



AC Chair Newsletter – December 2022

Hello AC Chairs and AC Cluster Reps,

As 2022 comes to an end in the coming week, we hope the start of this next year is going well. This is a time of year where hopefully you are able to find a little time to relax, reflect and rewind. Take time for yourselves in the weeks ahead to help rejuvenate yourself for 2023. During the first two months of any new leadership position there are bound to be moments of confusion, questions, and moments of sheer brilliance. We are so excited for all our new team members in our Division.

2022 Annual Conference Review

Thank you for all of your hard work at the Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon. We have gotten so much positive feedback from attendees of the ACD Fair. Your creativity and collaboration to help us bring back the fair to its full glory was fantastic and made an amazing impact on member engagement in the advising communities.

Your advising community meetings were well organized and attended by conference participants. Membership and association wide leaders got to learn so much more about your communities through attending these sessions. We hope this method of engagement was another way for new members to find your advising communities. Perhaps getting them involved as future AC steering committee members and volunteers.

While there were many great highlights for the advising community division at the annual conference, know that we're currently reviewing ideas and finalizing approaches for advising community business meetings at the annual conference. We've historically had cluster representatives or division representatives attend each business meeting as a way to provide additional support and information for each advising community. While well-intentioned, it creates an undue burden on those leaders and limits their ability to participate in many sessions for their own personal and professional development. Knowing that less than 30% of members attend the annual conference, we want to ensure that true business meetings are available for all members and any advising community division events at the annual conference provide meaningful networking opportunities and a chance to build collaboration amongst members and advising communities.

2023 Annual Conference Review

- Annual Conference 2023 – Orlando: Call for Proposals opened December 13th and session proposals are due February 23, 2022.
- Community Meetings (virtual and in-person) are currently under evaluation. We are determining the best formats and requirements for both Cluster Reps and Chairs to maximize networking and conference experiences. Stay tuned for updates.

Online Events Policy - Updates

The NACADA Council is almost at the finish line for the final approval of the Online Events Policy. We are aware of some of the bumps in the road that submitting your online event approvals. We wanted to apologize for any extended waiting period for event approvals however we wish to share that as of late last week, Liz had 370 emails relating to Advising Communities events that need action items and that is not manageable. We had over 225 events for advising communities this year alone, double the number of our events from 2021 and five-times the amount from 2020.

We are currently discussing the idea of restricting ACs to a limited number of events of a year (e.g. possible 4 total events per year), which may help in the current situation to ensure quality and not to overwhelm anyone. Please be assured we'll discuss this fully with cluster representatives before we finalize anything. Please share any thoughts or concerns you have with your cluster representatives who can help elevate those at our leadership meetings.

The Executive Office of NACADA has asked that we do not utilize the sign-up form as currently drafted due to some questions about event types. Tony is working on a subcommittee of the NACADA Council that has discussed terminology and has provided information to Dr. Anderson to discuss with the NACADA Council early in 2023. Our hope is to have all terminology finalized in our January meeting to make the form fully live and functional.

Once we have everything approved for this policy – it is our goal to host an online forum to discuss this updated process so all AC Chairs and AC Cluster Reps are fully aware of how online events will be requested and processed.

To make it easier on Liz and other divisional liaisons, we also hope this new procedure and policy will improve the ability for Division Representatives to view the form that has been created to allow us to provide better updates to our chairs and leaders on the status of any event requests.

We appreciate each of your patience and understanding during this process – it is our goal in the ACD to offer online events for all our advising communities, however we also want to make it manageable.

Upcoming Deadlines

- Steering Committee member appointments are due by December 31st, 2022. Please email them to EO liaison, Liz at lizabeth@ksu.edu
- N-LEP Course: Please work to complete course modules as soon as possible. Reminders were sent to leaders who still have outstanding work in this course.

MISC

- We have updated the Chair timeline for 2022-2023. It will be emailed out by the new year!

- Website updates are currently underway. Thank you to all who provided headshots!
- Post-conference reports were due November 15th. If you still have not submitted a report for your Advising Community, please do so as soon as possible. All current submissions have been updated and may be found on the [Division's Report webpage](#).

Happy holidays!



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