizations (WACADA). For details, see

http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region5/grants.htm

NACADA goes to Dallas!

The National conference will be held in Dallas TX. October 2 to 5, the conference will feature Keynote speakers Dr. Richard J. Light, Harvard University Professor and author of *Making the Most of College: Students Speak Their Minds*, and Dr. Mark G. Yudof, Chancellor of the 15-campus University of Texas System. Other highlights include more than 300 workshops, concurrent paper sessions and discussion sessions related to Academic Advising, a broad range of theoretical, practical and interactive presentations, as well as Regional, Commission, and Interest Group meetings to provide access to advisors with similar concerns. For more info:

<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/NationalConf/2003/index.htm>

Membership Update

As your Vice President for Membership, here is just another reminder to renew your membership for the 2003-2004 year. Some of you have already paid your membership with your conference fee, but you can pay earlier independent of the conference. Whatever your choice, **RENEW**.

If you are not a member and would like to join, go to our website, <http://www.ksu.edu/nacada/Addwebsites/wacada.htm> and copy the membership form and return it with your membership fee. If you are a member and you have questions, corrections or updates about your membership please contact me, Tim Walls, via email at walls.timo@uwlax.edu or by phone at (608) 785-6634.

Feel free to contact me with names and addresses of individuals you think might be interested in WACADA and I would be happy to mail out a newsletter and brochure to those individuals.

I hope you continue to enjoy the summer and see you at the WACADA conference in La Crosse September 18th & 19th.

By-Law Change

At the WACADA September business meeting, the membership will vote on updating the President-Elect position description. The addition to the current duties is being responsible for all facets of the WACADA newsletter.

**Remember to log on
to WACADA
at
www.wacada.org
(Check it out!)**

The State of the Budget

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued from page 1)

grown professionally via my participation. More so, I feel I have learned a great deal about advising and met some of the finest people in our profession. Our board is made up of competent Wisconsin advisors who make great contributions to our field of advising. Plainly stated, they are just fine folk who I have enjoyed working with as president. Please consider your professional care-taking and attend our upcoming conference, and contact me jjoque@uwsp.edu about nominating yourself for a board position.

Thank you for trusting in me as your president.

*Jim Joque
WACADA President*