

NEWS FROM REGION ONE

March, 2008

From the Region Chair:

Greetings Region One! I am very pleased to be working on my first regional newsletter. I hope that you find it interesting and informative. I welcome submissions for future newsletters – please let me know if you have won an award, have started an interesting new program, have an opinion you would like to share, have been promoted or have any other Advising or NACADA news that you think would be a good addition to this venture. I look forward to working with you and I hope that I see you in Portland for our regional conference this March! Regards – Susan (Kolls) s.kolls@neu.edu

From the 2008 Region 1 Conference Chair:

There is a popular saying in the Maine vernacular “You can’t get there from here”. As advising professionals, when we seek to make some substantive change, whether in our individual approach to advising or in our department’s or college’s philosophy on advising, it seems like it will be a daunting journey and that the destination may, in fact, not be reachable. This brings me to another popular saying, I suspect more universally known, “The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”. No matter where you are on your professional journey, your department’s assessment process, your overhaul of an advisor training program, or your mission to show that advising is teaching, *you can get there from here*. Sometimes the first step, or the four hundred and eighty third step, is attending a conference to get you moving toward that end.

So, take the step, get on the road, and join us at the Region 1 conference in Portland, Maine. Your destination is the Eastland Park Hotel, March 26-28, 2008. Highlights of this year’s conference include: a keynote by NACADA past

President Susan Campbell, pre-conference workshops on assessment, research and staff development and more than 40 concurrent sessions, roundtable and panel discussions on advising topics from prior learning evaluation to advising millennial students. Enjoy the company and best practices of your colleagues in a charming location. For more information or to register, visit

http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region1/reginfo.htm .

I hope to see you in Portland. *-Mary (Fraser)*

***While the early registration deadline has passed, there’s still time. Register today!**

Questions? Check with one of the conference chairs:

Conference Chair: Mary Fraser, mfraser@cmcc.edu

Program: Terri Downing, downingt@franklinpierce.edu

Registration: Susan Moyer, smoyer@excelsior.edu

Site Co-Chairs: Marcia Mower, mower@maine.edu and Beth Higgins, bhiggins@usm.maine.edu

Evaluations: Steven Viveiros, SViveiros@bridgew.edu

Volunteers: Rodney Mondor, rmondor@usm.maine.edu

Exhibitors Co-Chairs: Cindy Glidden, cindy.glidden@unh.edu and Louise Nisbet, lnisbet@usm.maine.edu

Volunteer for NACADA Region 1- Your First Step to Leadership.

Are you new to NACADA? Are you a veteran to NACADA but looking for a new experience? Are you just not sure what to do with your time while in Portland? Then this is for you!

If you are attending the conference and are willing to share a few moments or a few hours of your time, please consider volunteering. We will need volunteers to help with registration and check-in, distributing and collecting evaluations for each session, and support the conference committee on various tasks through the conference.

The registration and check-in volunteers will need to help with...registration and check-in. These folks will drift between being frantically busy and deathly slow. They will need to be patient, cheerful, and organized.

Those who help with evaluations are extremely important to the conference. We need to find people willing to be responsible for distributing the session evaluation forms and collecting them at the end. This is a great opportunity to learn and help at the same time. Excellent form of multi-tasking.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the volunteer coordinator:

Rodney Mondor, University of Southern Maine
RMONDOR@USM.MAINE.EDU

Region Initiatives – 2008

Region 1 has established several initiatives to support and promote NACADA's Strategic Goals and Mission. Information on the Strategic Goals and Mission can be found on the NACADA website,
<https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/>

Region Initiative #1 – To support Strategic Goal #1

Sponsor two identical drive-in opportunities for region-wide professional development. These events will highlight and recognize diversity issues facing our institutions of higher education, specifically those within our region.

These two drive-ins will be placed in our area to reach the most advisors possible, geographically. One event will take place in southern Massachusetts, near the Rhode Island and Connecticut border. The other event will take place in eastern New York or western Vermont. Exact locations have yet to be determined.

If you are interested in helping to organize these events please contact Susan Kolls at s.kolls@neu.edu. I look forward to working with you.

Region Initiative #2 – To support Strategic Goal #4

Our region recognizes the excellence of its members with an extensive award and scholarship program for advisors. To this program we would like to add two Advising Administrator awards. These awards will include membership to NACADA and regional conference registration.

Region Initiative #3 – To support Strategic Goals # 3, 4, 5

Within our region there exists a wealth of knowledge and experience. If you're looking to create a new program at your institution, however, or to improve a current system, you may not know how to tap into that wealth. To help our members connect we plan to create a regional database detailing our members' areas of interest and expertise.

For information about these initiatives or to find out how you can help the region achieve these goals, please contact any member of the Steering Committee or to the Region Chair, Susan Kolls. (s.kolls@neu.edu.)

Regional Operating Principles

At our annual conference at the end of this month, we will be voting on new operating principles for our region. This vote will occur at lunch on Wednesday – please be sure to attend and have your vote counted!

The changes that have been made are designed to assist in the transition of Regional Leadership, to provide more opportunities for members to participate in that leadership and to more fully realize the responsibilities and expectations of these positions. A draft of the proposed operating principles will be available the Region 1 portion of the NACADA website very soon. Please take a moment to review the new operating principles. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Susan Kolls at s.kolls@neu.edu.

Steering Committee Updates

Canada

Thank you to Patricia De Meo, Vice President for Student Services at Dalhousie University, for all of her work as the Area Liaison for Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces. If you are interested in becoming the Region 1 Area Liaison for Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces, please email s.kolls@neu.edu for more information.

Connecticut

Thank you to Susan Gregoire, Academic Advisory Center Director for the Allied Health Science, at the University of Connecticut, for her years of service (and excellent editing skills) as the Area Liaison for Connecticut. Welcome Ann Traynor, the new Liaison for this area. Ann is also from the University of Connecticut, where she serves as an academic advisor for the Neag School of Education. Ann will assume this role at the 2008 Regional Conference.

Maine

Thank you to Marcia Mower, the excellent Area Liaison from the great state of Maine! Marcia is the Assistant Director of Advising and Student Services at the University of Maine at Augusta. Following Marcia in this endeavor is Ethel Hill, from the University of Maine at Orono, where she is the Director of the Explorations program. Ethel takes over this liaison position in March at the conference.

Massachusetts

Thank you so much to Steve Viveiros, Assistant Director in the Academic Achievement Center at Bridgewater State College, who has served the Massachusetts area for quite some time. Steve will be handing over the reigns at the regional conference – but we do not yet have someone

to whom we can hand them. Interested? Please contact Susan at s.kolls@neu.edu for more information.

New Hampshire

Thank you to Cindy Glidden, who is an Academic Counselor for Graduate Programs at the University of New Hampshire. Cindy continues her term as Area Liaison for the fabulous state of New Hampshire.

New York

A hearty thank you to Susan Herzberg for her continued excellent work as the Area Liaison for the huge state of New York. Although Susan will be stepping down as Area Liaison she will continue working on her next drive-in, scheduled for June (more information is coming!). Susan is a Senior Academic Advisor at Rochester Institute of Technology. Taking over as one of the Area Liaisons for New York is Michael Mastrella. If you would like to join Michael as a New York Area Liaison, please email s.kolls@neu.edu. Michael, an Academic and Admissions Advisor from Schenectady County Community College, will be representing Eastern New York state. We're hoping to have the other NY Area Liaison represent Western New York. Either way we are looking forward to having our 2009 Regional conference in New York and would love to have two liaisons ready and willing to help.

Rhode Island

Thank you so much to Solanchi Fernandez for her hard work as the Rhode Island Area Liaison. Solanchi, an Academic Advisor at Bryant University, will be stepping down, effective for the Regional Conference in Portland. Stepping into that role is Jane Hanna, Director, Transfer, Academic Counseling and University Testing for Johnson and Wales University. Welcome Jane!

Vermont

Our continued thanks to Jennifer Fath, the Area Liaison for Vermont. Jennifer is an Enrollment Management Professional for the University of Vermont's School of Business Administration.

Learn More about NACADA

Several opportunities will be available at the Regional Conference this year for members interested in learning more about NACADA and becoming an active participant in this wonderful volunteer organization.

Please consider attending one, or all, of the following:

**Preconference Workshop:
NACADA Leaders: Hit the Deck Running
Wednesday, March 26; 10:00 am - Noon;
FREE**

Presenters:
Charlie Nutt, NACADA Executive Office
Rich Robbins, NACADA Board Rep
Susan Kolls, Region One Chair

This session is designed for NACADA current leaders and members recently elected to serve in any leadership role within the association, either on a state, regional, or national level and including commission and committee chairs as well as regional steering committees, or anyone interested in leadership in the Association. Participants will be provided with a brief background on the Association's governance model and an overview of their new responsibilities as a NACADA leader. Current and past leaders will be available to answer questions and give guidance on how they handle(d) their positions. Other members with an interest in future leadership roles with NACADA are welcome to attend to get an idea of how they might like to get involved.

**Wednesday, March 26; 1:30-2:15pm
Introduction to NACADA
(First Time Attendee NACADA Orientation)**

**1.5 NACADA Region One Advising
Excellence Award Winners Panel**
*Moderated by Susan M. Kolls, Region One
Chair*

*Panelists: Jennifer Fath – University of
Vermont; Ethel Hill – University of Maine;
Tanya Pitt – UNB Saint John; Jennifer
Murphy – University of Connecticut; David
Dow – Bunker Hill Community College*

Join us for this session investigating what makes a NACADA Region One Advising Excellence Award Winner tick. All panelists are 2007 recipients of the award and will share some of their insights and experiences in an informal conversation.

**7.5 A Conversation with NACADA
Leadership and Executive Staff**

Presenters:
Charlie Nutt, NACADA Executive Office
Susan Kolls, Region One Chair

This informal roundtable discussion is to provide a forum for attendees to visit with NACADA Leaders and members of the Executive Office staff regarding the Association's many initiatives and programs and to give participants an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions.

**Thank you for taking the time to read the
Region One News. Again, if you have
something that you would like included in
the news please do not hesitate to contact
me. I hope to see many of you later this
month in Portland and am looking forward
to a wonderful conference and an exciting
tenure as your region chair!**

Susan