



## *Greetings from the Chair*

Hello everyone and welcome to the end of summer. Student staff will soon be arriving back on campus, and resident students are right on their heels. What that means is I have just returned from ACPA’s Leadership Weekend, held in the middle of July. I’m excited to share with you what I learned and what I experienced.

First and foremost, July 1, 2007 marked the beginning of ACPA’s new governance structure. Thus, the Governing Board (not the Executive Council) convened and the very first ACPA Assembly meeting was held. This assembly is both an opportunity for constituent groups to connect and an opportunity for the voices of the membership to be heard and considered in the decision-making of the governing board. At the July Assembly, we discussed awards, socially responsible investing, and ACPA’s strategic plan. It was exciting to be present at this historic meeting, reflecting one of the core values of ACPA, inclusion. The current Vice President of ACPA, Patty Perillo, ran the meeting and did a fabulous job. I hope to see you all at the next Assembly meeting, which will be convened at the 2008 convention in Atlanta.

Speaking of the convention in Atlanta, it’s only eight months away and the convention team had updates in St. Louis. Nikki Giovanni and Carol Gilligan will be featured speakers and Mike Coomes will return with his “Inside the Student Affairs Profession” program, interviewing Dr. Larry Roper of Oregon State University. Our Commission will be able to sponsor five programs and one roundtable discussion. Please encourage your colleagues to consider submitting a program for sponsorship. Any program not selected for sponsorship will automatically be forwarded on and be considered as a general program. The Commission is looking to sponsor programs that support our 2007-2008 Commission focus areas: sustainability, learning at the next level, and academic partnerships. (Note: We will once again be seeking the sponsorship of On Campus Marketing for our awards reception, to take place at an off-site location on April 1, 2008.)

Also at the summer leadership meeting, Greg Roberts, ACPA’s Executive Director, presented a “State of the Association Address” during which he spoke of the success ACPA has experienced. He was able to summarize the activities of the association within the context of its mission statement and core values. I have asked Greg if he would be willing to share his PowerPoint – if so, I’ll distribute it on our listserv. (A reminder about and directions for joining the Commission listserv are inside.)

Next, we received an update on our Commission budget. The Commission for Housing and Residential Life has a very healthy reserve account totaling \$9,941 due to revenue from the Residential Curriculum Institute and the generosity of On Campus Marketing, who paid for our reception at the 2007 joint meeting. Considering our annual operating budget is only \$1,200, this is a nice “nest egg.” As we move forward with Commission planning, we really need to consider how to best utilize these funds to support our focus areas. I am open for suggestions!

All in all, the weekend was informative and inspirational. It reminded me that the work we do as a Commission is vital to both the Association and to our colleagues who work in residence halls across the country. I thank you for your contributions and look forward to your continued involvement and contacts. Feel free to send me an e-mail, [kkerr@udel.edu](mailto:kkerr@udel.edu) should you have any questions and/or thoughts. Best of luck opening your halls!

Sincerely,

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## Commission for Housing and Residential Life Committee Updates

### Educational Strategies Committee

The Educational Strategies Committee, along with the larger Commission, relies heavily on the expertise and passions of residence life professionals. We hope you consider becoming involved in these efforts as well as share this update with your campus colleagues (graduate and professional staff, as well as faculty members) in a means to encourage their involvement. Your ideas, current practices, thoughts, and opinions are highly encouraged. Become the change you'd like to see!

The Educational Strategies Committee has been charged with several responsibilities this year, among them:

1. Focusing on 2007-2008 educational priorities: collaboration and academic partnerships; sustainability in higher education; and designed residential communities.
2. Investigate the possibility of hosting a seminar or mini-conference on one topical issue.
3. Develop a program designed to create publications that address the annual educational topics as identified by the Directorate Board.
4. Develop other strategies that will result in the creation of published materials around the educational priorities. Publications might include, "white papers," "best practices summaries," text for e-bulletins, etc.

The committee has subdivided into three groups, each focusing on one of the educational priorities. We have included the contact information for the leaders of each subcommittee as well as a brief overview of their current direction. Again, please consider contributing and becoming involved in one of these areas. If you have any questions about the overall work of the Educational Strategies Committee, please contact Amy Franklin-Craft, Chair, at [frank196@msu.edu](mailto:frank196@msu.edu).

#### *Collaboration/ Academic Partnerships*

This group will be focusing on understanding the world of academic affairs, its work culture, and the "cross cultural" relationship between academic and student affairs needed for collaboration. Faculty reward structures, faculty orientation to their field, specialization—teaching vs. research scholarship, and language used by faculty will all be examined.

### Communications Committee

At the ACPA 2007 Convention, the Communications Committee met to set their agenda for the year. First, it was decided that a summer edition of *Life-Line* needed to be created to focus on the work done at the convention. Furthermore, each *Life-Line* would highlight one of the three focus areas for the Commission: academic partnerships, sustainability, and learning at the next level. Each of the newsletters would also target Commission-related business. It is hoped the recipients will forward the *Life-Line* issue to their campus colleagues.

This group will also look at addressing the question asked by many faculty, "What am I going to get out of this?" by focusing on current literature and research. This information will be applied to faculty difference across institutional types. As a result of the subcommittee's efforts, it is hoped that programs on the topic as well as a resource list of best practices will be created. For more information contact Evan Baum, [ebaum@gmu.edu](mailto:ebaum@gmu.edu), or Trent Pinto, [pintotr@emmanuel.edu](mailto:pintotr@emmanuel.edu).

#### *Designed Residential Learning*

This group is looking to create a web resource added to the Commission's site that may include: useful books and texts, articles regarding theories and strategies for creating purposeful residential environments, and perhaps a question/answer format presenting alternative models of residential education (curriculum-based, BASIC model, community standards, progressive standards, etc.). This subcommittee will work with the Commission for Assessment for Student Development on addressing how can we assess such programs/ environments and what assessments are currently out there. Finally, this group will help promote the 2nd Annual Residential Curriculum Conference on January 24-28, 2008, as well as facilitate the inclusion of newsletter articles, white papers, etc., highlighting current institutional practices for creating purposeful communities. For more information, please contact Gudrun Haider, [haiderg@muohio.edu](mailto:haiderg@muohio.edu), or Darci Smith, [dmsmith@mountida.edu](mailto:dmsmith@mountida.edu).

#### *Sustainability*

This subcommittee is planning to help professionals understand what sustainability is with regards to economic development, social justice, and environmental protection. They will discuss the meaning of sustainability beyond just recycling efforts, and they will gather information about the practices in which campuses are currently engaged. The goal of this group is to help others become a change agent for sustainability by interviewing experts, reviewing best practices, and publicizing the need for sustainability. For more information contact Becky Mosely, [Rebecca.mosely@oberlin.edu](mailto:Rebecca.mosely@oberlin.edu), or Roberta Garrett, [rgarrett@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:rgarrett@rci.rutgers.edu).

The committee also wants to be intentional about communication between the Commission and its members. A message of consistency was stressed, so there was an interest to be responsible for all Commission marketing. There is a plan to update the Commission website to include presentation information for sponsored programs as well as additional resources and innovative ideas. For more information about the Communications Committee or to get involved, please contact Angel Wilson, Chair, at [angelw@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:angelw@austin.utexas.edu).

## *Call for Directorate Body Member Nominations*

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The Commission for Housing and Residential Life is currently seeking nominations for our next “class” of Directorate Body members. Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for membership. Serving on the board is a tangible way to give back to our profession and to work closely with fun and knowledgeable colleagues from across the country on important housing issues and projects.

The criteria for election of **Directorate Body members** are as follows:

- Director Body members must be members of ACPA and of the Commission for Housing and Residential Life.
- An individual cannot be a member of one of ACPA’s other Commissions while serving on the Commission for Housing and Residential Life.
- Directorate Body members must be currently or formerly employed in a full-time position in housing/residence life; graduate students with no full-time experience are not eligible.

If elected, **Directorate Body members** are expected to:

- Serve a three-year term of office, commencing with the ACPA convention following their election.
- Chair at least one committee or task during their term of office.
- Attend all ACPA conferences during their term.

There are eight election categories for Directorate Body members. Candidates may run as a representative of one of the six regions: New England, Mid-Atlantic, Southern, Midwest, Plains, and Western. Or, nominees may run in the New Professional category (three or fewer years of professional experience) or as a Seasoned Professional (eight or more years of professional experience).

Please consider nominating a colleague for a position. You may nominate more than one person – we only ask that you make your nominees aware you have submitted their name. We also encourage you to nominate yourself. The number of nominations for a Directorate Body position may be significant in the process when there are more than three people nominated for a particular category or region. In this situation, the three candidates who received the highest number of nominations would appear on the ballot. Therefore, don’t hesitate to nominate someone even if you know that they have already been nominated. For more information on the election process or the Commission’s committees and annual projects, please visit [www.myacpa.org/comm/housing/](http://www.myacpa.org/comm/housing/).

Nominations should include the following information:

- The nominee’s name, institution, title/position, phone numbers, mailing address, and e-mail address. Please also indicate whether the nominee falls into the new professional or seasoned professional category.
- The nominator’s name, phone number, mailing address, and e-mail address.

**Nominations are due no later than Friday, September 28, 2007**

Directorate Body Member Nominations should be sent to:

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## *Join the Commission for Housing and Residential Life Listserv*

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To subscribe to the Commission for Housing and Residence Life listserv, please use the following directions:

- Visit <https://members.myacpa.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/person/Listserv.html>.
- Log in with your ACPA username and password
- Find the line for “Commission for Housing and Residential Life,” verify your e-mail address and select an option from the drop-down menu (subscribe single or subscribe digest).
- Select “Submit Changes.”

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the International Office at (202) 835-2272 or [info@acpa.nche.edu](mailto:info@acpa.nche.edu).

## 2006-2007 Commission Awards Recipients

### Excellence in Service in Residence Life

Linda Ellis, Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville

### Outstanding Experienced Professional (4-9 years)

Sami Nassim, University of Delaware

### Outstanding Experienced Professional (10+ years)

Scott Gluntz, Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville

### Outstanding Graduate Student Staff Member

Goga Copic, University of Delaware

### Outstanding New Professional

Angel Wilson, University of Texas—Austin

### Outstanding Undergraduate Staff Member

Kyle Anderson, University of Buffalo

### Outstanding Use of Technology

On-Line Self Check-In Process, The George Washington University

### Outstanding Innovation in Residence Life

Housing Life Curriculum, The George Washington University

### Outstanding Research in Residence Life

Dr. Becky Verzinski, Towson University



## Program Announcement from the Commission for Housing and Residential Life

Hello Housing and Residence Life colleagues across the nation! As we prepare for our new and returning arrivals to our college campus right now, it is also time to submit your proposal for housing/residence life related programs for the 2008 ACPA Convention (<http://convention.myacpa.org/>), "Professionalism with a Purpose," March 29 - April 2, 2008, in Atlanta, Georgia.

All program proposals must be submitted by 11:50 PM EDT, Friday, September 14, 2007. Although you can submit any program for general conference presentation, consider having the Commission for Housing and Residential Life sponsor it. The Commission will be sponsoring five programs and one roundtable. Having a program sponsored by the Commission gives you the opportunity to target your presentation to fellow housing and residence life professionals and gives you additional recognition in the convention book and at the convention. To submit your program simply go to <http://convention.myacpa.org/program/program.html> and begin the submission process. To have your program considered for sponsorship by the Commission, simply check the box on the program submission form and the Commission will review your program. If your program is not selected for sponsorship by the Commission, it will go into consideration for a general convention program. The Commission is particularly interested in programs around three major areas of focus for our work:

1. **Collaboration/Academic Partnerships:** Focus on understanding the world of academic affairs and its work culture. Instead of focusing solely on collaboration, focus on "cross-cultural" (Faculty vs. Student Affairs) understanding.
2. **Designed Residential Learning:** Presenting alternative models of residential education.
3. **Sustainability:** Focus on resources and best practices of sustainability.

For questions about submitting a proposal for sponsorship by the Commission, please contact Licinia "Lulu" Kaliher at [lulu@udel.edu](mailto:lulu@udel.edu) or at (302) 831-4311. We look forward to receiving your proposal!

## Life-Line Topics and Article Submission

Submitting something for *Life-Line* is a great way to get your work published! *Life-Line* is published four times a year and is distributed to hundreds of members of the ACPA community. Each issue will highlight on one of three topic areas the Commission has selected to focus on for this year. As you can see from this issue, the summer edition *Life-Line* is intended to update its readers on Commission activities since the Convention. The Fall issue of *Life-Line* will focus on academic partnerships, and the Winter edition will include articles on sustainability. Finally, the Spring issue will address designed residential learning within the residence halls. Be thinking about the topic areas that interest you, and please consider submitting a piece for *Life-Line*. Articles, original research, book reviews, critical essays, and resource lists on the highlighted topic are all encouraged for submission. Submission deadlines for each issue are listed to the right. All submissions should be e-mailed to Carla Dennis at [cadennis@uga.edu](mailto:cadennis@uga.edu).

### Submit an article for the life-line!

Fall Issue: *Academic Partnerships*

Deadline: October 1, 2007

Winter Issue: *Sustainability*

Deadline: January 7, 2008

Spring Issue: *Designed Residential Learning*

Deadline: March 3, 2008





## *Professionalism with Purpose—Advancing Inclusion and Expertise*

*March 29-April 2, 2008*

The theme of the 2008 ACPA Annual Convention to be held in Atlanta March 29-April 2, 2008, challenges us to intentionally focus on our individual and collective professional development by emphasizing three elements:

**PURPOSE:** Convention participants can make purposeful choices among professional outcomes that address contemporary knowledge, skills, and values.

**INCLUSION:** Convention participants can explore new ways in which our campuses and our profession can foster meaningful inclusion across the wide array of diversities.

**EXPERTISE:** Convention participants can build expertise that is based on the best of research in our profession.

**Be challenged. Be purposeful. Atlanta awaits.**

### **Call for Programs is Now Open!**

Approximately 300 educational programs will be selected from more than 750 anticipated program proposal submissions. To submit a program proposal, go to <http://cdms.myacpa.org>. All proposals must be received by Friday, September 14, 2007 at 11:59 p.m. EST with the exception of graduate student papers and poster sessions. For more information on submission, visit the convention website.

Program selection will be based on whether the proposal is consistent with the convention theme and incorporates one or two of the professional outcomes, the content illustrates thoroughness, quality, and clarity in writing, the proposal represents new and/or creative approaches and demonstrates educational and professional significance, it is grounded in relevant conceptual and/or theoretical approach, learning outcomes are clearly stated, and the proposal is consistent with the ACPA Nonsexist Program Guidelines.



## *Commission Directorate Body Members*

**Kathleen G. Kerr** (Chair, 2006-2008), University of Delaware

**Adrian Gage** (Chair-elect, 2008-2010), Worcester State College

**Licinia “Lulu” Barrueco-Kaliher** (2008), University of Delaware

**Mary Gallivan** (2008), University of Buffalo

**Olan Garrett** (2008), University of Maryland-College Park

**Roberta Garrett** (2008), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-New Brunswick

**Harry R. Knabe** (2008), The George Washington University

**Jenna Moroney** (2008), IIT Stuart School of Business

**Rod Waters** (2008), University of California, Santa Cruz

**Angel Wilson** (2008), University of Texas-Austin

**Carla Dennis** (2009), University of Georgia

**Ryan Green** (2009), Dickinson College

**Rebecca Mosely** (2009), Oberlin College

**Trent Pinto** (2009), Emmanuel College

**Catherine Sanders** (2009), University of Texas-Austin

**Jack Saxon** (2009), University of California, Riverside

**Jodi Schulman** (2009), Rutgers University

**Peter Trentacoste** (2009), Northern Kentucky University

**Evan Baum** (2010), George Mason University

**Joshua J. De War** (2010), Ripon College

**Amy Franklin-Craft** (2010), Michigan State University

**Sean Gehrke** (2010), Whitman College

**Gudrun Haider** (2010), Miami University

**Jerome A. Holland, Jr.** (2010), Brandeis University

**Camilla Jones** (2010), Kansas State University

**Ashley Mouberry Sieman** (2010), Marymount University

**Darcy Smith** (2010), Mount Ida College

For additional contact information for the Commission Directorate Body Members, please visit our webpage at [www.myacpa.org/comm/housing/](http://www.myacpa.org/comm/housing/).



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## *Commission for Housing and Residence Life Overview*

### HISTORY

For three decades, the HRL Commission has made numerous and outstanding contributions to ACPA, to the residence life profession, and to millions of students who have lived, studied, and matured in American residential colleges and universities.

For the past several years, the HRL Commission has been especially productive in five important professional areas: information dissemination, membership involvement, recognition of achievement, liaison relationships, and leadership.

### PURPOSE

Residence halls are one of the primary settings for student learning at colleges and universities. The Commission for Housing and Residence Life is one of

the largest of ACPA’s commissions and actively involves its members in meeting several major objectives:

1. To provide leadership with ACPA and the profession in general for student learning in college residence halls.
2. To identify issues of special concern and advise colleagues regarding these concerns through the support of research efforts, survey information, reports, position papers, and task force investigations.
3. To communicate innovative ideas, special issues, problem resolution, and research information with a broad base of individuals throughout the country who are involved in residence education.
4. To maintain a working relationship with other professional organizations, student associations, and other commissions, divisions, and agencies within ACPA that maintain similar or overlapping objectives.
5. To cultivate professional development experiences through sponsoring and implementing convention programs and regional workshops.
6. To assist in developing a set of professional standards for staff working in residence halls.
7. To develop a plan and a process for evaluating the work and leadership of the Commission.

## *Get Involved!*

There are three primary ways in which you can get involved!

1. Check the Housing and Residential Life Commission box on your ACPA membership application. By doing this, you’ll become a member and receive Life-Line, the Commission newsletter. This publication will keep you updated on the activities of the Commission. If you didn’t do this on your original membership application, you can log into the ACPA site to update your membership information and join the Commission.
2. Serve as a member of the Directorate Body. Visit the Commission website for more information.
3. Volunteer to assist with the Commission’s many services and resources, including: awards (review submissions), sponsored convention programs (evaluate program proposals), newsletter (submit and article for Life-Line), convention carnival (assist in the planning of the carnival for the annual convention), and business meetings (attend the annual business meeting and have your voice heard).