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## CHRL June 2015 Newsletter



### **A message from the chair:**

Message from the Chair – Troy L. Seppelt

Hello! I hope this note finds you well and that your summer is off to a smooth start.

At the ACPA 2015 Convention (#ACPA15) this past March I stepped into the role of Chair for the Commission for Housing and Residence Life. To say the least, I am humbled by this opportunity. CHRL and all of colleagues I have met through my involvement in ACPA have helped to define me as a professional, and I am honored to able to serve our great association and reslife/housing professionals specifically.

In preparation for my time as Chair I visited with current and past members of the Directorate Body, Vice Chairs for the Commission, and three past-Chairs of the Commission. Everyone has been incredibly gracious and thoughtful in providing feedback regarding the future of the Commission. With all of this information, as well as through my experience on the Commission and Directorate Body, we are focusing our efforts in four areas, each outlined below.

**Collaboration and Outreach** – Continue to build stronger relationships with other Commissions and Standing Committees, professional organizations that support our work (ACUHO-I, ACSA, etc.) and broaden/diversify membership of the commission/DB.

**Professional Development Opportunities** – Create and deliver year-round opportunities for professional development, supporting colleagues from entry-level to CHO and addressing every aspect of the reslife/housing operation.

**Commission Structure and Governance** – Update bylaws to create defined responsibilities for Chair-Elect as a year-long position and Past-Chair as a year-long position, as well as explore updates that may improve our efficiency. This work will improve the overall governance of the Commission and allow for smoother transitions and continuity of service for our members.

**Up-to-date, applicable resources** - ACPA and CHRL have a long history of providing up-to-date, relevant resources. The resources currently available on our Commission resources webpage however are now fifteen plus years old and no longer represent best practices.

As I mentioned at the outset, I am humbled by the opportunity to Chair our Commission. I ask for your assistance and support as we work together to help our Commission grow and prosper. **In other words - we need you involved!!**

- **Renew your membership with ACPA and be sure to select CHRL under “My Involvement”**
- **Check with others in your office to be sure they are members of ACPA and CHRL**
- **Follow us on Facebook and Twitter – and have other ResLife professionals do the same**
- **Write a blog post for the CHRL blog - between 800 and 1200 words (500 words = 1 page single spaced, 1000 words = 2 pages single spaced)**
- **Tell us what you want to learn about!!**

Take care,

Troy

**Eager for some involvement? Meet the workgroups!!**

- **Advising & Leadership**
  - The Advising and Leadership work group within the Commission for Housing and Residence Life aims to provide members of the commission with professional opportunities related to the ACPA competency areas of Advising & Helping and Leadership & Management/Administration.
  - Our goal is to offer a variety of opportunities through webinars, blog posts, twitter chats, and more. We have hosted two webinars so far (“Advice for the Advisers: RHA and NRHH Advising 101” in March and “Data or it Didn’t Happen: Data-Driven Training Programs” in April). Our upcoming topic areas/opportunities include, but are not limited to:
    - Professional Staff Onboarding Within Residence Life: Rolling out the red carpet to find out its brown on the other side (Webinar – [register here](#))
    - Department Re-Organization (Webinar)
    - Directorship (Webinar)
    - Live-In Partner Resources (Blog Series)
    - Competency Program (Newsletter/Social Media)
    - Housing Report Series (Newsletter/Social Media)
    - The Advising and Leadership work group is comprised of a dedicated group of professionals who volunteer their time and talents to help advance knowledge and resources within the field of student affairs: Ali Guokas (New York University), (Kohya Lu (University of Massachusetts Lowell), Katie Newcomb (SUNY-Geneseo), Claire Semer (Bowling Green State

University), Sean Sherwood (Binghamton university), and Megan Wyett (SUNY Polytechnic Institute).

- We welcome your involvement and ideas for the topics listed above and new areas related to our workgroup's competency areas! Please email [guokas@nyu.edu](mailto:guokas@nyu.edu) if you are interested in getting involved with the Advising and Leadership workgroup. I look forward to hearing from you!

- **Assessment, Student Learning, Development and Teaching**

- Dawn Aldrich, Bianca Hicks, Leah Shaw, Nathan Winters, Lindsay Whipple and I have been planning a variety of opportunities for professional development and recognition for the year.
- We are in the process of planning a webinar together with the chairs of the Residential Curriculum Institute to give an overview of the Institute. More information will come soon, so be on the look-out.
- Two of our big tasks, Commission Awards and the NextGen Scholarship process, will happen in the fall. These would not be successful without your nominations and reviews of applications. If you have helped out in the past – Thank You! We will also need your help this year and will send out calls for nominations and reviewers later this year!

We are also looking to provide information around Faculty in Residence models during our year. This project is still in the early planning stages.

- If you have any feedback, ideas or would like to get involved with our working group, please email me at [rhabbel@elon.edu](mailto:rhabbel@elon.edu)!

I look forward to hearing from you!

Rike Habbel

Vice-Chair for Assessment, Student Learning and Development, and Teaching  
Commission for Housing and Residential Life


- **Social Responsibility, Civic Engagement, Pluralism and Inclusion**

- We are a workgroup within the Commission for Housing and Residence Life that is committed to providing members of the commission with the opportunity to research, write and dialogue around topics of diversity and inclusion that impact us as residential educators and student affairs professionals.

- This year, we have broken up the year into several topic areas and will be focusing on providing opportunities for interested members to read and review our selected book, write blog posts and engage in twitter chats. It is our hope that by engaging our commission members that you will be able to dialogue and share resources provided with colleagues on your campus and within your professional networks, therefore extending the work of our commission to all.
- Topics for this year include:
  - April-June: Persistence of Under-Represented Students and Graduation
  - July-September: Race Relations on Campus
  - October- December: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender within Residence Life
  - January-March: What is inclusion?
- Also, something new for this upcoming year, please look for webinars surrounding topics of diversity and inclusion. More information coming soon!
- Members of this workgroup include:
  - Adam Kubiak, Elmhurst College
  - Marquis Bennett, Morrisville State College
  - Cat Kellman, Syracuse University;
  - Ashley Staples, New York University; and
  - Kyle Williams, Texas A&M University- Commerce.
- If interested in working with this workgroup, please contact Kyle Williams, at [williams.kye@gmail.com](mailto:williams.kye@gmail.com), with your interest to participate. Please include topical areas and if you would prefer to work with our twitter chats, blog, and/or book reviewers.
- Thanks you very much and look forward to working with you all soon!
- **Ethics and legal Foundations**
  - The Ethics and Legal Foundations Workgroup is comprised of 6 great professionals; Mackenzie Whitaker, Mohamad Saab, Douglas Stoves, Jessica Prodoehl, Shetina M. Jones & Scott Schuherts. We're excited to work on some pretty amazing things this year. Our goals for the 2015-16 year are listed below:
    - Facilitate a Virtual Case Study Competition for Masters Level students.
    - Facilitate a SA Chat

- Publish an article about Ethics and Legal Foundations in the ACPA Development
- Create and develop a Resource List
- Submit another program proposal for the 2016 ACPA Convention

See something that interests you? Please don't hesitate to contact the Vice-Chair Shetina M. Jones [shetinajones@gmail.com](mailto:shetinajones@gmail.com). We're looking forward to working with you all this year!

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