



**Arkansas Association of Collegiate
Registrars and Admissions Officers**

ArkACRAO Emergency Update Meeting

Zoom

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Membership:

Heath Riddle-Sims, President
Connie Herring, President-Elect
Kyanna Beard, Past-President
Vilma Espinoza, Secretary
Ashley Henry-Saoronno, Treasurer
Luke Kordsmeier, Vice President for Admissions and Administration
Caysie Martin, Vice President for School Relations
Alexis Scrimshire, Vice President for Technology
Marissa Grippo, Vice President for Records
Stephanie Gibson, Vice President for Registration
Kaitlin Davis, Legislative Liaison
Radeanna Garcia Ausbrooks, Publications/Publicity Chair
Rebecca Willems, Historian Chair

Call to Order: President Heath Riddle-Sims called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

All current executive committee members were present except Secretary Espinoza, VP Grippo, Liaison Davis, Chair Rebecca Willems and Chair Radeanna Garcia Ausbrooks.

VP of Technology Scrimshire took minutes for the special called meeting in Secretary Espinoza's absence.

The registration form was sent to the entire membership for the update forum by email on Tuesday, October 28. There were 112 Submissions and 109 Registrants for the Update. 81 members attended the session.

President Riddle-Sims gave the following report:

We hope your October is wrapping up nicely and that you're ready for the upcoming holiday season. As I continue to share the important updates surrounding this meeting, I ask that all questions be saved until the end. What I have to share is not easy, nor is it done so lightly.

During our business meeting on October 2, Past-President Beard shared that due to the absence of our now past Treasurer at the conference, we were unable to provide a Treasurer's Report. Additionally, this hindered our ability to provide the documents to the Annual Financial Review Committee, which prevented them from performing their audit and issuing their report. Past-President Beard assured our attending membership that once these documents could be provided and reviewed, they would be shared with our membership via email.

As our natural transition in executive leadership occurred, we discovered discrepancies in our bank account, as well as outstanding debts, which includes an inability to complete payment on our recent conference. Since this discovery, a police report has been filed and is currently



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undergoing a thorough investigation. The entire executive council is actively working to resolve these matters and address our financial obligations. At the same time, we are reviewing our entire constitution, policies, and procedures to provide future members of the executive council and committees with additional checks and balances to ensure this does not occur again.

I know it is unnerving to hear such news, and it leaves you with many questions. Many questions at this time cannot be answered while the investigation is ongoing. We are actively processing and working to ensure the longevity of this organization, and it is only through continued communication with each of you as members of ArkACRAO that we will be able to see our beloved organization persevere. On behalf of the entire executive council, I want to assure you that we are approaching this matter with the highest level of importance and priority. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that we can provide the State of Arkansas with a solid partner in continued education and an association that you can be proud to be a part of. Please know that we remain committed to continuing our work and moving forward with the year as planned to the best of our ability. Additional updates will be shared as more information becomes available.

With the year ahead in mind, there are two key action items we can place before you.

1. Key contacts for your institution will soon see a survey in your inbox to provide project registration numbers for our 2026 events to help our VPs plan our professional development events and better estimate their budgets.
2. We have developed a donation form so that if any member or institution is able and willing to help us gather the needed funds to cover our outstanding debts, they may do so.

President Riddle-Sims opened the floor for questions and discussion.

Mary Whiting, UAM, asked for our current financial status.

Treasurer Ashley Henry-Saorrano reported we currently have a ball park of \$1,300 in our account and expenses add up to about \$24,000.

Heath Waldrop, SAC, asked if the event has hit the media and if we anticipate it will. President Riddle-Sims reported while it has not yet, the executive council has been meeting and preparing for that to occur.

Mary Whiting, UAM, asked about donations for the outstanding debts.



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President Riddle-Sims reported we have opened a new account at Regions, a larger bank with greater security. Donations at this time will have to be made by check, or direct deposit to Regions. He also reported we are in active communication with Hotel Hot Springs to work out a payment plan.

Past President Sharon McDaniel, ASU, inquired if the association has secured legal counsel. President Sims stated that due to our financial situation, we are still determining legal counsel.

Past President Tracy Finch, inquired if ADHE has been notified. President Riddle-Sims stated he would add that to his action list of notifications.

There was discussion on if there should be a press release. President Riddle-Sims indicated that we would communicate with the association as we are able, but any school contacted by media for statement should refer that question to him.

President Riddle-Sims informed the membership of the creation of a Past Presidents Council which is chaired by Past President Beard and composed of Past President Chris Riggins, UAPB, Past President Tracy Finch, ASU, Past President Wayne Banks, SAU (retired), and Past President, Tammy Weaver, ATU.

Adjournment

With no other questions or comments President Riddle-Sims ended the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Alexis Scrimshire, VP Technology 2024-2026

Heath Riddle-Sims, President 2025-2026