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President's Message: Todd Eicker, Pennsylvania College of Optometry

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that almost a year has past since I began my term as President of PCPA. Yet now we are preparing to "spring ahead" not only in terms of daylight savings, but as an organization. This month finds us in the middle of elections. The response for nominations was great and now we need to select those that will continue to lead PCPA into the future. In addition, you will be voting on changes to the mission statement, organizational goals and the addition of a new Board member position entitled Webmaster. Your input is valuable and I strongly encourage you to take a minute to complete an online ballot.

In addition to the elections, there will be a number of professional development opportunities. At the end of this month, ACPA and NASPA will be holding a joint conference in Orlando, FL. I look forward to seeing many of you at this conference and ask that you stop by the PCPA table during the State Showcase to say hello. During April, PCPA will be having their annual Spring Keystones. The topic will be dealing with Sustainability. This topic is one that I am confident you will be hearing about time and again as resources become less and less. Sustainability is something that everyone on our campuses can benefit from. As you plan on attending this spring workshop, invite another member of your campus to join you. Our Keystones are open to everyone.

Finally, I would just like to thank you for making my term as President such a rewarding opportunity. I wish you all the best as we begin the last push to the end of the semester. Safe travels wherever you may go. And in the spirit of the month, may the wind be at your back and the sun upon your face.

Sincerely,
Todd

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Upcoming PCPA Events:

Spring Keystone Seminar

- ◆ East: Friday, April 13
- ◆ West: Friday, April 20

2007 Annual Conference

- ◆ October 14 - 16, 2007
- ◆ Radisson Hotel
Pittsburgh in
Monroeville



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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Prepared by: Mary Ellen Bayuk, Membership Chair
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

PCPA Current Membership Database: 170
Number of members who participate in the ListServ: 162

A breakdown of the membership follows:

Institution Type		Expiration Dates	
• Two-Year CC	17	• October 2007	147
• Four-Year Public	65	• October 2008	10
• Four-Year Private	83	• October 2009	3
• Other	5	• October 2010	3
		• October 2011	2
		• October 2015	1
		• October 2017	1
		• Emeritus	3
Membership Type		Membership-At-Large Representation	
• Emeritus	3	• Two-Year East	8
• Associate	5	• Two-Year West	9
• Regular	134	• Four-Year East Private	53
• Student	28	• Four-Year West Private	36
		• Four-Year East Public	24
		• Four-Year East Public	40

- There are 162 members on the listserv; it was updated for accuracy in early January 2007
- Provided MALs with updated constituent lists on January 8, 2007

BOARD BRIEFS

January 26, 2007

**Prepared by: Dr. Charmaine Strong, PCPA Secretary
Seton Hill University**

The Executive Board Meeting was held at California University of Pennsylvania on Friday, 26 January 2007. Following are the highlights:

- ◆ Evaluation results from the 2006 Annual Conference were reviewed and discussed as planning for the 2007 Annual Conference in Monroeville, PA begins.
- ◆ Todd Eicker, President, is currently preparing information to be posted on the web concerning the mission and organizational goals, electronic voting, and the webmaster position.
- ◆ Joe Puzycki, Treasurer, reported that the total assets are \$23,384.39.
- ◆ President Eicker appointed a Strategic Points Development Committee (Todd Eicker, Dave Wilson, Lynn Pierson, Brian Mauro, Jan Schumacher, and Charmaine Strong) and a Bylaw Review Committee is currently being organized.
- ◆ Membership Commission Chair, Mary Ellen Bayuk, reported 170 members. Graduate student numbers have declined; Graduate Student Liaison, John Mayo, will be addressing this trend.
- ◆ Spring Keystones are currently being planned – the topic is “Sustainability Initiatives,” a most current “hot topic.” Dates for the Keystones are: 13 April (east) and 20 April (west).
- ◆ Discussion with Dr. Melissa Rychener, Slippery Rock University, on the Student Affairs Career Day which is co-sponsored by PCPA. PCPA is most interested in continuing the support of this event.
- ◆ Discussion of a draft proposal prepared by a Steering Committee to explore a “Great Lakes Student Affairs Journal.” Concerns were raised; however, ongoing investigation was encouraged.
- ◆ Election process is unfolding. Brian Mauro reported that there are seven vacancies and the nominations were strong. Look for the upcoming online voting!
- ◆ Facebook users – join the PCPA Friendship Group started by Ken Miller!

SAVE THE DATE!

26th Annual PCPA Conference October 14 - 16, 2007

Hello and greetings from the 2007 PCPA Conference Committee Co-Chairs!

Although it may seem like October is far away, we want you to mark your calendars and save the dates for the 26th annual PCPA conference taking place from October 14-16 at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh in Monroeville, PA only a few short minutes from downtown Pittsburgh.

We've had great success with this site in previous years and we hope you can join us again this year on the western side of the state! Check out more about our host site at <http://www.radisson.com/monroevillepa>.

As you read this newsletter the Conference Committee is underway at planning the conference with the theme "Leaving a Legacy". Our first conference committee meeting will take place April 10th at the conference site. If you would like to help plan this year's conference, contact either one of us and we'll get you signed up!

Please-don't delay. Spread the word, save the dates (October 14-16), and sign up for the Conference Committee (e-mail kpalko@andrew.cmu.edu or eburke@gettysburg.edu). We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Kaycee Palko, Carnegie Mellon University
Co-Chair, 2007 Annual Conference

Lynn Burke, Gettysburg College
Co-Chair, 2007 Annual Conference

FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO BE MORE SUSTAINABLE AT WORK (OR ON THE WAY TO WORK)

Compiled by:
ACPA's Sustainability Taskforce

Reduce the number of miles you drive by walking, biking, carpooling or taking mass transit wherever possible

Avoiding just 10 miles of driving every week would eliminate about 500 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions a year! (www.climatecrisis.net)

Turn off electronic devices you're not using

Simply turning off your computer, fax, and copier each night (along with other electronics) will save you thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide a year. (www.climatecrisis.net)

Unplug electronics from the wall when you're not using them

Even when turned off, many electronics use energy. In fact, the energy used to keep display clocks lit and memory chips working accounts for 5 percent of total domestic energy consumption and spews 18 million tons of carbon into the atmosphere every year! (www.climatecrisis.net)

Go duplex

Purchase duplex printers that use both sides of paper.

Brainstorm

Spend some time brainstorming ways to make the office more sustainable during your next staff meeting.

ACPA's Sustainability Taskforce

Todd Cellini

Sullivan County Community College

Dr. Debra Rowe

Oakland Community College

Keith Edwards

University of Maryland

Dr. Katie Sermersheim

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Dr. Kathleen Kerr

University of Delaware

Janelle Simmons

North Carolina Central University

Kathleen Gardner

Co-chair, Sustainability Taskforce
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Dr. Jacquie Skinner Johnson

Director of Educational Programs and Publications
ACPA International Office

Dr. Ann Groves Lloyd

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dr. Jeanne Steffes

President of ACPA
Syracuse University

Susan Mendoza-Jones

Grand Valley State University

Dr. Boyd Yarbrough

Co-chair, Sustainability Taskforce
Furman University

Greg Roberts

Executive Director
ACPA International Office

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STOP GLOBAL WARMING AT HOME

ACPA's Sustainability Taskforce

Educate yourself

Take opportunities to learn about sustainability and become literate in sustainable development.

Replace a regular incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb (cfl)

CFLs use 60% less energy than a regular bulb. This simple switch will save about 300 pounds of carbon dioxide a year. If every family in the U.S. made the switch, we'd reduce carbon dioxide by more than 90 billion pounds! (www.climatecrisis.net)

Move your thermostat down 2° in winter and up 2° in summer

Almost half of the energy we use in our homes goes to heating and cooling. You could save about 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year with this simple adjustment. Programmable thermostats will automatically lower the heat or air conditioning at night and raise them again in the morning. They can save you \$100 a year on your energy bill. (www.climatecrisis.net)

Consume less

Consume less by using durable goods versus disposables or throwaways such as coffee mugs. Save resources by using reusable materials such as 100% recycled paper.

Use less hot water

It takes a lot of energy to heat water. You can use less hot water by installing a low flow showerhead (350 pounds of carbon dioxide saved per year) and washing your clothes in cold or warm water (500 pounds saved per year) instead of hot. (www.climatecrisis.net)

Be sure you're recycling at home

You can save 2,400 pounds of carbon dioxide a year by recycling half of the waste your household generates. (www.climatecrisis.net)

Buy locally grown and produced foods

The average meal in the United States travels 1,200 miles from the farm to your plate. Buying locally will save fuel and keep money in your community. (www.climatecrisis.net)

Buy organic foods as much as possible

Organic soils capture and store carbon dioxide at much higher levels than soils from conventional farms. If we grew all of our corn and soybeans organically, we'd remove 580 billion pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere! (www.climatecrisis.net)

Be informed

Be informed about the political process and get involved!

Share with others

Share what you have learned with others and incorporate this knowledge into practice.

Grady and Mary Roberts Graduate Student Writing Award



The Pennsylvania College Personnel Association is pleased to announce the Grady and Mary Roberts Graduate Student Writing Award. Submissions are now being accepted for the 2007 award.

Encouragement and recognition of scholarly writing by graduate students on current issues in Student Affairs is the purpose of the award. Students in master's or doctoral programs are invited to participate.

The award is donated by Dr. Grady H. Roberts Jr., past president of PCPA, in memory of his parents. The winner will be announced at the Annual PCPA Conference in October. **The amount of the award is \$1000.**

Eligibility

Students must be:

- ◆ Enrolled in a graduate degree program for one or more semesters during the 2006-2007 school year. Verification is required.
- ◆ A current member of PCPA. (Student membership is \$10.)
- ◆ Planning to attend the annual PCPA fall conference.

Procedures

- ◆ The topic of the award is a major issue in Student Affairs.
- ◆ Submissions must not exceed ten (10) double-spaced, typewritten pages including references, tables, and figures, and should conform to the current American Psychological Association Publication Manual.
- ◆ Submit (2) copies of the manuscript.
- ◆ Entries will be judged on originality, clarity, significance of the topic to the field of Student Affairs, technical competence, and forcefulness of argument.

All entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2007** to:

Dr. Ronald Lunardini
Student Affairs in Higher Education
206 Stouffer Hall, IUP
Indiana, PA 15705

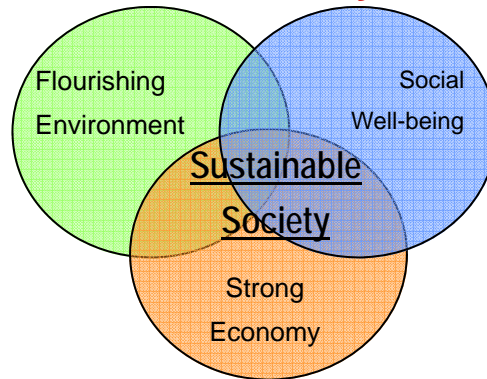
APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT: WWW.PCPA.NET

SPRING KEYSTONE

Envisioning a Student Affairs Community that Supports Sustainability

Keystone WEST:

Friday, April 20
Tom Ridge Environmental
Center
Erie, PA
10:00AM - 3:00PM



Keystone EAST:

Friday, April 13
Stuckeman Family Building
Penn State University
University Park, PA
10:00AM - 3:00PM

Program Description:

There is an urgent need of U.S. higher education to advocate for sustainability. The extent to which the U.S. adopts and embraces the principles of sustainability may determine the quality of life that our country and the world enjoy in the future.

Higher education can change operational, curricular and policy norms so students learn and practice how to be environmentally, socially, and economically responsible as well as active citizens in a global economy. The goal is to engage students as effective change agents for the development of a sustainable society. ACPA is actively working with colleges and universities to increase awareness and education toward this end.

This presentation will provide a background on sustainability and the role of individuals in embracing the concepts of sustainability, both professionally and personally. Participants will generate ideas on how student affairs professionals in any functional area, and any career level, can serve as leaders and educators on their home campus. There will also be an opportunity to learn by example as participants hear from representatives from host locations and receive a tour of a LEED certified building.

About the Locations:

Each seminar is being held in a LEED Certified building (the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system).

More information about the Tom Ridge Environmental Center:

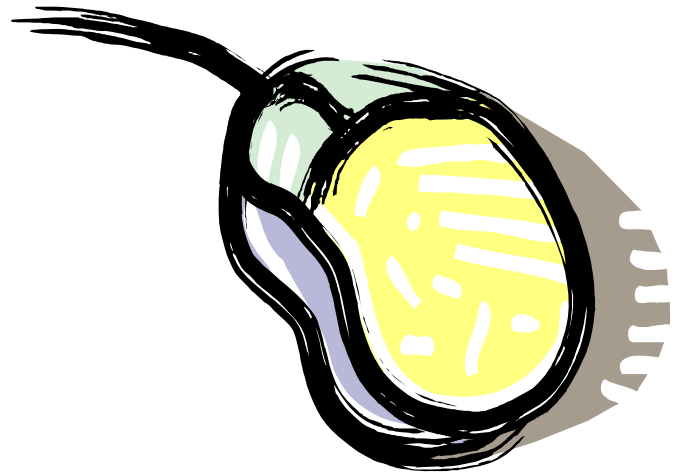
<http://www.trecpi.org/green-life/green-building.html>

More information about the Stuckeman Family Building:

http://www.artsandarchitecture.psu.edu/news/newsletter/fa05_beta/p01.html

Go to www.pcpa.net to find out more information about the speakers and to register online for the Spring Keystone!

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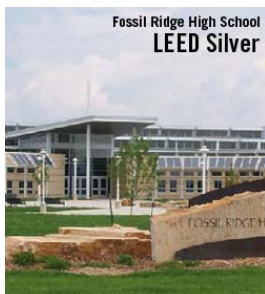
John M. Mayo, Jr.

Graduate Coordinator for Customer Service & Programming
Housing and Dining Services
Carnegie Mellon University



<http://www.secondnature.org/> - Second Nature (SN) was founded in 1993 to address precisely this challenge. SN works with administrators, faculty, staff and students at colleges and universities and with higher education organizations across the country to make the principles of sustainability the foundation of all learning, practice and collaboration with local communities. More than any other single organization, Second Nature has led the way in helping over 500 colleges and universities throughout the country begin to move towards sustainability.

<http://leporello.emeraldinsight.com/10.1108/14676370610655904> - "As green as we think? The case of the College of Charleston green building initiative." by Katharine A. Owens and Angela Halfacre-Hitchcock from the International Journal of Sustainability in higher Education. This paper seeks to disseminate knowledge regarding the experiences of a student team in implementing a campus-level sustainability initiative, outlining the strategy to measure the potential impact of this initiative.



<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1589> - A listing of best practices, models, case studies and a listing of organizations involved in higher education green building education initiatives provided by the United States Green Building Council.

Who Has Your VOTE???

President Elect:

Dan Kennedy

Associate Director of Enrollment Systems
Carnegie Mellon University

Terry Wigle

Assistant Dean for Student Services
California University of Pennsylvania

Professional Development Chair:

Kelly Finley

Program Coordinator of Residential Colleges
Bucknell University

Membership Chair:

Christina Bell

Associate Director, Office of Residential Services
Lehigh University

Amber Valentine

Assistant Director, Advising and Testing Center
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Communications Chair:

Lisa Baer

Catholic Campus Minister
Juniata College

David Falletta

Assistant Director, Residence Life
Washington & Jefferson College

Four Year Public West Member-at-Large:

Tedd Cogar

Coordinator, Center for Student Life/ Student Conduct
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Four Year Public East Member-at-Large:

Cindy Nguyen

Assistant to the Director of Student Affairs
Penn State University - Lehigh Valley campus

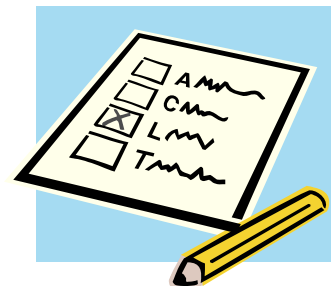
Two Year West Member-at-Large:

Kelly Carpenter

Student Life Professional
Westmoreland County Community College

Larry Doperak

Disabilities Counselor
Community College of Allegheny County - Allegheny
Campus

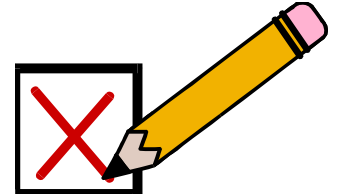


To find out more about these candidates, please read their
biographies at www.pcpa.net!

2007 PCPA ELECTIONS

VOTE NOW ONLINE!!!

<http://www.pcpa.net>



It is your responsibility as a PCPA member to vote for Executive Board positions.

The Last Day to Vote is:
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007

COLLEAGUE UPDATES

- Have you moved to a new institution or been promoted to new job responsibilities?
- Have you had your writing published locally or nationally?
- Have you gotten engaged, married or had a baby?
- Is there other exciting news you'd like to share with your colleagues?

If so, please send an email to Amber Valentine at amberv@iup.edu with your name, job title, institution and your big news! All updates will be posted in the Kudos Korner section of the PCPA Newsletter!

HIRING? LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED STAFF?

For decades the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) SAHE program (Student Affairs in Higher Education) has produced and distributed Mini-Resumes to introduce the graduates of the MA program to the professional community. Those condensed résumés are now available for viewing through the program's website. If you have professional searches to conduct and would like to view the credentials of the upcoming graduates from IUP, please click on the link below:

<http://www.coe.iup.edu/sahe/miniresume2007.pdf>

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW POSITION?

If you are currently looking to change positions or gain a new experience, please visit the PCPA Website at <http://www.pcpa.net/PAJobs.htm> to search for different job openings in Pennsylvania and the rest of the nation.

ARE YOU HIRING?

If you have a position open at your institution and would like to advertise it on the PCPA website, please send the job description and accompanying information to Bryan M. Valentine, PCPA Webmaster, at bv6@pitt.edu.

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