



Committee Year End Report: College Fairs
Rose Greeff, *Committee Chair*

The 2007 NACAC college fairs that I attended seemed very successful in terms of the amount of people that were there. The first NACAC college fair was Inland Empire at the Ontario Convention Center where I was introduced to Joseph Jordon, the NACAC College Fair chair. Every chair at the NACAC college fair were friendly and showed me around and also introduced me to their committee; thank you to Ruth Heise for Inland Empire fair, Frank Jonassen, for San Diego County fair, Margaret Eszlinger and Michael Moss for Orange County fair, Marc Rasic for Los Angeles fair, Ginger Reyes for Ventura County fair, and Susan Lee for San Francisco fair. Thank you for all the hours you and your committees put into making all the college fairs a success!

New additions to the NACAC College fair are Susan Lee, she took over the San Francisco College fair when Chris Krzak former chair took a position in southern California and could not continue serving as the chair. Nicole Jackson of UCSD will become chair for the 2008 San Diego College fair; A BIG THANK YOU to Frank Jonassen and Chris Krzak for serving all these years and doing a fantastic job!

The 2007 WACAC College fairs were so successful that I was amazed how many people I saw attending these fairs. Thank you to all the college fair chairs and their committees for all the many hours they dedicated in making their fair a success and they are: Gina Meneni for East Bay @ St. Mary's College, Vadon McIlwain for Capitol and Central Valley @ CSU Stanislaus, Gina Geck for North Bay @ Sonoma State, Nichelle Hoover for Marin County @ Dominican University, Susan Monahan and Dan Sanidad for Santa Clara County @ Mission College, and Rose Greeff for East Bay @ CSU East Bay. Although attendance was a little lower at CSU East Bay's college fair because they were up against Cinco de Mayo events throughout the area, SAT, ELM & EPT testing, proms and two other events on the campus geared to juniors and seniors. Next year they are thinking of moving to a Monday slot and busing the students into the fair.

New items added this year:

If you attended any of the WACAC college fairs you might have noticed the new WACAC table banners with the new logo; thanks to Kavin Buck for ordering them in time for each fair to use and I noticed them being used at each fair site.

Did you notice the new tee shirt design? The design was created by Efren Galvan from CSU Stanislaus and Mandego Apparel of Hollister. The burgundy sweat shirts, polo shirts and tee shirts were used at the NACAC and WACAC college fairs and helped identify the college fair volunteers. A Big Thank you to them!

Ready for the Fall WACAC College Fair! WACAC has added a fall college fair at the Reno Convention Center on November 4, 2007 from 12:00 – 4:00pm. Chairing this fair is Katie Swanson and I had the pleasure of meeting Katie and her committee on Monday, May 7th in Sparks, Nevada. Also in attendance was Patty Avila-Porter

(WACAC Assembly Delegate) a great asset to the meeting and she had nothing but positive energy.

Next Year for 2008:

Next year's NACAC and WACAC College Fair schedule is still being finalized. It looks as if San Francisco College Fair is hosting their fair on April 17th, 2008 one week earlier than usual; WACAC will need to consider beginning with an April 19th college fair.

This has been an interesting and fun first year and look forward to the next two years!

Rose Greeff
California State University, East Bay



Committee Year End Report: Diversity, Equity and Access
Marlena Norman, *Committee Chair*

PRIORITIES

- 2007 IDEA Conference
- 2007 DEA Grant Update
- 2007 DEA NACAC GWI Scholarship
- DEA Speakers Bureau
- DEA LGBTQ

TASKS

2007 Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Pre-Conference Workshop

- Chair: Marlena Norman, Loretto High School
Co-Chair: Nathan Falstreau, Otis College of Art and Design
 - The committee is still accepting session proposals, which is available on the website. There is a little bit of a concern about people who submitted session proposals for IDEA and the Spring Conference but only emailed them to Randy. I requested that session proposals be forwarded to me if they indicated that they would like for the session to be considered for IDEA and if the session review committee feels that it would be appropriate for IDEA.
 - I am expecting to see all Board members to register and be present at IDEA (especially the opening session), unless you have attended ICL/IDEA in the past.
 - Our opening speaker has been identified, Zina Jacques. Zina has worked in college admissions and financial aid for over 17 years working at Univ. of Chicago, Mills College, Northwestern and UC Santa Cruz. She is an ordained minister and inspirational speaker. I heard her speak at the 2006 GWI/COC workshop and she was amazing!
 - Pre-Conference gift is still being considered.

2007 DEA Sponsored Grant Update

- Subcommittee Chair: Jessica Benson, Villanova Prep HS
 - Received ten (10) DEA Grant proposals, one short from our 2005 record of eleven 11.
 - Three (3) \$1500.00 and one (1) \$2,000.00 grant available for members working with or serving diverse populations.
 - Recipients are: \$2,000 Brad Zuniga Butte College Link Program
\$1,500 Randy Hernandez UCSD EAOP College Fair Training
Workshop grades 7-11
\$1,500 Joanne Ehret Bechman High School's Sisters with Voices
\$1,500 Kim Mazzuca Marin Ed Fund
 - Each recipient is REQUIRED to register and present at IDEA!
 - A description of their program will be printed in the WACAC newsletter

2007 DEA NACAC GWI Scholarship Update

- Chair: Marlena Norman
- DEA Committee will be sending 4 WACAC members to attend the 2007 NACAC GWI. The 2007 GWI will be held in Memphis, TN July 24-26, 2007
- Scholarship applications were posted on the website in early March and an e-blast was sent to the members. The committee received a total of 10 applications, more than last year.

- Recipients are: Laura Young, UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture
Guadalupe Garcia Montano, Fulfillment Fund
Keion Morgan, CSU Long Beach
Guadalupe "Lupe" Navarro, Sonoma State University
- Each recipient will be required to write an article in the newsletter about their experience.
- Scholarship will only cover registration, travel and lodging (based on double occupancy)

DEA Speakers Bureau

- Subcommittee Chair: Marcelo Vasquez, UCLA
 - Marcelo has presented twice in Southern California on behalf of the WACAC DEA Speakers Bureau.
 - The committee has been actively looking for members to serve as speakers on the committee. Interested members should contact the DEA Sub-Chair or fill out the form on the website.
 - At the 2006 Board Retreat the DEA Chair and Professional Development Chair discussed combining the Speakers Bureau on their committees, therefore eliminating the two separate Speakers Bureau and only having ONE! This idea will be discussed in further at the 2007 Board Retreat.

DEA LGBTQ

- Chair: Randy Hernandez
 - The committee will be compiling a "List of things to do in while in San Diego" for members attending the WACAC Spring Conference. The list will be posted on the WACAC website and available in the IDEA pre-conference handouts.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Nathan Falstreau, Otis College of Art and Design
- Katya Armistead, UC Santa Barbara
- Kathy Dominguez, View Park Prep HS
- Keion Morgan, CSU Humboldt
- Rick Grisel, College Preparatory School
- Lorene Leya, Pacific View High School
- Marisela Rubio, Santa Clara University
- Gina Aguirre, Cal Lutheran
- Alexander Thome, Santa Clara
- Randy Hernandez, UC San Diego
- Marcelo Vazquez, UCLA
- Jessica Benson, Villanova Preparatory School
- Nathan Falstreau, Otis College of Arts and Design
- Robynne Royster, CCA
- Keion Morgan, CSU Long Beach
- Marissa Reynoso, CCA
- Jasmin Escobar, Pitzer College
- Makayla Hall,
- Lorenzo Gamboa, Santa Clara University
- Anna Takahashi, Eastside College Prep
- Scott Hardman, American Film Institute
- Kelly Miksa, Pepperdine University
- Mae Greenwald, Oak Park High School
- Amanda Davis, Biola University
- Katya Aemistead, Office of Admission UCSB
- Radha Kamira, Chapman University
- Randy Hernandez, UC San Diego



Committee Year End Report: Governance and Nominations
Marc D. Meredith, *Past President*

Summary:

The Governance and Nominations committee is charged with soliciting nominees for WACAC elected office in the coming year (07-08) and running the spring election. The committee is further charged with soliciting nominations for the annual service awards.

2006-07 Activities:

The 2007-08 election for President-elect and national Delegates was held “on-line” for the first time in the Association’s history. Working with ATAC Corporation, members were able to vote via the web. By moving to this format, the association saved significant dollars by not having to print and mail ballots. It also provided for faster turn around of election results.

Nominations were sought and received for all service awards and they were presented at the spring conference in San Diego.

Special thanks to Sonja Montiel, Membership Chair and Walter Pineda, Technology Chair for their assistance in setting up the election.



Committee Year End Report: Government Relations
Gina Aguirre, *Committee Chair*

The Government Relations Committee is involved with legislative issues in Nevada and California. This year we held our 4th WACAC Legislative Conference. The Conference was held on February 12th and 13th in Sacramento, CA. The conference is an opportunity for WACAC members to visit with State Legislators and participate in professional development activities to prepare for state wide and grass root advocacy. There were 39 Western ACAC members from across the state. We had members from the public and private high schools, college/universities, independent counselors, and organizations. We honored our 3rd recipient of the WACAC “Legislator of the Year” Award, Senator, Elaine Alquist (D-13).

The group divided into teams of three or two to visit Legislative offices. We were able to set up a total of 22 appointments. The drop in appointments this year was due to the holiday on Monday. A total of 55 drop off was assigned. About 75% of our assigned drops offs became appointments. We meet with supporters of education and raised awareness of representatives to whom education issues may not be priority.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Gina Aguirre	California Lutheran University
Nathan Falstreau	Otis of College of Art and Design
Conner Keese	University of San Diego
Esther Lopez	Saint Mary’s College
Jeff Morrow	Oaks Christian High School
David Wilmont	Admissions Edge
Laura Young	UCLA School of Arts and Architecture

The Government Relations Committee also had the opportunity to select WACAC members to attend the NACAC Legislative Conference March 5-March 8. This year’s WACAC Executive Board approved a scholarship program four members to participate in the legislative advocacy efforts of NACAC in Washington D.C. Every year each state/regional ACAC sends their President, President Elect, and the Government Relations Chair.

NACAC Legislative Conference Attendees

Elsa Clark	WACAC President
Esther Hugo	NACAC Board of Directors
Esther Lopez	NACAC Government Relations Committee
Gina Aguirre	WACAC Government Relations Committee Chair
Devon Boyd	Scholarship Recipient
Conner Keese	WACAC GRAC Committee member, Scholarship Recipient
Katharine Gonzales	Scholarship Recipient
Jeff Morrow	WACAC GRAC Committee member, Scholarship Recipient



Committee Year End Report: Inter-Association
Esther Hugo, *Committee Co-Chair*
Connie Decker, *Committee Co-Chair*

The Inter-Association Task Force was created in 2004 to establish relationships with other counseling organizations with similar missions, agendas, and policies. During the first year, the Task Force exchanged WACAC information with the California Student Aid Commission's statewide policy organization.

In addition, the Inter-Association Task Force planned a successful Counseling Leadership Summit in June 2005 at Notre Dame De Namur University. At the Summit, leaders of these organizations convened to discuss similar policy concerns and establish procedures for systematic communication.

The following organizations attended: California School Counseling Association, California Association of School Counseling, Nevada Association of School Counseling, California Student Aid Commission, College Board, ACT, California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and the Pupil Services Coalition.

At the WACAC Membership meeting in Tampa, the membership approved a bylaw change which made the task force a standing WACAC Committee.

The Inter-Association Committee has made significant progress toward the goal of developing the coalition of counselor organizations. Specifically, we have impacted the following events and groups:

AB 1802 Legislation. The Middle and High School Supplemental Counseling bill was funded, providing \$200 million to hire approximately 2,500 new counselors in California! WACAC co-sponsored the statewide AB 1802 Implementation Conference in Sacramento on October 9th with 1200 people in attendance. At the conference, Elsa Clark and Esther Hugo provided a presentation on college and career counseling. In addition, WACAC signed on as a partner for a new website for California counselors: www.ab1802clearinghouse.com.

Legislative Conference. We secured endorsements from other organizations for the WACAC legislative priorities, which meant that they carried greater clout with the legislators. We had representatives from CASC, CSCA, the Campaign for College Opportunity, and the College Board who came to our sessions and joined us in our visits in Sacramento.

Pupil Services Coalition. Western ACAC attended their monthly meeting and made a presentation to the group that represents school psychologists, librarians, nurses, and teachers. This group has two paid lobbyists.

Presentations at other organization's conferences. Western ACAC members presented sessions at CASC in March and April. College Counseling 101 was

presented by members Alex Paredes of Southeast High School and Elizabeth Mejia of Santa Monica College. *The College Admission Process in 10 Easy Steps* was presented by staff from the University of San Francisco, as coordinated by Director Mike Hughes.

The WACAC Spring Conference in San Diego will enjoy presentations from coalition members. Dr. Lonnie Rowell and Kathy Rapkin from CASC will be sponsoring sessions; CASC contributed to the financial aid workshops.

Overall, this year has marked strong collaboration, relationship-building and communication among the counseling organizations.

Inter-Association Committee Members:

Name	Institution
Elsa Heydenreich Clark	Immaculate Heart HS
Marilyn Harryman	Pupil Services Coalition
David Hawkins	NACAC Policy
Mary Jane London	Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies
Rafael Magallan	The College Board, Sacramento
Pat Martin	The College Board, Washington DC
Elizabeth Mejia	Santa Monica College
Pat McDonough	UCLA School of Education
Katy Murphy	Bellarmino Prep HS
Alex Paredes	Southeast HS
Sonali Perera	Mount St. Mary's College
Frank Ramirez	CASFAA, Fresno State
Nancy Schubb	CASC President-elect
Bob Tyra	Los Angeles County Office of Education
Loretta Whitson	CASC, Monrovia Unified School Dist.
Kris Zavoli	College Board Western Regional Office
Linda Zimring	Los Angeles Unified School District, 1



Committee Year End Report: Membership
Sonja Montiel, *Committee Chair*

Summary:

Online Directory

To ensure accuracy in information and cost effectiveness the membership committee has worked closely with Deanna Kilgour and the Technology Committee on transferring the directory solely to an online system in 2007. The 2005-06 directory was the last one to be printed and mailed out to membership. The online directory will be hosted on the WACAC website accessed only by membership and held under strong protection guidelines.

Online Voting

Along with the efforts of the board, the membership committee has collaborated in the development of an online voting system that will replace paper voting that has taken affect this membership year.

Online Membership Form

This year joining WACAC was converted to an online system only. Both new members and renewals came in the form of RegOnline hosted on the WACAC website. Of our over 1300 members, the membership committee received no more than a couple of dozen issues that were handled within 48 hours. We have found this online conversion to be very successful.

Committee Members:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Patty	Porter	College Recruiter Specialist	Truckee Meadows Community College
Randi	Hutchinson	Marketing Director	Ivy West
Andrea	Riftkin	Independent	College Choices



Committee Year End Report: Public Relation/Publications
Mark Rasic, *Committee Chair*

Priorities

- Continue to publish quarterly online newsletters.
- Return publication of newsletters to a regular three month schedule.
- Broaden the range of topics and contributing members within each newsletter and encourage members to submit photographs of events throughout the region.
- Transition the membership directory to an online version in order to save money and resources.

Tasks

- Send quarterly email to membership seeking contributions for the newsletter.
- Continue to send articles and photographs to Palimor Studios for compilation into newsletter.

Committee Members

- Mark Rasic



Committee Year End Report: Technology
Walter Pineda, *Committee Chair*

Priorities

- Researched and started work on creating a new design and structure for the WACAC website

Tasks

- Worked with NYSACAC to create a new web site for WACAC. Identified the best company to design our new site. The cooperation with NYSACAC allowed us to get our redesign at a much lower cost with a lot of added functionality.

Committee Members

Romesh Fernando
Kavin Buck

Timeline

By late July the new WACAC website will be ready to deploy. Testing will occur through out the summer. New site will be ready for public use before September 1, 2007.

Budget

The technology committee requested and received a one time expenditure of \$20,000 for the redesign of the web site.

Other/Special Notes

The new web site will have a lot of new added features. Some of the new features include:

- News Module, Events Calendar, Membership Database, Image Gallery, and Job Posting;
- Password protected members only section;
- GUI Content Management System;
- Online credit card payments

In addition the new site will add new section for members. The new section will include a searchable, password protected, membership database. We will also have a new master calendar for all events related to WACAC. The new site will also give control of content to the committee chairs. This will allow for much quicker updates and new information.



Committee Year End Report: Public Relations/Publications
Mark Rasic, *Committee Chair*