

SCCPA News



South Carolina College
Personnel Association

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It's Awards Time!

Higher education professionals in the state of South Carolina are creating innovative programs, conducting research, and supporting students in amazing ways. Not only does SCCPA want to assist individuals in sharing these outstanding contributions to the field with fellow practitioners in the

Palmetto State, but it also aims to recognize the hard work of our colleagues.

Please consider nominating those whom you feel are deserving of any of the awards; it is certainly worth the time to recognize the outstanding individuals with whom we work. There are a total of 15 awards in three

categories: Service, Programming and Written.

Nominations are due Friday January 8, 2010.

Submit nominations at <http://www.sccpaweb.org/awards.html>.

Contact President-Elect Jon Driggers at jdriggers@southuniversity.edu or (803) 935-4408 with questions.

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Drive on a Dime Coming in January

SCCPA is offering a series called "Drive in on a Dime" for our members this year due to recent budget concerns. The second workshop of this series will be focused on alcohol and other drug (AOD) issues. The workshop will take place at Converse College on Friday, January 15, 2010. The day will start at 9:00

am and end at 3:00 pm. More information will be available soon, but go ahead and mark your calendars. This workshop is being co-sponsored by *The Network*.

If you have any questions please contact Jason Cassidy at jason.cassidy@furman.edu.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Converse College in 2010!



To Merge or Not to Merge: Voice Your Opinion

By Roberta Bigger, SCCPA President 2008-09

According to the NASPA website "Mike Segawa and Tom Jackson ran in 2008 for the NASPA and ACPA presidencies, respectively, on platforms that promised to take under consideration the possibility of the long-standing issue of bringing the two associations together. The executive committees of the two associations met June 4-6 and September 13-15, 2009, to consider how to proceed with discussions, planning, and tasks. It was determined that there was mutual interest to proceed."

Student Affairs colleagues at the SACSA meeting in Tennessee last month have

said that they see a merger as a logical step in developing a common voice for Student Affairs at a national and international level. They believe it will enhance services; reduce redundancies; allow members to join one comprehensive organization; create an association for contemporaries who have different attitudes about why they want to associate together; eliminate the real and perceived mistrust between the organizations; better position the organization for grants, sponsorships and other funding. A solid unified voice will be more efficient, and a single organization

would mean that our message and our resources would not be diluted. We could maintain a strong identity and preserve our values.

If our two national organizations were to combine a new organization with a new name would be created and both NASPA and ACPA would be dissolved. New officers would be elected, and a new executive director would be hired. Of course there would be numerous logistics to be considered and resolved. I think members would demand a continued commitment to placement

and to publications and journals. ACPA and NASPA are to solicit their members "for input on particular issues" listed at <http://www.naspa.org/unification/default.cfm>.

A mid-year report on the work of the Task Force is available online at <http://www2.myacpa.org/au/governance/joint-taskforce-update.php>.

Join the dialogue. Voice your opinion. Email Tom Jackson, our ACPA President, and Mike Segawa, the NASPA President, at ourcommonvoice@gmail.com.

It's never too early to start thinking about next year's conference, March 20-24, 2010!

ACPA Bylaw Change for Membership Benefits

The ACPA membership recently voted to approve a bylaw change to extend full ACPA membership privileges to student affairs professionals, working in the for-profit and non-profit sectors of higher education. This change is groundbreaking and unprecedented among higher education associations. Download the media release at http://www2.myacpa.org/img/Bylaw_Change_Dec09.pdf.

Of Interest ...

- ACPA is seeking a 2011 Convention Chair. Visit www.myacpa.org for more information.
- The Palmetto Practitioner is searching for a co-editor to serve with Suzanne Price.
- Send us any "New Faces" from your institution for a "New Faces, New Places" listing for our next newsletter. Email Carrie DuPre at cpriddy@clemsun.edu.

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