

CRA Minute

Commission for Recreation and Athletics Newsletter

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Message from the Chair *Welcome to our First Newsletter!*



Welcome! My name is Randi Napientek and as of March, I am the new chair for the Commission for Recreation and Athletics. I am excited to be a part of this amazing group of professionals, and I

look forward to working with all of you over the next few years.

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to those of you with whom I have not yet met. I am the Associate Director of Student-Athlete Academic Support Services at Northern Illinois University. I just completed my Doctorate in Education and my dissertation was a critical examination on NCAA academic policy. I have worked in higher education for the past seventeen years in student affairs and enrollment management, academic affairs in retention and student success, and intercollegiate athletics.

I am excited to be starting my term as chair and I would like to thank former chair Larry Mrozek for his guidance and mentorship in my role as the chair elect over the last year. Larry has paved the way for us to accomplish great things in the next few years.

One amazing accomplishment in the last few months is that we have increased our membership to the commission by 50%! We are excited to see interest and excitement surrounding our group and we look forward to building off of this progress!

In addition, I want to welcome you to the first newsletter of the Commission for Recreation and Athletics! This tri-annual newsletter was created to provide information on our commission such as important dates, highlights in research and practice, networking opportunities, as well as information on our members.

Finally, please get involved. Whether that is presenting at the conference or hosting a webinar, helping us review program submissions, or event think about becoming a member of our executive team. We are still looking to fill a few spot! We would love to have you! You do not need to be a professional in our fields to do these things, you just need to have an interest in the work.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Here is to 2017/2018!

Get Connected to CRA

My ACPA Community

To make sure that you are an official member of the commission through ACPA, you will need to make sure you are signed up through the ACPA Community.

To do this, you need to join the group at

myacpacommunity.force.com

Make sure to encourage your colleagues who are interested in our fields to join as well!

Social Media

We have multiple social media platforms and we would like to encourage you to connect with us!



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2017 Conference Review

Commission for Recreation & Athletics and New ACPA President

The ACPA17 Curriculum was designed to be intentional and comprehensive. The curriculum, along with the entire ACPA17 experience, comes from the Convention Experience Goals to Connect, Experience, Reflect, Invest, and Transform.

Commission for Recreation & Athletes

Our commission was excited to kick off our year by connecting and transforming our directorate. Over the course of the convention, our commission membership increased by 50%!

In addition, proposed bylaw changes and directorate roles were discussed and you can learn more about them in our upcoming elections which is discussed on page 3.

Discussion on the future of our commission was discussed. We talked about how CRA can fit in with some of our other organizations such as NIRSA, N4A, and NACADA and we see ourselves growing with our external organizations while disseminating knowledge to the ACPA community.

We also discussed our role in bringing wellness, self-care, and recreation (adaptive and regular) to future conventions to help facilitate our missions.

We are excited for what 2017 holds for us!

Introduction of ACPA's New President

At the convention, ACPA's new president, Dr. Stephen John Quaye delivered his inau-

gural Presidential Address at the ACPA Annual Business Meeting. He introduced his 5 big ideas that he would like to work on during his presidency.

1. On the first Monday of every month, he will invite ACPA members through social media to use the hashtag to celebrate #EverydayBlackness. Recognize the people in your life, yourself included, who show up each day and live in their black skin.
2. He will work to amplify ACPA's new bold strategic imperative for racial justice.
3. He wants his tenure as president to be focused on healing and self-care.
4. He wants to engage with ACPA members by participating in a once a month twitter chat using the hashtag #HeyWithQuaye. He wants to know what's on our minds -- what issues we're wrestling with? What questions we have about happenings in ACPA? And any feedback we want to share?
5. By building on ACPA's reputation on scholarship and research, he will seek knowledge and expertise from places and people often not considered to be knowers. This means including voices outside of our Association and seeking expertise from diverse places. He will collaborate with ASHE President Shaun Harper, to offer a Presidential Symposium focused on bringing voices together between and outside of ACPA and ASHE.



Save The Date

2018 ACPA Convention
March 11-14 - Houston, Texas

The ACPA18 Convention is committed to upholding the values and mission of ACPA and focusing on the Association's bold vision through a reimagining of the convention experience and its impact for our profession, our attendees, and the community at-large.

ACPA18 will provide convention attendees opportunities to: (1) Reflect on their own positionality and role in social justice work within student affairs; (2) Educate and role model the value of racial justice; (3) Engage the issues impacting higher education by applying our identified competencies; (4) Experience critical opportunities for learning and engagement through the creation and dissemination of knowledge; and 5) collaborate with the local Houston community.

ACPA is committed to an experience that pushes boundaries in our thinking, empowers members to make a difference, and stimulates change in the community.

For more information, please visit: <http://convention.myacpa.org/houston2018>

Up Coming Elections for the Commission

New Bylaws and Directorate Positions

At the Closed Directorate Meeting at the 2017 Convention, members of the CRA directorate discussed the future of the commission. Within these discussions arose concerns over directorate positions and the alignment within the bylaws.

As stated in our bylaws, we need to have 12-15 directorate members of the commission. Currently, we have 9 positions in the bylaws, which do not currently match the titles and roles that have been given to members.

To bring us into accordance with our regulations, the directorate worked on a proposal that would create new roles, and split some

existing ones to bring our leadership to 13 members. It is important to note that the chair-elect and past chair positions are 1 year appointments that alternate years. By having 13 roles, we will maintain a consistent 12 person directorate.

In addition to our proposed bylaw changes, CRA has 8 directorate positions that we need to fill. After multiple calls for interest, we have individuals running for four of those positions. We are still looking to fill the chair of Research and Assessment, Membership and Outreach, Administration, and Web Development and Technology. Please let us

know if you are interested in one of these positions.

Election information on how to access your ballot will be emailed to you in the coming weeks. Please make sure to vote!

Introducing The Social Media Spotlight

Highlighting Members and Best Practices around the World

The Commission for Recreation and Athletics is filled with professionals and institutions who are known for their excellence in programs, facilities, and resources. Because of this, the CRA Directorate is excited to announce our new Social Media Spotlight.

Starting in July, the CRA would like to highlight our talented members, institutions, programs, and facilities on social media. This is an innovative way we can share best practices and highlights in the areas of recreation and athletics.

This also gives members the freedom to participate in professional development and learn from others in the field, especially if

budget and time demands do not allow for many opportunities to do so.

Our goal is to highlight the amazing things our members are participating in while forming a stronger community for the commission to network, collaborate, and learn from each other.

If you are interested in being highlighted, or you know of a program, facility, institution, or individual who should be highlighted, please send Rachel Brunson, our Vice Chair for Social Media (rachbrunson@gmail.com) a brief description as well as contact information so we can follow up on the referral.



What Do You Want for Professional Development?

The CRA would like to know what you want with regard to Professional Development Opportunities.

We understand that times are tough and you are not always able to travel to conferences or participate all of the learning opportunities that you would like. We would like to help!

CRA is looking to host a series of webinars over the next year but we want to know what you want to learn about. Please take a few moments and complete this brief questionnaire about topics, best practices, and research of interest to you:

https://valdosta.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ADETzRXdNAPGbH





Commission for Recreation & Athletics

CRA Are Individuals Who...

- work in
- work with
- do research
- or are interested in campus recreation and intercollegiate athletics

CRA's Goals Are To:

- Focus on student learning and development –create professional development opportunities
- Focus on creation and dissemination of knowledge– contribute to existing ACPA
- Focus on the development of professional competencies paired with career advancement - assist in the articulation of knowledge and skills needed by student affairs professionals who serve in or address issues in campus recreation and/or athletics

What Does CRA Do?

- Provide Professional Development Opportunities
- Facilitate Networking
- Assist in Positioning ACPA to be an informed Voice on Issues Related to our Commission

Things and Dates to Remember

To Do List:

- Make sure you are a member of CRA on:
 - Social Media
 - The ACPA Member Community
- Please Complete the Webinar Interest Survey at:
https://valdosta.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ADETzRXdNAPGbH
- Vote in the upcoming elections on bylaw changes and directorate members.
- Think about becoming a Directorate Member yourself. We have 4 option positions! Let Randi know if you are interested.

Professional Development

Phyllis L. Mable New Professionals Institute

June 26 - 28
Columbus ,Ohio

Donna M. Bourassa Mid-Level Management Institute

January 6 - 10
Chicago, Illinois

2018 Convention

March 11-14
Houston, Texas



The CRA Minute



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