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Message from TACRAO President

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Special thanks to each member for making the 2003 TACRAO Annual Meeting a huge success. As a result of the presentation on "FISH", I find myself choosing my attitude from the menu daily. I go into the office determined to be present with my customers, have fun while I work and I try to make someone's day each and every day. Hopefully you have adopted this philosophy into your working environment and if not, maybe this will serve as a reminder that work can be energizing and fun!

The Board of Directors met in January to discuss how we can improve on this year's meeting and we discussed how we can engage the membership in special projects throughout the year. We will provide information on the project in our next newsletter. Thanks to those of you who volunteered to serve in some capacity for this year's annual meeting. A vice-president should be contacting you in the very near future to share their plans for your participation.

Recently, I attended the SACRAO Regional Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. It was a grand experience and many wonderful colleagues were in attendance. While attending the conference, I had the opportunity to share at the breakfast held for the scholarship recipients for Professional Access and Equity. At this event, the Multicultural Award for State Excellence was given. States are recognized for their involvement of members from under-represented populations. The scholarship is given to state organizations that have increased their involvement in multicultural activities. I am pleased to announce that I benefited from this scholarship as a winner in February of 2001. The scholarship paid my registration fees and covered a portion of my hotel stay. I would like to know from the membership if you are engaged in special activities for under-represented populations that involve our membership so that we as a state will be considered for this award in the 2004-2005 year.

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Interesting Facts:

- Lottery sales have already exceeded \$191 million (30% will go to the HOPE Scholarships)
- TBR common calendar starts next Fall
- 50 new TACRAO members attended this past year's Annual Meeting.

We need your help!

TACRAO is committed to keeping its members informed about changes in Tennessee Higher Education and to promote professional development among its members. This newsletter is a wonderful way to communicate your institution's news, any interesting facts discovered during your research, or just to inform your fellow TACRAO members of something cool. We

welcome your suggestions for this newsletter; this is YOUR TACRAO news, so help make it great! Submit your news articles, links to web articles, or topic suggestions at: news@tnacrao.org.

Help make your TACRAO newsletter great!

President (con't from Page 1)

The deadline to submit applications from the state is May 1, 2004. Please contact me at vdowdy@southwest.tn.edu if you would like for the association to submit an application for your program and/or an individual.

Our very own Susie Archer, at Vanderbilt University, assumed her role as president of SACRAO before the meeting was over and the announcement was made that next year's conference would be held at Myrtle Beach in

South Carolina. I encourage you to not only attend your state meeting, but if at all possible try to attend the regional meeting as well. The benefits of networking with professionals in the region are priceless. Please plan now for next February.

Until next time, Peace I leave with you.

Vanessa R. Dowdy
President

**Congratulations to
Susie Archer for being
elected as President
of SACRAO for 2004-
2005!**

TACRAO Board Members 2004-2005

At the 2003 Annual Meeting, the 2004-2005 TACRAO Board was elected.

Here's the rundown:

President:

Vanessa Dowdy, Southwest Tennessee Community College

President-Elect:

Tim Amyx, Volunteer State Community College

Past-President:

Kathy Feagin, East Tennessee State University

Vice-President for Admissions and Financial Aid: William Winstead, University of Memphis

Vice-President for Records and Registration:

Kyle Jackson, East Tennessee State University

Vice-President for Data Management and Research:

Brenda Rector, Roane State Community College

Vice-President for Recruitment Services:

Mona Snell, University of Memphis

Vice-President for Information Technology and Publications:

Vanessa Gordon, Tennessee Tech University

Secretary-Treasurer:

Amy Deaton, Austin Peay State University

Find links to each Board Member's email on the website at www.tnacrao.org/board.htm



Looking ahead ...

Hard to believe that the 2003 Annual Meeting has come and gone, and the 2004 Annual Meeting will be here before you know it. Planning is currently underway for this year's Annual Meeting. It will be held in Memphis, Tennessee on November 17-19, and it's sure to be an exciting time for all.

Even though it's more than 18 months away, the groundwork for the 2005 Annual Meeting is already being laid out. Keep watching for more

details on the 2004 and 2005 Annual Meetings.

If you have any ideas for the upcoming 2004 conference session topics, or you would like to lead a session, contact Tim Amyx, TACRAO president-elect, at tim.amyx@volstate.edu.

Did you know....?

**On average, 100 people
choke to death on ball-
point pens every year.**

Be Careful!

Want to be more involved in TACRAO?

Volunteers are always welcome to help serve on various committees in TACRAO. These committees include:

- Statewide Coordinating (a.k.a The TACRAO Travel Calendar) - Volunteers are needed to help contact high schools and colleges to schedule college fairs for the TACRAO calendar. Contact Mona Snell, chairperson, at ssnell@memphis.edu for more information.
- Support Staff Workshop - Interested in helping to plan summer workshops for support staff across Tennessee? Then this is the committee for you! Contact Brenda Rector, chairperson, at rector_bw@roanestate.edu for more information.

▪ 2004 Local Arrangement Committee - If you want to help plan this year's annual meeting, then think about joining the Local Arrangement Committee. This committee works to "iron out" all those details that help make each annual meeting a success. Contact Vanessa Dowdy, chairperson, at vdowdy@southwest.tn.edu to find out about joining.

For a complete listing of committees and contacts, visit the TACRAO website at <http://www.tnacrao.org/committees.htm>



"Calling all TACRAO members: Volunteer to serve!"

Students with Disabilities

As an experienced road warrior, I was somewhat intrigued when talking with people about their disabilities. I am sure we have all had our particular memories of students and their individual cases. Sometimes I was not all that sure what to tell them. Well, I did some research and found what I thought to be very beneficial information to inform people. I hope you can use this as a resource to help students, parents and families.

There are several links that may accommodate and provide legal requirements as well as help with the transition into post secondary education. There are special interest groups and organizations to contact such as:

- ◆ ACT Assessment Administration (www.act.org);
- ◆ Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) (www.ahead.org);

- ◆ Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA) (www.add.org);
- ◆ Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) (www.ldanatl.org).

These are just a few sites that can be of benefit. According to a 1999 report by the HEATH Resource Center of the American Council on Education, 9% of the nation's 1.7 million full time college freshman identified themselves as having a learning disability. I hope that we are all counseling these students to the best of our abilities and we use these resources for guidance. Most of this was found off of www.petersons.com. I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the approaching spring. I will see some of you on the road soon!

William Winstead
VP Admissions and Financial Aid

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-1999 report by HEATH Resource Center

Listserve is great way to stay informed

Do you know that only a small portion of TACRAO members have signed up for the Listserve?

In case you don't know, the TACRAO Listserve is available for subscribers to send out announcements, ask for advice, or publicize job postings.

Encourage all of your co-workers in Admissions, Records, and Graduate School to join the listserve!

Visit TACRAO's website at <http://www.tnacrao.org/listserve.htm> for instructions on how to join.



Keep in touch with TACRAO news by signing up for the Listserve!

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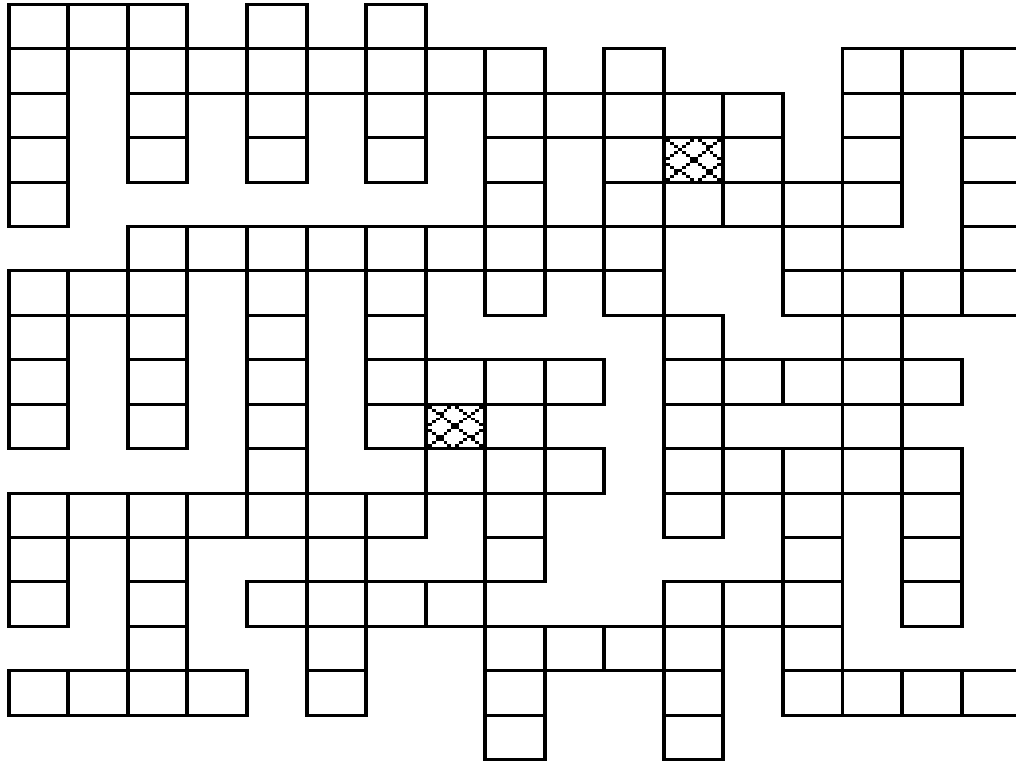
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What is TACRAO? (from the Members Guide)

The organization is a non-profit, professional association whose purpose shall be to provide for the exchange of ideas and information and about higher education in the State of Tennessee and the nation as a whole, to promote the advancement of higher education, to support and promote the professional development of and the friendly spirit of cooperation and unity among its members, and to act as a coordinating agency among the member institutions.

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Mindless Fun



3 Letter Words

Bee
 Bus
 Car
 Fly
 Fog
 Ivy
 Sea
 Sky
 Sun

4 Letter Words

Bugs
 Dirt
 Dock
 Fern
 Fish
 Gate
 Kite
 Lake
 Moss
 Rain
 Road
 Snow
 Yard

5 Letter Words

Bench
 Grass
 Ocean
 River
 Rocks
 Stars
 Stone
 Swing
 Trail
 Trees
 Truck
 Weeds

6 Letter Words

Ground
 Island
 Pebble
 Stream

7 Letter Words

Animals
 Insects
 Traffic

9 Letter Word

Waterfall