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1. SCM Chair-elect and Directorate Elections I am proud to announce the incoming SCM Directorate....

Chair (2012-2014): Dan Tillapaugh

Vice Chair for Interest Clusters & Awards (2012-2013): Jacob Isaacs
Vice Chair for Research and Scholarship (2012-2013): Zak Foste
Vice Chair for Convention Programs (2012-2013): Vern Klobassa
Vice Chair for Marketing & Communications (2012-2013): Peter Paquette

As the outgoing Chair, it is bittersweet for my time to end, but I am so glad to see the incoming Directorate, who are all amazing in their own right and will propel this group to new heights in the coming year(s)!

2. SCM Sponsored Programs

We have an amazing line up of SCM Sponsored Programs this year! Check out all the programs, presenters, and abstracts on our website:

<http://www2.myacpa.org/convention/2012-convention>

Also, be sure to make time to attend what will certainly be an informative set of presentations!

3. Pre-Conference Session on Gender

Please see the below information about a Pre-Conference session at the ACPA Annual Convention. It features Chase Catalano (2010-2011 SCM Scholar in Residence), Rachel Wagner (former NASPA Men and Masculinities Knowledge Community Co-Chair), and Susan Marine (former NASPA Women in Student Affairs Chair). The session looks amazing and will certainly be of interest to many in our Standing Committee.

Gender Reflection Intensive: Better Practice Through Self-Awareness Sunday, March 25, 1:00-4:00pm McCreary Room - Galt House

Presenters: Chase Catalano, Syracuse University; Susan Marine, PhD, Merrimack College; Rachel Wagner, University of Dayton

The literature points out the lack of resources and services for addressing sexism, hegemonic masculinity, and transgender oppression. We contend that to provide better services and facilitate student learning we must first attend to self-awareness (Marine & Catalano, in press). This interactive workshop will provide student affairs scholars and practitioners with the opportunity rarely offered in busy workdays to question, think critically, and explore our gender identity and expression, and apply this knowledge to our work.

4. Volunteers needed for Family Friendly Initiatives The Standing Committees for Women and Men are hosting some Family Friendly events at this year's Annual Convention! If you would like to volunteer, please be in touch with Ben Goldberg, SCM Vice Chair of Convention Programs, via email at: beng@umbc.edu

5. Submit an SCM Brief

Have you written something or do you want to write something that would work as a part of the SCM Briefs? Contact Kyle Carter, SCM Vice Chair of Research & Scholarship, via email at: carte207@msu.edu to have your piece included in our annual SCM Briefs, to be published at the Annual Convention.

For more information about the Briefs, please go here:

<http://www2.myacpa.org/get-involved/get-published>

6. Support Diamond Honoree Dr. Elisa Abes It is with great pride that the Standing Committees for Women, Men, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness announce our support for Dr. Elisa Abes' campaign as an ACPA Diamond Honoree. This year, we have nominated Dr. Elisa Abes as one of thirteen Diamond Honorees who we hope will be inducted into this prestigious group of educators. We're asking you to consider supporting this nomination financially so she may become a part of the ACPA legacy.

The Diamond Honoree Program, established by the ACPA Foundation in 1999, is both a recognition program and a fund raising activity. Those nominated for consideration are recognized for their outstanding and sustained contributions to higher education and to student affairs. The Honorees were nominated by colleagues who believe these individuals have distinguished themselves as teachers, administrators, researchers, writers, and association leaders. In addition, the Honorees have demonstrated sustained contributions to ACPA, higher education, and the Student Affairs profession at the local, state, regional, national, or international levels.

Dr. Elisa Abes is currently Associate Professor and Program Coordinator for the Student Affairs in Higher Education program at Miami University (OH). She has an impressive list of publications, including co-editing a forthcoming book on social identities. Her research interests are in student development theory, including lesbian identity development, multiple and intersecting dimensions of identity, critical and queer theoretical approaches to student development theory, and the relationship between student development and service-learning.

Dr. Elisa Abes is beloved by the graduate students with whom she works and continues to have a deep impact on emerging professionals in the field of student affairs. She serves as an inspiration to many in the field as she has dedicated her research and scholarship to the understanding and exploration of social identity.

Suggested giving levels are \$100+ for Senior-level professionals (less than \$10/month); \$40+ for Mid-level professionals and \$20+ for New professionals, but all donations are welcome. We welcome your contributions at your earliest convenience, and we would like to have all contributions by February 29, 2012.