Activities of the Past Year

As I approach the end of my first year as your Region Chair, I thought I would update you on the activities that happened throughout the Region during the past year.

- Last fall, Pennsylvania hosted a State Drive-In Conference at Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville, PA. Susan Fread, served as the local host and the PA State Representative, Kristin diNovi, had a wonderful conference. With some many concurrent session and attendance at over 100 people, it was a great event.
- Maryland held a State Drive-In in late May at University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Karen Law, the Maryland State Representative, had a successful turnout with around 100 attendees.
- In early June, New Jersey had a State Drive-In at Rutgers University hosted by Julie Traxler. Todd Siben, the New Jersey State Representative reports that attendance was fabulous.
- Our 2009 Regional Conference at Dover Downs in DE, under the leadership of Carolyn Quinci and Frank Newton from the University of Delaware was a huge success. We had 214 attendees and earned some money to help support our regional activities in 2010. We repetitively heard that the conference provided lots of opportunities for networking. During the conference, our Mentoring Program matched 15 pairs of mentees and mentors giving those new to the profession the opportunity to learn from experienced advisors.
- Our 2009 Regional Awards Program had some outstanding nominations. To learn more about the Awards Program, see our website.

Openings on the Region 2 Steering Committee

Now is the time to get involved at the regional level as we have multiple openings on the Region 2 Steering Committee. First, the Region Chair position is open for the October 2010-October 2012 term. The election for this position takes place this fall and nominations are due by October 30, 2009, so be sure to contact me if you have questions about this position.

In addition, the Awards Chair position is currently vacant and this position needs to be filled immediately! The Awards Chair runs the regional awards program and much of the work for this position happens later this fall. For a complete job description or other questions, you must contact me before October 15th. If multiple people are interested in the position, we will hold an election in late October/early November.

Also currently open is a position as Co-Chair for the Regional Conference in 2011. The tentative location for this conference is Charlottesville, VA. We have one co-chair already, but she would love to have a partner to share the work.

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Online updates:

- We now have a Region 2 listserv, a great place to ask general questions of advisors in the region. Check your email for an invitation to join.
- Our Region 2 website now has more content including information about our Mentoring Program, News by State, and the reports from your Region 2 Steering Committee. Check it out!
Upcoming Region Conference, April 2010

Plans are under way for another great Region 2 Conference! We'll gather at the Tropicana Resort and Casino in Atlantic City from April 14-16, 2010. Our theme this year is “Shifting Sands: Advising in a Changing World.” This topic covers a wide range of subjects and issues that we face as advisors.

Suggested Presentation topics:

- How global perspectives of students affect advising
- Research and assessment in academic advising
- Legal and ethical issues in advising

We hope that you will consider presenting a pre-conference workshop or concurrent session for this conference.

The website is now online and you are able to make a submission at: www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region2/proposals.htm

Deadline for submissions of proposals is December 15, 2009. Proposals which are submitted after that date may not be read.

We encourage people who have never submitted a proposal to do so. It is a great opportunity for professional development!

We have secured a wonderful hotel rate of $99 single/double at the Tropicana Resort and Casino. Details are on the Region 2 website. It’s not too early to start making plans to attend!

Volunteers Needed, Especially a Technology Coordinator

If you would like to volunteer at the Region 2 Conference, email conference co-chairs Paula Dollarhide at dollarhp@stockton.edu or Linda Bradbury at lbradbur@kean.edu or Coordinator of Volunteers Renee Fisher at rfisher@udel.edu.

We especially need someone who is interested in technology to volunteer for Technology Coordinator. And we’re going to be asking people to volunteer to bring LCD projectors for loan throughout the conference. This will help keep technology costs down. So if you can loan us a projector for the conference, please let one of the co-chairs know.