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BRANSON HAPPENED

**Donita Winters, our
Region VII Liaison and in
the field correspondent,
writes of her time at the
annual Region VII
NACADA conference held
in Branson, MO from
March 3-5, 2008.**

By Donita Winters
1 April 2008

What a privilege it was to represent KAAN at the recent NACADA Region VII conference in Branson, MO. This being my first NACADA conference, I was anxiously anticipating the things I would learn and the people I would meet; and I wasn't disappointed.

The week started out with a meeting of the Region VII steering committee where we discussed the NACADA Emerging Leaders Program, reviewed the budget and received more details about the 2009 Region VII conference in New Orleans, LA. Monday through Wednesday was filled with sessions on advisor training, dealing with the "tekkie age", advising

online and dealing with parents. Region VII has some very knowledgeable advisors who shared a wealth of information. I came back to Hutchinson Community College with several ideas that will make my job easier and will help my advisees be more successful. I have already been asked to share some of the information from NACADA at our Fall 2008 Faculty In-service!

I hope all of you will have the opportunity to attend a Regional conference; you, your advisees, and your institution will benefit greatly. Mark your calendars now for the May 4-6, 2009 Region VII conference!!

CALL FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS

KAAN supports its members by offering professional development fund packages. The next deadline is May 16, 2008. Upcoming events include the NACADA faculty seminar in Burlington, VT and the NACADA Summer Institute in Portsmouth, VA and Austin TX. Help us help you by clicking on this link

(<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/KAAN/documents/ProfDevApplication2007-2008.pdf>). For more on Professional Development Funds, read the exciting reviews below by Jeannie Cornelius and Chris Claussen.

*The next State Conference will be at the
Carlson Center at Johnson County
Community College in Overland Park, KS
on Friday, September 19, 2008. Becky
Boyd is the Conference host. It's time to
start thinking about that dynamic presentation
you've been waiting to give. A call for
proposals will be coming, so, in this exquisitely
busy time, be thinking about presentation
ideas. Do you work with a unique population?
Are you baffled by millennial students? Are
you a millennial advisor? Consider presenting;
we'd like to hear from you.*

**Hey, what's that new resources page I heard about in
Branson? It's right here voice in my head:**

<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/KAAN/resources.htm>

Dispatch from correspondent Jeannie Cornelius of Washburn University



Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa in Branson, Missouri provided a tranquil location for the NACADA Region VII Conference, March 3-5, 2008. Although the weather threatened to be a factor, most attendees arrived ahead of a storm which ultimately dumped 10-12 inches of new snow on Springfield.

In keeping with the conference theme, “Setting the Stage for Student Success: Academic Advising in the Spotlight,” keynote speaker Paul Weeks (a Vice President with ACT, Inc.) delivered a thoughtful and humorous look at advisors keeping their sanity using the three “Ps:” Personality, Purpose and Perspective. Kudos to the Missouri organizers as concurrent sessions were practical, informative, and inspiring.

Do You Know a Future KAAN Member?

By Jennifer Ankerholz
1 April 2008

Robert Pettay has put a strong emphasis on adding value to KAAN membership.

In an effort to share the benefits of membership, the

Membership Committee will be sending out new brochures to potential members in the near future. We will also be asking current members to share the brochure with anyone at your institution who may be interested and to please encourage them to join. Watch your inbox for more information!

A few words about professional development from Chris Claussen of the University of Kansas



I had the good fortune of being awarded a KAAN professional development grant immediately prior to finalizing plans to attend the NACADA Region VII conference in Branson. As a relatively new member of the advising community, it was my first NACADA event. Not only did the conference afford me information related to advisor training, the use of technology in advising, and the philosophy behind policy; it was also a great way to begin forging relationships with others in the field. Professionally and socially, the NACADA Region VII conference reflected well upon NACADA’s leadership, especially those who were directly responsible for organizing the conference. I offer my sincerest thanks to those people, as well as

my new mentors who presented sessions in Branson. Thanks also to KAAN for financially supporting my participation in the conference.

KAAN is an organization dedicated to a five point strategic plan. First, we address the advising needs of higher education state-wide. Second, we advance the body of knowledge of academic advising. Third, we champion the educational role of academic advising to enhance student learning and development in a diverse world. Fourth, we educate university and college decision-makers about the role of quality academic advising in higher education. Finally, we ensure the effectiveness of the KAAN organization.

Trivia!



Congratulations to **Eddie Munoz** (not pictured) of the University of Kansas for being the first to properly identify Susanna Madora Salter as the first female mayor in United States history. She was elected mayor of Argonia in Sumner County, Kansas in 1887. Special acknowledgment also goes to Marsha Miller of Kansas State University.

And the new trivia question:

What song contains the line, "The fool and the wise man both burn at the stake," and what band originally performed this song? Submit answers to ddmcmcc@ku.edu.