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President's Letter

Martin Castillo

Greetings WACUHO!

Here we are again—days away from our annual conference (the 52<sup>nd</sup> WACUHO Annual Conference to be exact) and things are falling beautifully into place. The Annual Conference Chair, Ramona Hernandez, along with the annual conference committee chairs, have done a wonderful job preparing an amazing assortment of programs for the association at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento!

Despite the excitement surrounding this year's annual conference, I find myself thinking about the past 51 years of history that have brought us to this point. In reviewing the mission and purpose of WACUHO that the founding leaders of our association crafted as a framework to guide future generations, it is clear that all of the components within a housing program (residence halls, apartments, food service, administrative services, conferences, facilities, etc.) were to be the primary focus of our organization. If we extrapolate to include marketing and information technology as administrative services, the founding ideas seem to have withstood a half century of time fairly well.

This year's Annual Conference Programming Committee deserves many kudos for spending so much time and energy on intentionally soliciting program topics that address as many of the functional areas outlined in our mission. The committee has gone as far as creating "golden nugget" categories to ensure a wider array of program topics.

However, similar, to past years, the majority of program submissions are from members of the Residential Life/Education functional area; therefore, the topics are geared more to a residential life/education audience. Without more involvement from the other functional areas, it is easy to understand how some of our association members might perceive that the primary focus of the WACUHO Annual Conference is supposed to be Residential Life/Education.

I applaud this year's Programming Committee for taking steps to change this perception and I can only hope that future Annual Conference committees will do the same if that is still the desire of our association. I do believe that if WACUHO is to be a representation of all housing functional areas, we will all need to make an effort to represent our own functional area via program proposals, committee involvement and/or vying for an elected/appointed position on the Executive Committee.

I realize that there are many possibilities for the decreased involvement from areas outside of Residential Life/Education. It is possible that some of the functional areas within our housing programs have found outlets that are more suitable for their needs and WACUHO is no longer the primary source for professional development/involvement. For instance the natural alignment between ACCED/Conferences; APPA/Facilities; WACUBO/Administrative Services; NACUFS/Food Service and the list goes on and on. However, this does not mean that WACUHO is no longer able to represent the needs all of the functional areas within a housing program. Again, that will all depend on the association's commitment to the current mission/goals of our organization.

The Executive Committee is aware of the perception that currently exists and we are planning to commission a short-term taskforce to study the overall purpose of WACUHO and forward a recommendation regarding the future direction of our association. I believe that this taskforce will provide insight into the matter and allow us to examine whether the mission and/or goals of our association have shifted over the course of the past 50 years.

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Personally, I hope that the findings of this taskforce reflect that our association is still committed to all aspects of our housing programs. Furthermore, I hope that the taskforce uncovers innovative avenues for reaching out to those functional areas that may perceive that WACUHO no longer values their involvement and/or voice. If you have any interest in serving on this short-term taskforce, please feel free to contact any of the current Executive committee members.

Keep in mind that this is only one way in which the Executive Committee serves as a voice for the association when developing strategic plans regarding our future. Remember to exercise your voice and hold a campus caucus prior to the Annual Business meeting (Tuesday, March 18, 3:30 – 5pm) to determine the best candidate for each position based on what your institution values and/or needs. Best of luck to all of the nominees!

Again, congratulations and many thanks to all of the volunteers who serve on the Annual Conference committees for providing so much energy in putting together our 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual WACUHO Conference!!

I look forward to seeing yall in Sacramento should you be able to attend!

Take care,  
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**WACUHO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT**

WACUHO recognizes the benefits derived from the inclusion of diversity in the Association. Significant contributions are made by members from all areas of higher education and at every level of responsibility. The quality of perspective and experience shared by our members, inclusive of ethnicity, age, gender, religious preference, sexual orientation, or differing abilities, adds a dynamic that enriches the character of the Association. WACUHO encourages all to actively participate in its programs, events and activities.

Here are some highlights of this year's conference. For the conference schedule, program listings, updates and anything else you wanted to know, go to [www.wacuho.org](http://www.wacuho.org) and select WACUHO 2008.

**The Program Committee has a great line up of programs for you to choose from:**

**Interest Sessions** – Find three sessions each day, offering 7 – 8 options each session. See “Programs” on Conference web page for full line up.

**Golden Nuggets** – Five programs on a variety of topics presented by experts outside of our field. See “Golden Nuggets” on the Conference web page for more details.

**Keynotes** – Dr. Susan Komives will start us off Monday morning with (what...) and our Chief Housing Officer Panel will close out our conference Wednesday morning. See “Keynotes” on Conference web page for bios of our presenters.

**The Host Committee has been working hard to make your stay enjoyable.**

**Meals:** For a list of what's on the menu, go to Conf. Registration on the conference page and scroll down to the “Meals” section.

**Hospitality Suite:** Come by room 442 (fourth floor) during the times listed in “Conference at a Glance” (see schedules on the web page or your program booklet). You'll find snacks, crafts, games and fun! Want something to do Monday night after you're done with dinner? Come by for Bingo with great prizes!

**Monday Night on the Town:** A dining guide was included in your registration materials. If you have questions, please look for Josh O'Connor in the lobby area on Monday night.

**Karaoke:** Come to Golden State A & B Monday night between 9 – 11 pm to take part in this WACUHO tradition.

**UC Davis Tour:** Join us at 2 pm Tuesday afternoon for a tour of the UC Davis campus. Sign up at the registration desk and look in your program guide for details.

**The Exhibits Committee has about almost 50 vendors available for you to meet in the Exhibits area.**

**New hours for Exhibits:** Exhibits will not open until Monday morning. Stop by 9:30 – 11:30 am Monday for the Grand Opening, or 1 – 4 pm. Monday or 9 - 11:30 am Tuesday.

**Win Prizes** – come in to Exhibits to play WANGO, participate in drawings at individual booths, and more!

**Breaks in Exhibits** – Join us for the Monday morning, Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning break located in Exhibits. Get something to munch on and stroll around to see what's new!

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**WACUHO 2008 – Sacramento**  
*Don't Miss Your Golden Opportunity*  
March 16 – 19, 2008

The Program Committee has been able to present several golden opportunities for you to explore, discover and engage at this year's Annual Conference...

A variety of interest sessions ranging from facilities management to diversity and multiculturalism are on the schedule for this year's WACUHO Annual Conference in Sacramento, California.

In addition to the interest sessions being presented by our membership this year you will also notice five unique learning opportunities we are calling our "Golden Nuggets"

"Golden Nugget" programs were pre-selected by the 2008 WACUHO Program Committee and will be introduced to compliment sessions presented by our membership. These programs are intended to round out the slate and provide interesting information from experts inside and outside our field.

For more information on this year's Interest Sessions please visit: [http://www.wacuho.org/conference/2008\\_WACUHO/programs.html](http://www.wacuho.org/conference/2008_WACUHO/programs.html)

For more information on "Golden Nugget" Sessions please visit:  
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See you in Sacramento!

*Submitted by the Program Committee*

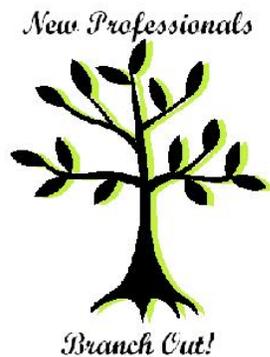
Annual Conference Placement Exchange

Don't have enough funds in your travel budget to fly to Boston for the ACUHO-I/NASPA Placement Exchange? Do you want an opportunity to get your name out there as someone who should be considered for future opportunities in the Western Region? Do you want another venue to advertise an opening in your department? If you answered yes to any of these, Placement Exchange is for you!

Its old school, but it still works! Bring hard copies of open positions you'd like to advertise, or leave off copies of your resume for others to consider. **Come to the Ventura room between 8 am Monday morning and 6 pm Tuesday evening and check things out!** We'll have a message board as well as 30 minute time slots between 1 and 6 pm both days to reserve the room for a private meeting. Look for the sign up sheet and more details inside.

We'll bring hard copies of all positions listed on the WACUHO Job Surf web link for you to check out. If you have any questions, please contact [annualconference@wacuho.org](mailto:annualconference@wacuho.org).

Ramona Hernandez  
Annual Conference Chair



## The New Professionals Top 10 List of things to do at WACUHO

10. Attend the New Professionals Welcome at 4pm on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
9. Participate in the Conference Connections Breakfast on March 17<sup>th</sup>
8. Sign up for the New Professionals Night out on the Town on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> where we are taking our lively group to a no-host dinner at the Pyramid Alehouse.
7. Participate in the New Professionals Case Study Competition! It's a great experience to work with other New Pros and it's a lot of fun too!
6. Attend the Diversity Network Sessions—good chance to sit and talk with people from various positions throughout WACUHO about issues of social justice.
5. Attend program sessions to get awesome ideas for your own professional growth!
4. Participate in the Passport Program and play WANGO!
3. Volunteer! It feels good to help and it's a nice way of supporting the Conference Committee.
2. Stop by the Hospitality Suite! It's a comfortable place to kick back, grab a snack, make a craft, play a game, and meet other WACUHO members.

Finally.....the #1 thing a New Professional can do at WACUHO is Branch Out!!!! Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Bring your business cards. Do everything you can do to network and make a connection. WACUHO is a family, and the support you have at your fingertips can make a lasting impression on your professional career.

More details for the above suggestions can be found in your program booklet when you check-in at the conference. Enjoy the Annual Conference!

### **New Professionals ACUHO-I Award**

Are you already thinking about life after the WACUHO Annual Conference? Are you thinking about closing your buildings? Is the end of the school year in sight? Well, there is one more fantastic opportunity for New Professionals! The ACUHO-I Annual Conference and Exposition is June 21-24 in Orlando Florida. The New Professionals Committee is please to announce an award opportunity for any New Professional who is interested in attending ACUHO-I this year. We encourage all of you to consider applying and taking advantage of this great opportunity. Application details can be found at [www.wacuho.org](http://www.wacuho.org). The deadline to apply is April 2, 2008 so apply today!

### **Calling all Seasoned Professionals!**

The New Professionals Committee is pleased to announce the return of the Conference Connections Breakfast at the Annual Conference on Monday, March 17 as an opportunity for new and experience professionals to interact. It offers the opportunity to network and learn about other colleagues and institutions, collect business cards, share experiences, and gain insight into people's career paths. In the past, it has been an excellent opportunity of New Professionals or people new to the region to meet seasoned members of the WACUHO family. Since our goal for New Professionals this year is to "Branch Out!" this is an excellent way to take that first step.

We will be contacting everyone who registers as a New Professional to invite them to join us for the Conference Connections breakfast. However, we do need to have some more of our seasoned colleagues join us as well! If you are interested in attending this breakfast, please contact Emily Sandoval at [emily.sandoval@ucr.edu](mailto:emily.sandoval@ucr.edu). It would be great to know ahead of time who to expect; otherwise, please plan to arrive to the breakfast early to ensure there is space. Thank you for playing a part in assisting our New Professionals to "Branch Out" and begin making connections!

WACUHO Corporate Partners are an integral part of our organization that provide financial support, serve on WACUHO committees, and help produce quality programs.

Our Corporate Partners contribute over \$20,000 to WACUHO each year. This financial support is critical to the success of many of our programs and events. Their contributions support Northern, Central, Southern and Island RAPS, the Western Training Institute (WTI), the Pacific Management Institute (PMI), and the Annual Conference. Corporate Partners are a vital part of our organization and participate actively through committee service and as Exhibitors.

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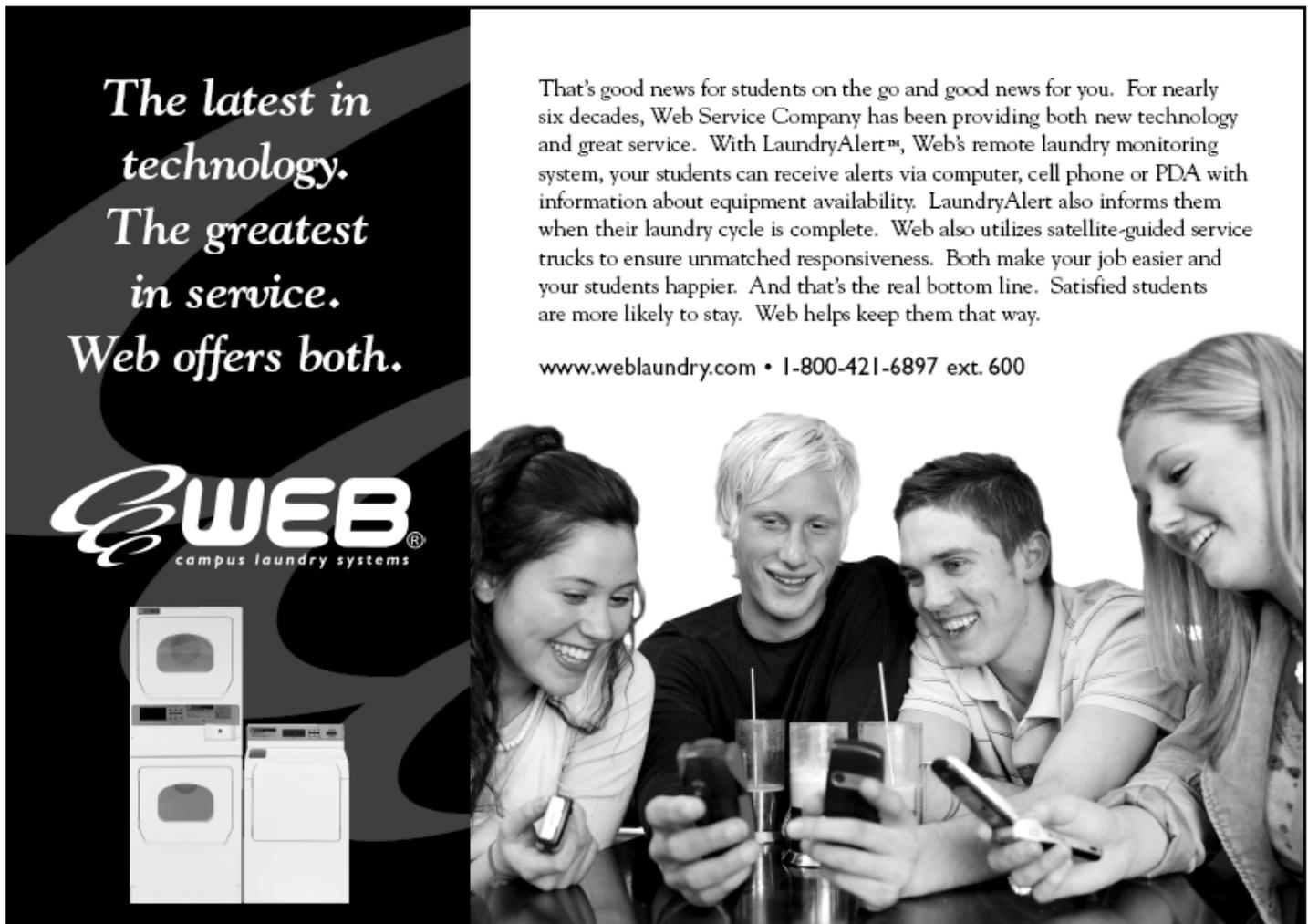
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Now entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year, the Case Study Competition is looking for individuals and teams of New Professionals to hypothetically tackle challenges CHOs address in their daily work.

Participation in the Case Study Competition is open to those members who have been in the profession for fewer than 3 years. It's a great chance to flex your creative muscle and meet other new professionals in the region. An esteemed panel of judges will determine the winners of the competition, but the presentations (during Monday afternoon sessions) are open to all.

If you are interested in participating, come to the New Professionals Welcome Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> or find one of the organizers at the opening activities Sunday evening. We look forward to a great competition!

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### Major Donors

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### Budget and Finance Updates

The Board is pleased to note that the Foundation has received an unqualified audit for both 2005 and 2006. In addition, the Finance and Investment Committee presented a budget for 2008 that covers all operations, fundraising activities, and programs for the foundation as well as contributing \$227,000 to the Association to support their strategic initiatives. This budget will necessitate the beginning of an aggressive fund raising campaign.

### Individual Giving Updates

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**Foundations of Excellence awards are great tools for recognizing colleagues who have contributed meaningfully on our campuses or beyond. All it takes is your nomination letter, accompanied by a \$250 donation to the Foundation. Recipients receive a framed certificate as a symbol of appreciation and esteem.**

**At the 2008 Annual Conference & Exposition, the Foundation will once again induct outstanding colleagues to the Parthenon Society, in recognition of supreme achievement and**

**enduring contributions to the profession. Nominations are not made public in order to preserve the element of surprise. If you are solicited for support of a nomination, please respond generously. If you are interested in championing a future nominee, please contact Foundation Board chair-elect Cindy Felice at [jfelice@umd.edu](mailto:jfelice@umd.edu)**

**The Foundation booth will once again offer fellowship and fun (and the opportunity to give!) at the 2008 Annual Conference & Exposition. The Silent Auction will return with even more exciting items inviting your bids, and new professionals will be recognized with a special gift. There will be something there to entice every participant. Come by early and often!**

### Corporate Giving Updates

The Corporate Committee is exploring alternate designations for levels of corporate Foundation giving. The purpose is to have the wording used better reflect the “charitable” nature of the gift.

The Foundation continues to seek new corporate partners – particularly among the current conference exhibitors. Companies interested in giving back to the profession that has helped them grow should contact Fred Comparato in the ACUHO-I central office.

The Corporate Committee is exploring new methods of stewardship for corporate partners with a focus on recognition and benefits that encourage corporate partners to increase their annual commitment to the Foundation.

### Operations Updates

At the February 2008 Foundation Board meeting two new officers were elected. Beth McCuskey, from the University of Wyoming was elected chair elect and Mannix Clark from the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities, was elected secretary. The new officers will take office on June 24, 2008 at the conclusion of ACE 2008 in Orlando.

The Foundation Board will hold an informational session for any association members who are interested in learning about opportunities and responsibilities of the Foundation Board Trustees. The volunteer board currently has 9 regional trustees and 7 corporate trustees. Trustees serve a three-year term. The board is always looking to identify those members who have an interest/skill in fundraising to serve as a trustee. More information will be available at the Foundation Booth at the conference in Orlando.

### **Marketing Updates**

At the 2008 Annual Conference & Exposition, ACUHO-I will celebrate two major milestones; the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conference and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation. If you are attending the conference, please come by the Foundation Booth and help us mark these two important anniversaries.

The Foundation Board will be working to update publications and displays featuring ACUHO-I's new look, and emphasizing the value of membership in promoting opportunities for connections, education, and innovation.

Saying "thank you" to those who financially support ACUHO-I through the Foundation is an important aspect of our work. The Foundation Board will be working to develop a stewardship plan to ensure that our donors feel that appreciation – formally and informally, publicly and privately

### **Board restructuring**

The ACUHO-I Foundation Board began the first steps in discussing the impact of Executive Board Governance structure on the Foundation Board operations, structure, and ability to launch a multi-million dollar capital campaign. A decision was made to investigate the feasibility of bringing in a development consultant to help us with this process. In the interim, discussions were begun on how to structure the Board to effectively implement an annual giving campaign targeted at both corporate and individual donors.

### **Regional Trustees**

All the trustees, but particularly the regional trustees, serve a dual role for the Foundation. They are the educators of the good work being done by the Association in the ongoing effort to raise sufficient funds to support those efforts. By being a presence at the regional conferences and having the opportunity to speak to the members, there is a face to face connection to the Association. The second role is about planting the seeds. The attendees at the regional conferences are heavily weighted towards new professionals so the informal conversations talking about the Association and the Foundation increases the likelihood of donor dollars in the future.

READ ME: Executive Committee Candidates!

Submitted by Alex Belisario, Nominations Chair

On behalf of this year's Nominations Committee, I am pleased to present the candidates for the 2008-2009 WACUHO Executive Committee! Each of these brave and wonderful members has taken the time and energy to put themselves forward as the next leaders of our Association. Please take a little time to read about their experience and interest in the positions, and then share your thoughts with your institution's voting member.

Each member institution gets only one vote during the Business Meeting at the Annual Conference on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Members may also be nominated for positions from the floor. Election results will be announced during the Business Meeting and at the banquet on Tuesday evening.

Without further ado, here are the candidates:

**Candidate Name:** Tim Trevan  
**Title:** Director of Student Housing and Conference Services  
**Institution:** California State University, Northridge  
**Seeking Position:** President Elect  
**Years in Housing:** 20



**Executive Committee Experience:**

Treasurer: 2006-2007; 2007-2008

Vice President: 2004-05

Secretary: 1999-2000

**Committee Chair Experience:**

Annual Conference Program Committee Chair: 2005-2006

Annual Conference Chair: 2002-2003

Nominations Co-Chair: 2000-2001

Placement Chair: 1998-1999

Finance Advisory Chair: 1996-1997; 2005-2006

**Committee and Other WACUHO Involvements:**

Finance Advisory Committee Member: 2003-2004; 1995-96

Nominations Committee Member: 2001-2002

Program Committee Member – Annual Conference: 2000-2001

Pacific Management Institute Committee Member: 2000-2001

Host Committee Member – Annual Conference: 1994-1995; 1995-1996

Southern Rap Committee Member: 1989-1990; 1990-1991; 1991-1992

Research and Information Committee Member: 1988-1989; 1989-1990

**Other Qualifying Experiences:**

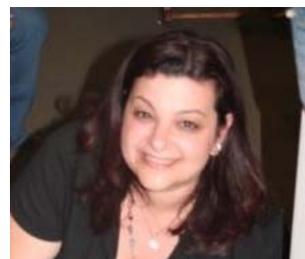
Membership and involvement in various NASPA committees

My first exposure to WACUHO was Southern Rap 1986 at the University of Redlands. It was one of those eye-opening, transformative days that left me wanting more and inspired me to get involved in the organization. Twenty-two years and several jobs and home institutions later, the singular experience that has touched the entire span of my career is WACUHO. The people, programs and opportunities I've experienced in this association have impacted me deeply – molding, guiding and instructing me both professionally and personally.

WACUHO is an organization that provides new and seasoned professionals with opportunities to cut their professional teeth and access to a valued network of colleagues – thus furthering their own development as well as promoting advancement of the field. I believe this is, in essence, the Executive Committee's charge – to provide leadership necessary to support the kinds of innovations and interactions among members that make WACUHO the vital organization it is. I am excited to run for President Elect and believe my years of involvement with the Association would serve me well in this capacity.

My recent experience as the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Treasurer has given me additional sensitivity to the opportunities and challenges currently facing the Association. I would be honored to serve as President Elect, helping to guide the Association toward the realization of its mission and goals.

**Candidate Name:** Staci J. Buchwald  
**Title:** Associate Dean of Students  
**Institution:** Scripps College: The Women's College of the Claremont Colleges  
**Seeking Position:** Vice President  
**Years in Housing:** 12



**Executive Committee Experience:**

Treasurer: 2004-2006  
Member at Large South: 2000-2001  
Member at Large North: 1999-2000

**Committee Chair Experience:**

Diversity and Affirmative Action Co-chair: 2008  
Exhibits Co-chair: 2007  
Time and Place Committee: 2003-2004  
Religious and Spiritual Issues: 2003-2004  
Programming Co- Chair: 2002 Annual Conference  
Northern RAP Co- Chair: 1998

**Committee and Other WACUHO Involvements:**

Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee: 1998-2000, 2007-2008  
Exhibits Committee: 2007  
Awards and Recognition: 2006- 2008  
Top Five Program Award: 1998, 2006  
New Professionals Committee: 2002-2004  
Finance Advisory Board Committee: 2003-2004, 2007-2008  
Programming Committee: 2002, 2004 Annual Conferences  
Host Committee: 2003 Annual Conference  
Corporate Relations Committee: 2001-2002  
Nominations: 2001-2002  
PMI Committee: 2001 Conference  
Legislative Affairs and Research Committee: 1999-2001  
John Yarborough Award: 1998  
Northern RAP: 1997- 2000  
WTI Participant: 1999, 2005  
WTI Scholar in Residence: 2006

**Other Qualifying Experiences:**

Extensive knowledge and experience with WACUHO budgets, policies, procedures, and Corporate Partners.  
Membership and Involvement in ACPA  
Supervision, training, and evaluation of professional staff members  
Strong advocate of Strengths based work ethic and diversity initiatives  
Budget planning experience and committee work

**I am a candidate for this office because:**

WACUHO nurtured me from my first days as a Hall Director in the region, and has helped me to be a confident and competent Chief Housing Officer at my current institution. I have learned greatly from the people and the structures that make up WACUHO and use many of these skills daily. Through WACUHO experiences I learned what was required of someone in the Vice President position, and believe this will help me to recruit the many volunteers that are needed to make our organization run smoothly. I understand the importance of details, organization, flexibility, communication, and timeliness as it relates to keeping individuals motivated and enthusiastic about their involvement with the organization, and hope to continue on the strong paths that have been set forth by those in the position before me. I know that it is important to respect the history and traditions of WACUHO as we nurture the enthusiasm for new and dynamic initiatives. My long term commitment to a wide variety of WACUHO committees and activities has afforded me not only opportunities to get to know many different individuals, but to also recognize the important nuances and working styles that are necessary to make each committee run smoothly. My overall involvement has given me invaluable insight into the operational side of WACUHO, and has allowed me to truly see how important it is to hold the individual volunteers in highest regards.

As a member of the Executive Committee I would make sure to care for the Association in the same ways it has cared for me. I would be honored if the membership would entrust me with the responsibility and office of Vice President.

**Candidate Name:** James C. Smith  
**Title:** Assistant Director for Residence Life  
**Institution:** University of California, Riverside  
**Seeking Position:** Vice President  
**Years in Housing:** 9 years in Housing and Residence Life



**Previous WACUHO Involvement:**

**Executive Committee**

Vice President, 2007-2008

Member at Large-North, 2003-2004

Annual Conference- Programs Committee (2005-2006, **Co-Chair** 2006-2007).

Academic Relations and Residence Life Committee (2004-2005, **Chair** 2005-2006).

Time and Place Committee (2004-2005).

Western Training Institute Planning Committee (2004).

New Professionals Committee (2001-2004, **Co-Chair** 2002-2003).

Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee (2001-2003).

Northern RAP (2000-2003, **Co-Chair** 2000).

**Other Related Information:**

WACUHO New Professionals Scholarship Recipient (2002)

Diversity and Affirmative Action Scholarship Recipient (2002).

Top Collaboration Program: *The Theory Behind the Action: Collaboration in Developing Living Learning Communities*. WACUHO Annual Conference. (2005).

Member of ACPA, NASPA, and NACA.

**I am a candidate for this office because:**

I am excited to be nominated for the office of Vice President. I see this role as vital to maintaining communication with the committees and making sure that our membership is apprised of the great work our committees do. As the current Vice President, I understand the commitment involved with maintaining accurate committee records and direct communication with the chairs and executive committee. As VP, I will continue to work with the committee chairs and help them recognize their potential and maximize their efforts. In addition, continue to streamline the process for committee selection.

I appreciate your time and consideration as I seek the office of Vice President.

**Candidate Name:** Rick Wan  
**Title:** Assistant Director, Residential Living  
**Institution:** University of California, Berkeley  
**Seeking Position:** Vice President  
**Years in profession:** I have 13 years of professional service in Housing and Residence Life.



**Previous WACUHO involvement:**

Committee Member, 2002 Central RAP (University of Southern California)  
Member at Large, Executive Committee Member 2001/2002  
Committee Member, Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee 2000/2001  
Committee Member, 2001 Annual Conference/Programs Committee (Monterey Bay)  
Committee Member, 2000 Annual Conference/Programs Committee (Palm Springs)  
Committee Member, 2000 Central RAP (University of California, Santa Barbara)  
Co-Chair, 1999 Central RAP (California Lutheran University)  
Committee Member, 1998 Central RAP (Occidental College), WACUHO  
Student Host, 1993 Southern RAP (Occidental College)

**Other qualifying experience or contributions:**

I have been an active member of the association since 1997 and have served the association in several different capacities including committee membership, committee chair, and executive committee member. In addition to attending numerous Southern and Central RAP conferences as a student and practitioner, I have attended 7 annual conferences and have been a presenter on 4 occasions.

**Why you are a candidate for this position:**

I hope to re-engage in the association after a brief hiatus and become active once again in the organization that has meant so much to my professional development. I recently moved from Southern California to Northern California and look forward to connecting with professional colleagues in the region.

**Candidate Name:** Ramona Hernandez  
**Title:** Privatized Housing Manager  
**Institution:** University of California, Davis  
**Seeking Position:** Treasurer  
**Years in Housing:** 22 years as a Housing professional



**Previous WACUHO involvement:**

Finance Advisory Committee (member '98/99, '03/04, '06/07 & '07/08; chair '99/00)

Nominations Committee '05/06 & '06/07

Host (Registration) Committee '06/07

Annual Conference Chair '07/08

**My qualifications:**

My experience on Finance Advisory, as well as overseeing Registration and the Annual Conference has allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of the financial workings of the WACUHO budget and financial structure. In addition, my professional experiences have well prepared me for this position. At SJSU my responsibilities included oversight of business operations, managing the financial reporting and the annual budget process for the department (\$8 million at the time I left in 2001). In my current position my responsibilities include overseeing annual rate increase proposals, required reserve for replacement accounts and participating in negotiation of campus charge increases to our privatized partners. The last three years I've also been responsible for oversight of two UCD cooperative housing communities, including full budget responsibilities (rates setting, planned reserve allocations and expense management). I've utilized MS Excel in all of these responsibilities to manage and report financial data, utilizing both SJSU and UCD financial management systems to extract and reconcile accounting information. I have used Quicken and MS Money for my personal financial management, and my with my participation on Finance Advisory Committee I understand the means and philosophy of WACUHO investment strategy the last 10 years. I've utilized PayPal databases to manage credit card payments as the '07 Registration Chair.

I am very excited about the possibility of contributing my experience and deep appreciation for WACUHO as an Executive Committee member. Thank you for your consideration!

**Candidate Name:** Robert Stephens  
**Title:** Assistant Director, Residential Living  
**Institution:** University of California, Riverside  
**Seeking Position:** Treasurer  
**Years in Housing:** 10 years



**Previous WACUHO Involvement:**

Technology Coordinator, 2006-2008  
Chair, Technology & Information Systems Committee, 2004-2006 (Member, 2003-2004)  
Program Committee, 2004-2005  
Host Committee, 2003-2004  
West Coast Regional Conference Host Committee, 2002-2003  
Northern RAP Committee, 2001-2005  
New Professionals Committee, 2001-2003

**Other qualifying experience or contributions and Why you are a candidate for this position:**

In 2000, I attended my first ever WACUHO conference. I didn't know anyone. Time and time again, as with that first conference, WACUHO members have welcomed me in. I chose at that conference to volunteer and WACUHO became a driving force in my life, leading to my selection as Volunteer of the Year in 2004 and current service on the Executive Committee. I want to continue to provide that same welcoming and inviting atmosphere.

While I have enjoyed serving as Technology Coordinator, I am ready for a new challenge, specifically, Treasurer. My technology expertise will benefit me, as I understand the software and systems used to track and direct funds. Through positions in housing, I have experience managing budgets that include multiple funding sources and expense lines. I also have had responsibility for administering registration processes for conferences and retreats, including for WACUHO, including reconciling the financial accounts and creating reports.

With nationwide budget issues, the next few years pose a particular time of trial. During the past three years on the Executive Committee, I have learned about the behind-the-scenes challenges for WACUHO. This knowledge, combined with creativity, a love of numbers, and my professional and personal experiences, will aid me in being a successful Treasurer for the next two years.

**Candidate Name:** Maggie Malagón  
**Title:** Director, Housing Business Services  
**Institution:** Santa Clara University  
**Position Seeking:** Secretary  
**Years in Profession:** 13 years



**Previous WACUHO Involvement and Why you are a candidate for this position:**

My name is Margarita “Maggie” Malagón and I am currently the Director of Housing Business Services at Santa Clara University. I am now in my ninth year at SCU as a full time staff member, although I like to say that I’ve been in housing for thirteen years - I was a Student Assistant for the SCU HRL Office all four years as an undergraduate student. Throughout my years in housing, I have been blessed to have encountered wonderful and supportive mentors who encouraged my participation in WACUHO. I began my connection with our organization with the Diversity and Affirmative Action committee, a committee I would later co-chair with my good friend Deanna Peck. This year I am on the Host committee and I continue to learn from all my WACUHO colleagues.

After much thought, I have decided to add my name to the list of candidates for the position of Secretary. My organization, timeliness and attention to detail are just a few of the skills I would bring to this position. I have, on many occasions, been told that I take very good notes. I will have to admit that I have found this skill to be essential. I have also found my ability to see the small details and the larger picture incredibly helpful. I pledge, if given the opportunity, to do my part in moving our organization forward, as we encounter new challenges ahead. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Candidate Name:** Dana Pysz  
**Title:** Resident Director / University Judicial Officer  
**Institution:** UCLA  
**Position Seeking:** Secretary  
**Years in Profession:** 10 years



**Previous WACUHO Involvement:**

2005-present WACUHO Exhibits and Displays, member  
2005-2006 WACUHO Annual Conference Top 5 Program winner  
2004-2005 WACUHO Exhibits and Displays, Co-Chair  
2003-2004 WACUHO Executive Board, Member-at-Large, Central  
2001-2003 WACUHO Program Committee, member  
2002 WTI Conference (participant)  
2002 Central RAP Conference – Registration Sub-committee  
2003 Central RAP Conference – Evaluations Sub-committee  
1996-1997, 2002-2003, 2005-2007 WACUHO Annual Conference program presenter

**Other Professional Involvement:**

1998 SWACUHO Supervisory Skills Conference – Team Leader  
1999-2000 SWACUHO Annual Conference – Program Committee member  
2000 SWACUHO Annual Conference Case Study Winner  
2003 UCGLBTIA Conference (program presenter and participant)  
1993-1996 Northern RAP Conference (participant)

**Why you are a candidate for this position:**

Throughout my ten years in residence life, I have truly enjoyed the professional experiences of two distinct regional conferences (WACUHO and SWACUHO) and participating in their dynamic processes. My involvement in WACUHO has been long-standing and I enjoy participating in the continuing growth of our organization. My past involvement has encouraged me to learn and grow while making connections with others in the student affairs profession. I want to continue to be involved in the opportunities WACUHO offers and represent its members through my leadership and enthusiasm. I look forward to continuing my service to WACUHO and its members if elected as Secretary.

**Candidate Name:** Andrea Beaumont  
**Title:** Complex Coordinator  
**Institution:** University of San Francisco  
**Position Seeking:** Member-at-Large, North  
**Years in Profession:** 7 years



**Previous WACUHO Involvement:**

Central RAP committee member, 2004  
Western Training Institute committee member, 2007  
Conference Programs committee member, 2007  
Western Training Institute co-chair, 2008

**Other qualifying experience or contributions/ Why you are a candidate for this position:**

Greetings WACUHO! I am Andrea Beaumont and am truly excited to be running for the position of Member-at-Large, North. I have spent the last seven years working in Residence Life in California: starting at Mount St. Mary's College, then San José State University, and now at the University of San Francisco. Through that time, I have attended 3 Central RAP's, 2 Northern RAP's, 3 WTI's, and 2 WACUHO annual conferences, where I have connected with numerous individuals from institutions big and small, public and private, and with varying professional development funding and support.

Within WACUHO, I have served on committees that I knew would help me build close connections with other individuals within the region, while allowing me to help ensure that our association has quality programming to offer its members. Most recently, as co-chair of WTI, our committee was able to put on an educational, insightful institute for the members of our region – all while holding to the zero-balance budget. As Member-at-Large, North, I hope to continue to work with the individuals in our region to ensure that WACUHO is filling their professional development needs.

I know how much fun and also how rewarding time serving on a WACUHO committee can be, and I would be honored and privileged to take that to a new level if I am selected as the next Member-at-Large, North!

**Candidate Name:** Dean F. Kennedy  
**Title:** Associate Director of Residential Life  
**Institution:** CSU, Monterey Bay  
**Position Seeking:** Member-at-Large, North  
**Years in Profession:** 10 years



**WACUHO Candidate Profile for the Member-at-Large North position:**

My name is Dean Kennedy and I want to be your WACUHO Member-at-Large North. In addition to being Associate Director of Residential Life at California State University, Monterey Bay, I have been fortunate Chair the WACUHO Academic Relations and Residential Life Committee this past year. With an outstanding committee, we researched four topic areas look forward to presenting our results at the Annual Conference during a program session and via a brochure available to all attendees. My involvement with WACUHO stretches back to 2000, and for the three years I worked in California, I served on the Northern RAP and New Professionals Committees, was a Host Committee member and the Web Designer for the UCSC/CSUMB co-sponsored annual conference, and Co-Chaired Northern RAP in 2001.

Over 10 years in student affairs, I have worked at six universities and have been involved in ACPA, ACUHO-I, and WACUHO. Within ACPA, I have served on the Standing Committee for New Professionals and Graduate Students, the Ethics Committee (Co-Chairing last year), and the Commission for Professional Preparation. Last year, I became actively involved on the ACUHO-I Multicultural Network and look forward to supporting and challenging the organization as it goes through a restructuring. Whether I am supporting an individual committee, the Executive Committee, or our entire organization as the Member-at-Large North, you will find I strive for transparent communication and processes, treating people with care, and making inclusive decisions to continually enhance programs and resources offered to our members.

**Candidate Name:** Mia Love  
**Title:** Housing Supervisor/Property Manager  
**Institution:** Stanford University  
**Position Seeking:** Member-at-Large, North  
**Years in Profession:** 10 years



**Previous WACUHO Involvement:**

I have enjoyed being a part of and serving my WACUHO family for the past 7 years! WTI 2001-2003, WACUHO presenter 2001, 2005, 2007 and 2008, DAA Committee/ Co-Chair 2002-present, Facilities Committee 2002-2006, Program Committee 2006, Host Committee 2005, 2007 & 2008

**Why you are a candidate for this position:**

WACUHO and my Stanford family have afforded me the opportunity to develop professionally and personally. WTI allowed me to get my feet wet and feel the warmth of familiar faces during my first annual conference. Program and Host committees gave me the chance to contribute to one of the professional highlights of my year – the WACUHO annual conference. The DAA committee has been a substantive experience. I have learned so much from my peers and resolved to help cultivate programs that are edifying to the membership.

WACUHO embodies more than just a safe space, it is a platform to honor those who have paved our way, prepare for our future and celebrate an organization that is filled with passion for students.

WACUHO enriches our experience as college and university professionals while taking care to promote our own wellness.

As the MAL – North, I will represent the Northern region and the committees with whom I liaise. I bring seven years of WACUHO experience, a strong network of colleagues and friends, the wisdom to know when to tap into the valuable resources that WACUHO provides, and the tenacity to proudly and diligently execute the office of MAL – North!

**Candidate Name:** Debbie S. Deas  
**Title:** Resident Director  
**Institution:** UC Santa Barbara  
**Position Seeking:** Member-at-Large, Central  
**Years in Profession:** 1 year



**Why you are a candidate for this position:**

My name is Debbie S. Deas, and I'm a Resident Director at UC Santa Barbara. This is my first year of professional experience in housing and residence life, but I have worked closely with all areas of residence life, including dining and operations, since my time as an undergraduate when I served as a Resident Assistant and student leader at a small liberal arts institution. While in graduate school at Indiana University, I worked with community and leadership development in the halls and around campus. I also participated in the ACUHO-I internship program working with summer conferences at McMurry University in Abilene, TX. My involvement with professional organizations began as the president of the IU Student Personnel Association, and I am eager to get involved with a professional organization at this level to learn more about and contribute to the field of student affairs, particularly housing and residential life.

As a new Californian, I have limited experience with WACUHO. However, after only four months in my new position, I was able to organize the UCSB 2007 Central RAP delegation. We presented three programs, and won the spirit competition! Professional organizations play an integral role in how we grow our institutions, shape the field, and build networks to increase our knowledge and effectiveness. They are also a primary source of professional development for many. I see this as a wonderful opportunity to network with new colleagues and increase awareness about and interest in WACUHO for new and upcoming professionals.

**Candidate Name:** Ryan McRae  
**Title:** Resident Director  
**Institution:** California State University San Marcos  
**Position Seeking:** Member-at-Large, South (HOLLA!!)  
**Years in Profession:** 4 ½ years



**Previous WACUHO Involvement:**

2005-6 NRAP Committee  
2005-6 New Professionals Committee  
2005-6 WACUHO Poker Champion  
2005-6 Case Study Winner  
2006-7 WTI Attendee  
2005-6, 2006-7, SRAP Committee  
2006-7, 2007-8, Technology Chair

**Other Professional Involvement:**

Adjunct Faculty for the First Year Programs at CSUSM

**Why you are a candidate for this position:**

I have been actively involved with WACUHO and have enjoyed every minute. I believe I have the experience to serve as the Member at Large South and make a positive impact for the committees I work with. I believe that WACUHO offers housing professionals a unique and valuable experience and I would love to share the fantastic experiences, knowledge and wisdom I have gained.

**Candidate Name:** Jack Saxon  
**Title:** Resident Director  
**Institution:** University of California, Riverside  
**Position Seeking:** Member-at-Large, South  
**Years in Profession:** 3 years



**Why you are a candidate for this position:**

My name is Jack Saxon, and I am a resident director at the University of California Riverside. I am in my third year of service at UCR, before which I attended at Northern Arizona University where I received both my undergraduate and graduate degrees. I am excited and honored to seek the position of Member-at-Large-South with WACUHO. This is my second year of involvement with the organization; I have previously worked on the Programs and SRAP committee; I was fortunate to co-chair SRAP this year at Cal State San Bernardino. I view the Member-at-Large position is an excellent chance to continue working on behalf of the organization, as well as continuing to network and build relationships in the western region. This is also a great opportunity to represent UCR, as I have done with my work on ACPA's Commission for Housing and Residence Life. I am excited at the chance to work within the organization at a different level, and would bring a strong work ethic and passion for Housing. Thank you for taking the time to consider my candidacy.

**Candidate Name:** John-Paul Wolf  
**Title:** Resident Director  
**Institution:** University of California, Riverside  
**Position Seeking:** Member-at-Large, South  
**Years in Profession:** 4 years



**Previous WACUHO Involvement:**

I have been involved with the New Professional Committee as a scholarship winner in 2006. I lead the publications sub-committee for Southern RAP in 2006-2007. Additionally, I served as Co-Chair for the Southern RAP 2007-2008 and been member of the Research Committee during the 2007-2008 academic year.

**Other Professional Involvement:**

During the 2006-2007 academic year I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Western Training Institute. This experience enlivened my passion for the field and showed me just how special WACUHO is in being able to provide professional development to professionals of all backgrounds.

**Why you are a candidate for this position:**

My involvement in so many WACUHO activities has shown me how vital communication is within a volunteer organization. The MAL provides guidance, leadership, and works as a liaison to the active committees from the executive leadership. I am willing and able to spend the time needed to make sure we continue to be the successful organization that has given me and other professionals so much.

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