

## A Message from the President

I know its not Spring yet, but I was so excited by what's going on I decided to go ahead and write the Spring Newsletter. I have a lot of exciting information to pass on, so let's get started.

We just held our Regional Seminar at Miami University-Middletown. Dr Molly Schaller from the University of Dayton gave us a lot of food for thought. She provided us with well documented information and we had some good discussions on the topic. She will provide me with her power point presentation and we will post it on the OHAAA Website for everyone to review.

Now we move on to the Annual OHAAA Conference. It's scheduled for June 20, 2008 at the Fawcett Center in Columbus. I hope you plan on attending and maybe even presenting. The Theme is "**Adventures in Advising**", so consider doing a presentation.

*I am pleased to announce* our Key Note Speaker at the Conference will be Julian Parrott, PhD from the University of Illinois. Some of you may have heard his presentation on helicopter parents at the 2006 NACADA Conference. That presentation was also the Best of Region 5 that year. His presentation was a huge success and the Board is excited to hear the updates on the adventures with "Helicopter Parents".

Here is some **breaking news!** The Board of Directors has decided that OHAAA should sponsor a second Regional Seminar this year! These half day events seem to be popular. So, while it is still early in the planning phase, mark your calendars for Friday Nov 14, 2008 to attend this new regional Seminar! More news will follow on this exciting development.

Happy advising everyone!

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## ***Second Annual Regional Seminar Is a Success!***



The second Annual OHAAA Regional Seminar, “**Advisor Help Me! Working With Exploratory and At-Risk Students**”, was a big success. Dr Molly Schaller presented a great deal of information to help attendees work with students and understands the students who are either at risk or are exploring their choices.

The seminar surveys show overall that participants loved her presentation. She will be providing a copy of her power point slides to OHAAA so we can post them on our website. So you should keep an eye on [www.academicadvising.org](http://www.academicadvising.org) for this information – even if you could not attend the presentation.

## ***A New Regional Seminar to be Conducted!***

Since this event was as successful, the OHAAA Board of Directors has decided to sponsor a second seminar this year. The next seminar will be held on Friday November 14, 2008. Theme, location and times will be forthcoming. Watch our website for more information, particularly after the Annual Conference. Any suggestion for themes or speakers for such events should be sent to [Kevin.Smith@wright.edu](mailto:Kevin.Smith@wright.edu)

### *Quotes to Remember:*

*“Silence is the virtue of fools.”  
- Francis Bacon*

*“The most immutable barrier in nature is between one man’s thoughts and another’s”  
-William James*

*“May God defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies.”  
-Voltaire*

### *ADVISING QUOTE*

*“Academic Advising must have clearly defined student learning outcomes. It is essential that students understand what they are expected to learn from their advising experiences...”*

*Academic Advising Syllabus: Advising as Teaching in Action NACADA Pocket Guide, 2007*

## 2008 Academic Advisor Excellence Award

It is time for you to consider your coworkers and peers for the 2008 Academic Advisor Excellence Award. This award will be presented during the Annual Conference on June 20, 2008. **But nominations are due May 1<sup>st</sup> by 5pm!**

Members on the OHAAA Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated. To be eligible, OHAAA members were nominated for the Academic Advisor Excellence Award based upon evidence of the following criteria: service and commitment to students; service and commitment to the college; represents their college well to the public; innovation in advising services; external recognition and service (NACADA; awards; advising publications, etc). Self nominations were not allowed. This will be the second year we have presented this award.

Your Board of Directors will rate all the nominations using these criteria and determine the award recipient. The form will be available on our website soon. The Call for Nominations is being mailed in the near future, so you should watch your mail and the OHAAA website!

### ***Adventures in Advising!*** ***June 20, 2008 Columbus, OH***

The Annual OHAAA Conference is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at the OSU Fawcett Center in Columbus. Our theme says it all! What advisor hasn't had an "**Adventure in Advising**"? This is always an exciting event for our organization!

This year Julian Parrott, PhD from the University of Illinois will be our keynote speaker. He will present an updated version of his "Best of Region 5" 2006 presentation, "*Grounding the Helicopters: Rolling with the Challenges Presented by Today's Parents*". This presentation was standing room only when he presented it at the 2006 NACADA Annual Conference. It was entertaining and informative about an issue that impacts us all. I have no doubt he will be just as informative at our conference.

You will have the opportunity on June 20, 2008 to meet advisors from around the state and hear presentations from them on the great things we advisors are doing! At lunch, we will also discuss how OHAAA is doing, introduce next year's officers and present the 2008 Academic Advisor Excellence Award as well as next years Board of Directors.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:** In the last newsletter I suggested you consider whether you would want to conduct a presentation. Well the time is here! This *is* the Call for Proposals! The Call for Proposals postcard will be arriving shortly, but you don't need to wait. The Proposals are needed **no later than April 10th**. The Board of Directors will review the proposals and select which will be presented at the conference. This year we have **lengthened the time** for presentations, from 45 minutes to 50 minute, to give a little extra time to presenters and audiences.

Another *new change* this year is registering! We will be using on-line registrations as we did for the Regional Seminar, including PayPal. We will also have paper registration available. This year, we will be following NACADA and other organizations leads when it comes to paying. We will have an “**Early Bird**” **registration** time period. If you register before May 16, the fee, *including one year membership* will be \$70. After May 16, the fee rises to \$80. For non-members, the fee for attending the conference, *without* the one year membership, is \$65. After May 16, the fee to attend rises to \$75. As you can see, it pays to become a member for just \$5 more since currently dues are \$15.



***One Last Thought!*** Have you ever thought of being on *your* Board of Directors? OHAAA will have several openings to fill at the Annual Conference! **Now is your chance to be involved!** In the near future I will be sending you an email asking for nominations for the Board and listing the vacancies. You can nominate yourself! We will have a vote for the new board at the Annual Conference and announce the new Board of Directors at lunchtime. Think about getting involved in your organization. Throughout the year it is one meeting a month usually.