

Membership Dues

Membership dues are based on fall enrollment headcounts:

- 0- 999 students = \$40
- 1000- 4999 = \$55
- 5000- 9999 = \$70
- 10,000- 19,999 = \$85
- 20,000+ and systems = \$100

Membership allows institutions to name unlimited individuals to UMACRAO's roster.

Did you know?

- UMACRAO's original name was the Minnesota Association of Collegiate Registrars
- UMACRAO has a website at www.umacrao.org
- UMACRAO issues a quarterly newsletter
- UMACRAO hosts over 100 institutions
- The first conference was held in 1932
- UMACRAO is run solely by volunteers
- UMACRAO was incorporated in 2002

*Upper Midwest Association
of Collegiate Registrars and
Admissions Officers*



New Member Guide

The **Upper Midwest Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers** (*UMACRAO*) welcomes you to an association of institutions in higher education from North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota.

Our Mission

UMACRAO's mission is to foster an environment conducive to cordial relations among the registrars and admissions officers, to provide opportunities for exchange of information and ideas on problems of common uniformity in administrative practices, and to strive for the advancement of education.

History of UMACRAO

UMACRAO began in 1932, then known as the Minnesota Association of Collegiate Registrars, when registrars saw the need to exchange ideas with other schools. In 1937, the organization expanded to include institutions from North and South Dakota and changed its name to the Minnesota-Dakota Association of College Registrars (MDACR). The year 1940 brought another name change as MDACR included Iowa institutions and took the name North Central Association of College Registrars. Finally in 1951, the association took the moniker, Upper Midwest Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Today, *UMACRAO* hosts over 100 colleges and universities. Though there have been many changes over the last 70 years, one thing remains the same: it's dedication to promoting professional growth to its members.

Member Benefits

Being a member of *UMACRAO* will help you increase your expertise, whether you work in admissions, registration, records, data management, international education, or financial aid. *UMACRAO* provides an arena for the dissemination of information, the exchange of ideas and leadership in policy interpretation in the region.

As a member, you will be able to learn about best practices from a wide variety of institutions. You will also be able to stay abreast of new policies and procedures, technology and technological advances.

Here's more of what *UMACRAO* does for its members:

- Holds annual meeting each year in October in one of the four member states
- Provides leadership training by strongly encouraging members to get involved *UMACRAO* committees
- Offers workshops for professional development
- Publishes a quarterly newsletter
- Provides policy and legislative updates
- Functions as a supportive link to the national organization AACRAO
- Fosters a friendly spirit of cooperation among its members
- Provides an accessible network of regional professionals
- Recognizes leadership and contributions to *UMACRAO* through special awards

Annual Conference

UMACRAO's annual conference offers the chance to meet others in the profession, learn from veterans, establish contacts across the region and increase job performance. The conference is held in late-October and is in each of the four states on a rotating basis, ensuring the meeting is never very far from home. Each year the annual meeting promises an abundance of topics relevant to the registrar and admissions professions. The majority of sessions at the annual meeting are presented by *UMACRAO* members. Take advantage of this opportunity to hone presentation skills and to enrich colleagues by sharing your knowledge.

Get Involved

UMACRAO places a special emphasis on getting its members involved in all aspects of the association through volunteerism. Volunteer opportunities can range from one-time technology assistance, to presenting or facilitating a session, to being a member of one of the many committees, to taking photos at the annual meeting. New members have a unique perspective to share and are always welcome on committees. *UMACRAO* committees are: Auditing, Archives, Membership, Newsletter, Nominating, Program, Site, Local Arrangements, Special Recognition, Special Projects, and Technology. The time commitment is minimal—whatever you can give—and the impact for you and the organization is great. Visit the *UMACRAO* website at www.umacrao.org to volunteer.

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