

CHRL August 2015 Newsletter



A message from the chair: Troy L. Seppelt

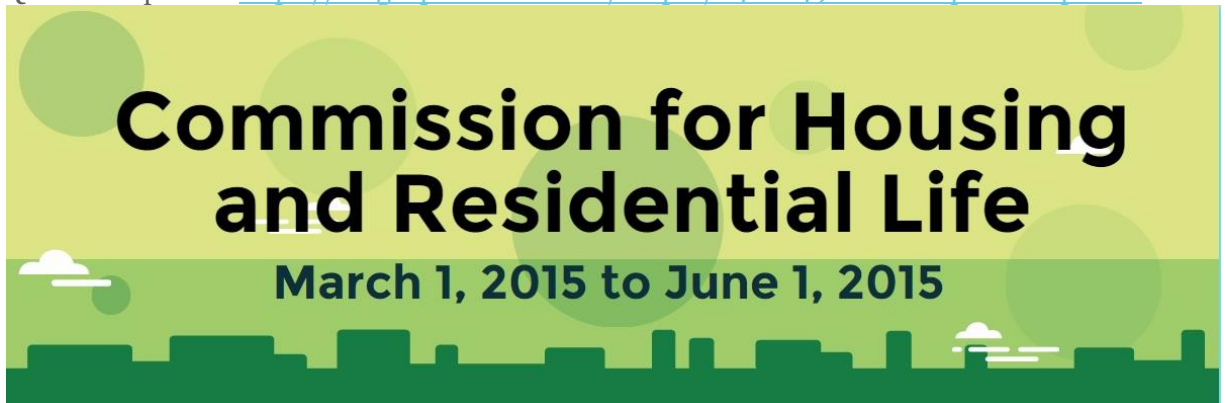
Hello again! I hope this note finds you well and that you have been able to find some time to reenergize as we launch ourselves into August.

In the June newsletter I shared that the Commission Directorate Body planned to focus our efforts on four broad areas for this “Commission Year,” the time between the convention in Tampa and our upcoming time in Montreal. To review, here are the four areas:

- Collaboration and outreach

- Commission structure and governance
- Year-round professional development opportunities
- Current and applicable resources

So what has your Commission Directorate Body accomplished to date? Check out our 'First Quarter Report' at <https://magic.piktochart.com/output/6482249-chrl-1st-quarter-updates>



I want to close this brief update that same way I did in June – *by encouraging you to be more involved in the work of the Commission.* The Commission exists to represent and serve housing and reslife professionals around the world, but we can only do the work well if our members are connected and involved. Here are a few brief ideas:

- Make sure your membership with ACPA is current and you have selected CHRL under “My Involvement” within your profile;
- Not only follow us on Facebook and Twitter – but invite other ResLife professionals to do the same. I invited some ResLife friends via FB and CHRL added 17 new followers this week;
- Volunteer to review program proposals;
- **SUBMIT** a program proposal for sponsorship (Did you know that **we pay the conference registration** for coordinating presenters of CHRL sponsored programs?)
- Volunteer to review nominations for CHRL awards;
- Nominate someone you know for a CHRL award;
- **TELL US** how we can support your professional development and career!

Take care,

Troy



Hello! Have you met Matthew Perry?!

Every newsletter we will be featuring a CHRL subscriber. For the month of August, we interviewed Mr. Perry! He is a full time higher education professional. He began his journey in 2009 at The University of Toledo as a Hall Director within the Department of Residence Life . Matthew stated to us that Housing & Residence Life is his current calling in life. For the past six years, he strived to make

a positive impact on the students that he serves. When we asked him why is he interested in CHRL, he stated, "This commission gives me the ability to not only further give back to and extend our profession, but also make an impact on students across multiple campuses. My motto is 'You can always be doing more.' This commission lives and breathes that motto".

Call for CHRL Sponsored Programs!

Each year, the Commission for Housing and Residential Life has the opportunity to sponsor five 60-minute programs that are of particular relevance or interest to our area of the profession. Sponsored programs are designated within the program guide, the content and presenters are promoted through our organization, and recognized at the beginning of their presentation as a sponsored program. In addition to sponsoring the program, CHRL is also able to sponsor one presenter with their registration fee! It's an amazing opportunity to target an audience that can really benefit from the knowledge you have to share.

To learn more about the programming philosophy of ACPA16 and to submit, please [CLICK HERE](#). Program submissions are due by Friday, September 4, 2015.

Updates from the workgroups!!

- **Advising & Leadership**

We hope you are all doing well during this busy time of year! The Advising and Leadership workgroup is currently preparing several projects that will begin in the coming months. We'd like to highlight two upcoming opportunities for you in this August newsletter!

Webinar Opportunity on September 25!

Our workgroup's fourth webinar of the year, *Reinventing Roles: We Report to*

Academic Affairs? Now What?, will be happening on Friday, September 25 at 2pm EDT. We are thrilled to host with these presenters, who presented this topic as one of the CHRL Sponsored Programs at ACPA Tampa 2015!

Please register here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6064460105717814017>

Reinventing Roles: We Report to Academic Affairs? Now What?

Friday, September 25 at 2pm EDT

In 2010, the President relocated Residential Life out of Student Affairs and into Academic Affairs. This strategic move was to symbolically suggest that residential life was a significant contributor to the academic success of students. The goal of this re-organization was to increase the focus of Residential Life on student success and completion. This session will discuss the rationale for this organizational change and explore the challenges, opportunities, and outcomes that have resulted from this unusual organization.

Upcoming Elections

We'd also like to encourage you to consider nominating yourself or an ACPA colleague to run for an elected position within CHRL! This year, we will be electing eight Directorate Body members and one Chair Elect.

There are many reasons to serve in an elected role on the CHRL, including:

- Leading professional development opportunities by designing webinars, workshops, and institutes
- Expanding your writing experience through papers, newsletters, and other publications
- Networking with fellow housing and residence life professionals from across the world

Please be on the lookout for election information! *Please note that additional details and role-specific responsibilities/qualifications will be shared in the upcoming election information.*

Thank you! As always, if you are interested in getting involved with projects related to the Advising & Leadership workgroup, please email Ali at guokas@nyu.edu.



