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From President, Dr. Bill Willan

With this newsletter, the National Association of Branch Campus Administrators adopts a more active profile. Originally called the Western Association of Branch Campus Administrators, the organization changed its focus and moved to a national profile in 2003. Since then, NABCA has provided members with access to a nationwide network of colleagues who have shared emerging trends and developments with the potential to affect local campus operations.

Annual conference programs have featured successful approaches to common challenges and time to celebrate each other's achievements. Although annual conferences have provided a great venue for information sharing, feedback made clear that more immediate sources of information would be beneficial to members.

NABCA has a dynamic website that features conference information, association by-laws, and links to branch-themed blogs are posted. Normally sporadic activity peaks as conference time nears and details about the upcoming program are highlighted.

In order to develop more consistent communication, a committee was formed this past year. As this newsletter attests, it has been very active. In sections of this newsletter, you will find information regarding our Facebook presence, our new listserv, as well as our updated website. I would like to express the gratitude of the Executive Committee to the members of the Communications Committee and extend congratulations to them for developing these new services to members.

Through these initiatives, as well as through a research agenda that has produced first fruits and expanded research interests, NABCA will become a more constant resource for regional and branch campus administrators. I encourage all members to become more involved and to mark those calendars for our 15th Annual Conference in Orlando, FL, April 11-14, 2012. Thank you for your membership. Please take advantage of these new opportunities to let us know how we can better meet your information and education needs.



We anticipate that the call for conference presentations will be distributed in September. Stay tuned for more details!

EXCELLENT MEETING IN SEATTLE

by Ken Shaw

The 14th Annual National Association of Branch Campus Administrators conference was held in Seattle, WA on April 20-23, 2011. The conference was a huge success. Attendees who have been to previous NABCA conferences have found the networking to be a major part of the conference. Learning what other administrators are doing on their campuses, what has worked for them and what has not worked for them are all great advantages for attending the conference. The program sessions were also beneficial. Kevin Demmitt, Associate VP of Extended Programs from Clayton State University, Fayette said he “appreciated the detailed research that was presented by STAMATS and by Mark Milliron. Their profile

of the types of programs that will meet the needs of non-traditional students will help us plan our future degree programs and marketing efforts. We also gained useful insights from other members on how to collaborate with technical colleges.” Likewise Darlene Wedler-Johnson, Provost of State College of Florida, Venice found “Mark Milliron's humane and business-savvy vision for shaping the future of our educational institutions to be both inspirational and practical. Presentations from branch campus administrators afforded me a wide variety of best practice ideas to try out at my own campus.” Not only was the conference networking and sessions excellent, the Seattle weather was all but perfect.

Conference Hosts Needed

NABCA is seeking hosts for future national conferences. As you know, NABCA is a volunteer organization. We rely on the active participation of our members to make the association work. You are invited to express your interest in hosting the 2013, or 2014, or 2015 NABCA conference in your state. The Conference host is responsible for successful onsite planning of event logistics. Additional support is provided by the Conference Committee, and the Executive Committee. To learn more, please download our Conference Host Proposal Form at <http://www.nabca.net/futureconferences.asp>



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<http://mailman.csub.edu/cgi-bin/listinfo/nabca>

We are pleased to announce the establishment of the NABCA listserv. The purpose of the listserv is to provide a discussion forum for NABCA members. It is simple to subscribe to the NABCA listserv, simply go to the web page listed above and enter your e-mail address.

Once you are added to the group you will receive a welcome message. As soon as you receive this confirmation of your subscription you can send messages to the listserv by addressing them to NABCA@list.csub.edu Please join the conversation!



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