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THE LAKE EFFECT

Circuit 7 Representative Update

Greetings from your Circuit Representative:

It was truly an honor for me to be able to serve you last year as one of the Co-Representatives for the Circuit. When, now, President King contacted me to ask me if I would like to continue, I told her I was thrilled that she offered.

It was great to have so many of you in attendance at the Circuit

meeting during the Conference in February! As I stated in that meeting, I plan for Circuit 7 to achieve new heights this year.

I have asked several individuals to take on leadership positions within the Circuit, but will be looking for assistance from everyone to make this year a success! We have a rich history of involvement within the Association within our Circuit, and its impor-

tant for new members to the Circuit to have a sense of that tradition.

My goals this year are:

1. **Responding to the Economic Crisis:** Increased professional development and networking opportunities on a Circuit level.

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As one Director —At—Large Says Goodbye . . .

Greetings from your former Director-at-Large:

While it was only for a year, I value the opportunity that I had to represent you on the Board of Directors, to get to know some of you and, in particular, to work with your Circuit Representative, Suzette Zompetti. As I said at your conference Circuit 7 meeting, you have a real Rock Star in Suzette. I felt a positive energy among you during that meeting and I appreciated the opportunity to join some of you for dinner during the conference. I encourage each of you to support your Circuit activities in any way that you can. I predict that if you follow through on all that you have planned for the year, Circuit

7 will be announced as the Circuit of the Year at the 2010 Conference!

At the Pre-conference Board of Directors meeting, we devoted considerable time to reviewing the Association Strategic Plan and the Diversity Strategic Plan to insure that we are progressing in our chosen direction. The current Board will be developing a new Strategic Plan during this year to carry the association forward for the next five years.

We discussed that while the Foundation was formed to support member research that is relevant to our field, we lack an established process and criteria for funding research grants. This

will be addressed. We examined preliminary results of the membership survey that has been conducted by Dr. Kelli Peck Parrott. I believe it will be important to digest the results as they provide a measure of member satisfaction with current ASCA services and practices. The other big issue is the impact of the economy on university budgets and the delivery of services to our members. I believe that we will need to rely more on technology for the delivery of member education and that state and circuit activities will rise in prominence.

I wish the best for you individually and as a Circuit.

Mike Jungers

Another Says Hello . . .

Greetings from your Director-at-Large:

Hi everyone, this is John R. Jones (aka hold me accountable), your Director-at-Large for Circuits 7 and 8. First and foremost, I am humble and thankful to serve as your new Director-at-Large. Officially, I started serving as your Director at the Business meeting during the 2009 Conference.

Though, I must say, it was good to see members during the Business meeting asking the leadership to be more transparent in sharing information. I am, originally, from North Carolina; but I have been living in the Midwest since 1992, the year I started graduate school. Currently, I serve as the Associate Vice President of Students Affairs at Northern Illinois University

I have served ASJA through numerous roles including, but not limited to, conference program reviewer, Late Night Event Task Force, Gehring Academy faculty, Resolution Committee, conference presenter, Conference Planning Committee, and SSAO Chair. I have, also, served on the Board of Directors for the Center for Academic Integrity.

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Director-At-Large Update, continued from pg. 1

I believe that ASJA must continue to evolve as an association so that it can lead higher education in anticipating and meeting the needs of an ever demanding student population. When I ran for the Director-at-Large position, I advocated four objectives:

1. Continue to provide our membership services with high quality programs and services,
2. Expand support and involvement in Circuit activities and improve Circuit representa-

- tion,
3. Enhance communication and transparency, and
4. Continue to infuse Conflict Resolution and Social Justice Concepts into the broader organization framework.

As your new Director, I will work to positively impact the professional lives of the membership by advancing these objectives and vigorously addressing the concerns of the membership.

I will also share what the Board is discussing, what new ideas are

surfacing, and what challenges we are addressing.

I encourage you, and challenge you, to connect and reconnect with your colleagues at other institutions through Circuit activities, including this newsletter, and other student affairs opportunities to strengthen our Association. The strength of this organization rests within us, the members. Together we will learn, lead, and succeed.

John R. Jones

Community College Student Conduct Dilemmas

By: Cyndi Vasquez-Barrios

Last academic year at my institution we experienced a 70 % increase in case load. At today's community college we are dealing with the same, or even more diverse cases than that of our fellow 4-year institutions. Unfortunately, for my colleagues at the 2-year institutions many of us lack the support mechanisms that are standard at senior institutions.

Some of the challenges community colleges are facing are little to no staff or staff that are responsible for multiple functions and do not solely function in a disciplinary capacity. Many lack formal training or receive proper resources as many are hired because of their expertise in other areas of responsibility. Another area of concern is the availability for referral of students to professional counselors that are certified in personal and mental health counseling to assist our students with serious mental health challenges, and not just obstacles to academic success. Many of the students community colleges are dealing with have mental health challenges and many of these students are well beyond the "traditional age" student. These are students of a special challenge they are students who generally do not have a support system at home or

who have exhausted those systems and there is no one to call for assistance.

How do we address these concerns as our case loads increase as well as the severity in cases? I think this is where ASJA comes in to be a valuable tool and resource for all of us that are in community colleges. I would recommend contacting your circuit representative to find the best resources, guides, books, and perhaps they can share some of their templates for the day to day activities. I would utilize the ASJA website for publications, obtain contact information of your local colleagues, as well as, register for the discussion board to obtain up to the date information and advice on hot topics on college campuses. Most importantly register and attend circuit training, even if it may be geared toward a four-year perspective there are many aspects of the information or materials that can be adapted to the community college process. Many of us who have been administering the conduct process at the community college level for many years have had to develop our process through the adaptation of the 4-year perspective.

Those of you who may be new to

the conduct process at the community college should conduct an assessment of your process by looking that the following check list:

- When was the last revision of your institution's code of conduct (Should be reviewed annually). Use "[*A Model Student Conduct Code with a Hearing Script*](#)" *Stoner, E. N. II, & Lowery, J.L. (2004)*
- Does your conduct process provide adequate due process? (Opportunity to respond to complaint, present evidence and witnesses, and opportunity to appeal)
- Compare your current program and services to CAS Professional Standards for Higher Education under Student Conduct Programs.
- Recruit, Train, and Develop a cadre of Student Conduct Hearing Panel members that include faculty, staff, and students. An excellent resource is "Model Judicial Board Selection and Training Manual" [*American College Personnel Association, Commission XV-Campus Judicial Affairs and Legal Issues*](#)
- Obtain a copy of the "Welcome

to the World of Creative Sanctioning, A Collaboration of Innovative Sanctioning Ideas: Past and Current”, *American College Personnel Association, Commission XV Judicial Affairs*. It is a little dated, but is a great idea generator.

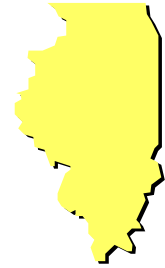
- Obtain a copy of the “Evaluating & Updating Judicial Processes”, *Phillips, J. (1998), Paper Clip Communications*.
- Subscribe to the ASJA Law & Policy Report (LPR) it is edited by Gary Pavela. The LPR will provide short concise commentary regarding law and policy issues related to student discipline and student development. You can receive weekly emails or read the archives

at http://www.asjaonline.org/en/articles/articles_view.asp.

- Read “A Legislative Update for Student Judicial Affairs” it is available at <http://www.asjaonline.org/>. This will provide you information on recent happenings in Congress, as well as topics of interest to our profession and strategies for involvement.
- Develop a marketing campaign to inform students of the code of conduct. Unfortunately, most students are not aware of the code until a complaint has been filed.
- It is essential to work with the academic side of the institution, they can be your champions to

get the word out about the “Code”, assist with recruitment of panel members, teach or lead “life skill sessions” that you may use as a sanction, and most importantly valid the importance of the function your office provides in maintaining a community of learning.

This article is my first for the Lake Effect. I hope to be able to contribute on for each issue. If you would like to see articles on a specific topic let me know. I look forward to assisting my fellow community college colleagues in any way I can. If you are need of more personalized information or resources to get you started or refine a process, please feel free to contact Cynthia.



Member in Illinois?
Please contact
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for more information
about involvement on
the state level.

Two-Year Institution Drive-in Roundtable, March 27th

JOILET, IL - Community colleges often do not have the resources to attend professional development opportunities where extended travel is required.

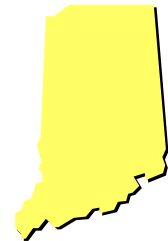
Cynthia Vasquez-Barrios, ASCA Circuit 7 Community College Representative said, “I’d love to talk with you about the benefits of

ASCA. I’m not exaggerating when I say that I rely on ASCA contacts, resources and experiences on a near-daily basis.”

The drive-in roundtable conference is being hosted by Joilet Junior College on Friday, March 27, 2009.

Come share codes of conduct, behavioral intervention teams, and appeal processes. The cost of the drive-in is **free**. Participants need only to attend and purchase their lunch.

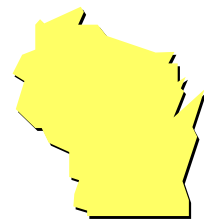
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the state level.

Circuit 7 Representative Update, continued from pg. 1

2. **Improve Communication:** Use of multiple mediums of communication to outreach to our members, and keep them informed. Utilizing Facebook, our Circuit 7 website, and continuing the newsletter; however you will notice some enhancements and special features. If you are a member of Facebook, make sure you let us know, so we can add you to the Circuit 7 Group.
3. **Increase Leadership Opportunities:** Respond to the need to get members involved with the Association.
4. **Enhance Professional Development Opportunities for New Professionals:** Increase networking opportunities with the creation of an e-mentor program for graduate students, new professionals/ members to be connected with some of our more seasoned professionals.
5. **Increase Membership within the Circuit:** Increase ASCA membership among institutions in the three Circuit 7 states to include at least one representative from each school; focusing on schools that have not previously enjoyed ASCA membership.
6. **Increase Collaborations:** Increase collaborations and strengthened relationships with other state and regional entities of professional associations (i.e. NASPA IV-E, GLACHUO, IHEC, etc.). We have discussed before strengthening our relationships with other state and regional entities of professional associations. If you have relationships with any of the regional associations, we want to hear from you to determine how we might collaborate on future endeavors.



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about involvement on
the state level.

My 2008 Gehring Academy Experience

By: D. Matt Gregory

I will be honest (I thought that was an appropriate way to begin given we hear this opening remark so much), the ASJA Donald D. Gehring Academy for Student Conduct Administration is absolutely a tremendous experience and significant professional development opportunity. The institute tracks capture many facets of student conduct administration ranging from workshops for the new professional (1-3years), alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and mediation, mid-managers (3+ years or supervisors), and lastly sessions for the more seasoned professionals. I would be remiss to not mention that the Academy faculty members are fantastic. Participants at the Academy get ample opportunity to 'pick the brains' of some of our field's finest professionals: Don Gehring,

Saunie Schuster, Nancy Giacomini, John Jones, Gary Dickstein, Tamara King, Rick Olshak, Karen Boyd, Dave Parrott, Howard Bailey, Bill Fisher, Lee Bird, Susan Tragester, and Jennifer Schrage to name just a few. I would be remiss, too, if I failed to mention the man, the myth, the legend, Ryan Holmes. All that being said, the major highlights of attending the Gehring Academy is the wonderful scenery around the University of Utah campus and in Salt Lake City.

To follow is a top ten list of tips for those of you who are going to attend this year's Gehring Academy:

1. Bring small bills to buy TRAX tokens, they give you change in dollar coins. If

you buy your TRAX token with anything more than a \$5, you will jingle while walking.

2. Visit both Squatters, home of the Polygamy Porter, and Red Rock Brewing Companies. ..come on now, for the food!
3. Venture to Temple Square and check out the beautiful LDS temple.
4. Visit the outdoor mall, very neat atmosphere!
5. Talk to the homeless people, they are fun. Tell "the Senator" I said what's up! He's also known as "the Pizza Man" in case he is using his alter-ego.
6. If and when you get asked for money while walking around downtown say, "I ain't got none" in the most polite

tone of voice you have.

7. Check out the many Winter Olympic structures still present throughout the city and campus.
8. Always keep the green side up while at the Brazilian restaurant, Rodizio Grill.
9. Make sure to always carry one of the Orange flags while crossing W 300 South.
10. And, finally, the best tip for you while attending the Gehring Academy, spend some time with Don. He is very knowledgeable, genuine, and sincerely wants you to have the best possible experience.

Register Today at:
<http://www.theasca.org>

ASJA Conference Highlights

By: Suzette W. Zompetti



This year's conference provided networking opportunities, enhanced professional development, and a time to be reflective on the practice and ourselves. I have taken the liberty of listing a few conference highlights for you:

1. ASJA Name Change be-

comes official. I know many members wondered when the name change, discussed last year, would take effect. Moving forward you will see ASCA on all materials.

2. New ASCA Logo unveiled. With the name change official, the Board shared with the membership the new logo. More information will be forthcoming as the Board continues to work with the marketing firm.
3. Dr. Jamie Washington's keynote charge, where he

asked each of us to be more reflective in our work, and our lives.

4. The Circuit 7 Dinner, where we had the opportunity to break bread with one another, and get to know each other better. (Plus, some of our members met Hulk Hogan.)
5. The Business Meeting of the Association, where many questions were raised about the financial state of the Association; and a call for increased transparency was levied to the Board.
6. President Tamara King's incoming address was thought-filled and gave the membership a glimpse into what kind of administration we can expect from her.
7. Finally, the top conference highlight. . .Circuit 7 took 2nd in the Volleyball Team Competition. Next year, there will be t-shirts! And, yes, that's right, President-elect Scott Lewis is now a PROUD member of Circuit 7!

We hope to see everyone back next year at the new location!

**Wisconsin Statewide Meeting Held in Beautiful Wisconsin Dells
By Tonya Schmidt, Wisconsin State Representative**

In the spirit of collaborating with other college student personnel administrators throughout Wisconsin, we held the Circuit 7 Wisconsin Statewide Meeting in conjunction with the Wisconsin College Student Personnel Association (WCPA) conference on October 22, 2008. It was designed as a pre-conference meeting to WCPA's annual conference: "Campus Safety: Everyone's Responsibility," and was sponsored and hosted by ASJA. All student conduct administration officers in Wisconsin were invited to participate in this meeting, including non-ASJA members. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss critical issues in judicial affairs in a conversational format.

Several topics were suggested prior to the meeting, and more were

added as the meeting began.

Topics pre-selected included issues related to campus safety:

- ↳ Alcohol:
 1. The re-invigorated debate over lowering the 21 year old drinking age
 2. Driving under the influence cases
 3. Alcohol overdoses - detoxification center transports
- ↳ The annual Clery report
 1. Specifically, who is the lead office responsible for compiling it?
 2. What role do others play in assisting with its compilation?
- ↳ Active shooter situations/

- ↳ Avenger Violence Training
- ↳ Threat Assessment and Intervention Teams
- ↳ UW System code revisions
- ↳ Online Conduct Issues:
 1. First Amendment issues
 2. General safety on social networking sites

Additions to the agenda included:

- ↳ Drugs
 1. Marijuana
 2. Prescription
- ↳ Case presentations
 1. Individuals had the opportunity to provide information about cases with which they were struggling.
 2. Other conduct

- ↳ officers served as consultants, offering feedback.
- ↳ Student conduct databases
 1. Discussion of who uses which database.
 2. Recommendations were offered for those exploring changes.

Overall, the meeting was a tremendous success. The open discussion format enhanced the educational opportunities provided by networking and sharing our expertise with one another. Attendees expressed their gratitude for setting up this style of meeting and offered it should be done again soon.

**Did You Know?: Things Every Member Should Know about the Association
By: Suzette W. Zompetti**

1. The new ASCA website address is <http://www.theasca.org>.
2. Tamara King is the first African-American president of the Association.
3. The International Conference will be changing locations next year. We will be in St. Petersburg, FL.
4. There are actually 12 Circuits: one for each of the US Circuit Courts and Canada.
5. The Board of Directors posts the minutes from their meetings on the Association's website. You definitely should check to see what the Board's doing for the Association!
6. The Association's financial report is available on the Association's website.
7. The Circuit 7 website is available at: <http://www.asjaonline.org/en/cms/348>
8. Opportunities for involvement include:
 - ↳ Being actively engaged with the Circuit.
 - ↳ Serving as a member of one of the Member Interest Councils (MICs).
9. Some session information from the International Conference is available on the Association's website.
10. Thanks to our very own, Brian Glick, co-chair for the Legislative Affairs Committee, there are legislative updates available on our Circuit website.



Interested in the e-Mentor program, please email Ellen M. Herion at eherion@depaul.edu for more information.

Being informed about what the Association has to offer is the key to maximizing your membership!

You Make the Call. . .**By: Suzette W. Zompetti****The Organization:** Student Government**The Players:** Various Senators

The Facts: The Association has a history of being the organization to which student leaders retire. The Preceding Student Body President was known to frequently have to be carried out of her bar of choice 4 out of 7 days/week. The Association, though commissioned as a shared governance organization, has some integrity issues; and subsequently the opinion of the Association is not held in high regard. This year's Association has made a commitment to work on changing that reputation because the membership really wants to see changes made within the University.

The Situation: At the annual fall retreat, a member received a phone call indicating there was an accident with her father and that she needed to get home immediately. The advisor left to take the member back to campus, so she could meet a friend to take her home. The Student Body President, Speaker of the Assembly and Student Trustee took responsibility for the group. While the advisor was gone, several members of the Association took the lead of one senator to smoke marijuana. However, the leadership of the Association and the Advisor do not find out until much later in the year when the issue gets brought up on the floor of the Assembly. Now the Advisor, who also serves as the Dean of Students, comes to you as the Conduct Officer to determine what course of action should be taken.

Upcoming Circuit & Other Events

March 27th: ASCA Circuit 7 Two-Year Institution Drive-in Roundtable
Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL
10–3 p.m.

June 2nd: Gehring Academy Registration Deadline

June 17th: ASCA Circuit 7/AFA Region III Joint Drive-in Conference
Partnerships in Practice: Mitigating Risks and Shaping our Professions for the Future
Millikin University, Decatur, IL
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

June 19^h: NASPA IV-E Women in Student Affairs (WISA) Conference
DePaul University, Chicago, IL

June 22nd: Gehring Academy
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

July 17th: ASCA Circuit 7 Resident Director Training Institute
DePaul University, Chicago, IL



Look for More Exciting Networking and Professional Development Opportunities in the Next Edition!

CALL FOR PROGRAMS

JUNE 17, 2009 AT MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY

ASSOCIATION FOR STUDENT CONDUCT ADMINISTRATION CIRCUIT 7
AND
ASSOCIATION OF FRATERNITY ADVISORS REGION III
JOINTLY PRESENT:

Partnerships in Practice: Mitigating Risks and Shaping our Professions for the Future

Program Title: _____

Presenters: _____

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Program Description/Abstract (75 words limit):

In what ways does this program address the conference theme?

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