



Arkansas Association of Collegiate  
Registrars and Admissions Officers

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Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 29, 2021

**Members Present:** Kim Bigger, Linda Holland, Chad Cox, Tawana Greene,, Ana Hunt, John Proctor, Heath Sims, Brandi Tripp, and Zeda Wilkerson.

**Call to Order:** President Cox called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

President Cox thanked everyone for attending and noted that he did not have an agenda. He also welcomed Linda Holland and thanked her for taking the role of Treasurer as Patti Carson is no longer in her position. Linda mentioned that we needed another person on the account since it was only her and Patti. President Cox recommended adding the President-Elect as well for longevity.

**Treasurer's Finance Report:** Linda stated that she has been marking institutions paid in memberclicks as she receives payment. There is no written report because she was locked out of the computer; however she did get a printout from the bank. The account balance is **\$31,447.73** as of 7/28/21.

Chad recommended using the treasurer's email account on the computer once she gets back in ([treasurer@arkacrao.org](mailto:treasurer@arkacrao.org))

Linda asked for guidance on calendar payments since she's getting the emails from Mary. Brandi mentioned that Mary sends them the form and we have to verify membership status before the calendars are distributed. WE have 38 paid & 55 non-paid invoices. We will make an attempt to collect during the Articulation Workshop as a way to confirm institutional participation but the calendar is the last thing we will take for non-paid membership. Patti did give her old Treasurer's book except 2020 and she's started her own book as of July 2021. Bootcamp caterer was paid \$445.50 (Sister's Catering) and she is awaiting Registrar's Therapy billing. Discussed payment for no shows and President Cox stated that no refunds are given unless prior

**Minutes from April Virtual Meeting:** Since the recording was not saved locally, it is no longer available in the cloud after 30 days. As such we don't have minutes available. However, President Cox reminded everyone to submit their reports so they could be recorded. He also mentioned that we need to solicit stories for Wayne Banks since he's retiring to post on the website.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**President:** President Cox mentioned that SACRAO is doing votes through memberclicks and discussion was had about how we could make that work. It was decided that each institution would have two votes (Admissions & Registrar) but they would decide who would conduct the vote. Zeda mentioned that a change in voting would have to go through constitutional review. President Cox mentioned that there is currently not a chair but Brandi did provide a suggestion.



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**President-Elect:** Zeda stated that since the 2021 Annual Meeting will be held during 2022 SACRAO she was considering a luncheon or dinner for a cost. Discussion was had about pushing it to

**SACRAO:** Chris was not able to attend. Early Bird registration will be \$225 beginning Oct 1; as of Jan. 6 or 7, registration increases to \$275. President Cox would like for us to really push attendance among our institutions to encourage participation. There is fear regarding attendance due to COVID and there is discussion regarding a virtual option. President Cox also recommended we offer two scholarships in lieu of the one. Discussion was had that the scholarship recipients not be from the same institution and that one be designated for admissions and the other from the registrar's office. Motion made by heath, second by john. All in favor, motion passed.

If we have the luncheon, we will need to be done by 2pm as not to conflict with any SACRAO sessions.

**Past President:** Brandie noted that the following positions are up for election: President-Elect, Secretary, VP Admissions, VP Registrar, & VP Technology. A committee will be assembled. Zeda recommended having Rachel Mullins to serve as the contact for those President-Elect nominees.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Vice President for Admission Administration, Joey Hughes:** submitted electronically to President Cox.

**Bootcamp:** 22 in person, 11 online. Speakers did a phenomenal job and attendees seemed engaged with subject matter and each other even with social distancing guidelines. UACCM has a wonder campus and facility for the event.

**Articulation and Info Exchange:** Based on raising COVID numbers and CDC guidelines we have opted to have one large in-person event at UALR at the Jack Stephen's arena. This will allow social distancing room for all attendees and a great space for presentation. UALR has been very considerate in allowing us the ability to use their space. We are hoping for a large attendance due to the central location and timing. Kyanna is working hard to launch registration on the site and start communications soon.

**College Fair Calendar:** Mary has worked extremely hard to put together a working in-person calendar this year. We are continuing to monitor the COVID situation as we move forward. At this time we are opting to schedule virtual fairs as needed in the time slot according to the fair if they are unable to hold it in person. We have decided at this time to not contract with GTCF for a larger overall fair. Our hosts want in-person fairs as much as possible.



**Vice President for Registration, Kim Biggers:** Just finalized Registrar's Therapy--\$60/person; 29 total registrants. 22 attended & 3 were online (no cost). She mentioned that she will be within \$150 of total cost coverage.

**Vice President of Information Technology, Ana Hunt:** No report

**Legislative Liaison, John Proctor**

- For starters, one bill that many will have their eyes on is 6-85-203, which will allow students to receive both the Governor's Distinguished Scholarship and the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship. In the February EC meeting, with the changes to Senate Bill 126, I was under the impression student could now receive both, yet that was an error on my part.
  - I followed up with James Sturch to see if things have been finalized but I have not received a response. Once I get a response I will share this information in List Serve.
- Changes to Senate Bill 131 was passed, which allow students to take up to two concurrent credit classes as long as they successfully complete the classes with a 2.5 gpa or better. If a student does not meet the 2.5 gpa standard then the student will have to take one class, and pass that class with a 2.5 gpa or better, before the student is eligible to take two classes.
  - The reason for this change is because, if a student makes "C's" in high school, they will not be eligible for the Arkansas Scholars Scholarship upon graduation.
- Senate Bill 66 was passed, which allows tuition-free benefits for soldiers and airmen of the National Guard who go to school 100% online. Online is now a part of the reimbursement, were they were not before.
- House Bill 1879 had amendment which will allow dependent of certain veterans to receive tuition waivers to private, nonprofit institutions in this state. This will allow students to get the maximum amount of dollars that students get attending public schools and it will increase the opportunities for students to get more money, that was previously limited.
- House Bill 1749 was passed, which prohibit public school and state institutions of higher education employees from addressing a student by a pronoun, title, or other word that is used to identify the student as male or female and that is inconsistent with the student's biological sex. This bill was introduced to prevent employees from employees from being targeted of face lawsuits over such actions, as there has been students who have changed their desired reference multiple times in one given year. Without this law, as much as students change their reference employees must comply.



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**Publications/Publicity, Heath Sims:** Completed forms for institutional updates as a result of transition to memberclicks. 51 submissions complete. In the process of cleaning data. Institutions now have the ability to upload two logos (color & black and white). Will have QR codes available to easier access to institutional pages. President Cox mentioned that counselors that spoke at Bootcamp asked which institutions accept ACT Superscores for admissions and scholarships. Since we are in the process of finalizing the quick book, it's something to consider moving forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Zeda mentioned that it would be a good idea to begin planning for 2022 (Oct. 5-7) Annual Meeting in Texarkana. Brandi mentioned that the contract is good, but Zeda just wants to make sure everything is good. Chad mentioned that the deposit was rolled over per the revised contract. Brandi mentioned that vendors is extremely important and we should have something ready to provide vendors as the budget relies heavily on vendors & it sets your program since depending on the level, the vendor does get to present during a session.

Chad mentioned that there has been a push to add diversity to presentations. Zeda stated that she was more concerned about securing a keynote speaker since the timeline will be extremely short from SACRAO to the Annual Conference. Brandi suggested getting suggestions from membership and Zeda asked if we could conduct a survey through memberclicks for topics.

**Adjourn:** Brandi Tripp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Zeda Wilkerson. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2: pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tawana Greene'.

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Tawana Greene, Secretary 2019-2021

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Chad Cox, President 2020-2021