



State Representative Report

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State: Alabama Florida Georgia
 Kentucky Louisiana Mississippi
 North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee
 Virginia

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State Officers:

The 2005 VACUHO Governing Council was announced at Virginia's annual VASPA/VACUHO conference:

- President, Chris Gatesman, James Madison University
- President-Elect, Ken Belcher, Virginia Tech
- Past President, John Evans, University of Virginia
- Business Manager, Cole Spencer, University of Virginia
- Secretary/Historian, Elliott Chamberlin-Long, Radford University
- SEAHO Representative/Editor, Jerry Roeder, Christopher Newport University
- Technology Coordinator, Errin Jeffes-Mills, College of William and Mary
- Chief Housing Officer Representative, Deb Boykin, College of William and Mary
- Graduate Student Representative, Gayle Bandy, Radford University
- Research and Professional Development, Jimmy Whited, College of William and Mary
- Northern Regional Ambassador, Guillermo Ubilla, Mary Baldwin
- Professional Development Committee Chair, Faith Fitzgerald, Norfolk State University
- VACURH Advisor, Jeff Howard, University of Virginia at Wise
- RA Conference Chair, Jason Lewkowicz, University of Virginia at Wise
- Annual Conference Co-Chair, Melissa McDonald, James Madison University
- Annual Conference Program Co-Chair, Kellie Gosnell, Virginia Tech

Regional Ambassadors were finalized at the VACUHO Governing Council meeting on February 4, 2005

- Northern - Guillermo Ubilla - Mary Baldwin
- Central - Greg Naylor - Lynchburg College
- Southwest - Kevin Nunley - Radford University
- Southeast - Jimmy Whited - William & Mary
- Capitol Region - Shawn Benjamin - Virginia State Univ.

Goals of the State Organization:

- To promote the new organizational structure by helping governing council members operate within the new design.
- To provide leadership that encourages respect, accountability, follow-through, and success with individual goals.
- To continue to encourage involvement from professionals who are members of underrepresented groups.
- To work collaboratively to identify a set of values from which governing council members can operate.
- Re-design of the VACUHO website.
- Establish VACUHO Scholarship fund
- Establish personal contact with each VACUHO member institution to ensure awareness of and encourage participation in VACUHO and SEAHO.
- Increase Virginia's awareness and readership of the SEAHO Report.
- Encourage CHOs, especially those from non-active institutions, to be involved in VACUHO and to know the work of the Association.
- Work to incorporate graduate students within the VACUHO organization by investigating current communication options and/or creating new ones.
- Use regional Ambassadors (RAs) to increase professional networking and personal contact with schools across the state.

State Conference News (annual conference, drive-in workshops, RA Conference, RHA Conference, Student Leadership Conference, etc.):

Thirty-five delegates representing eleven Virginia schools will be attending SEAHO 2005. Virginia will present or facilitate 10 programs at the conference.

The 2004 VASPA/VACUHO Conference "Many Paths, One Goal: Student Success" was held at Wintergreen ski resort November 17-19. Two-hundred-ten people attended. The 2005 VACUHO/VASPA Conference will be held November 16-18, 2005 at Wintergreen. Theme is TBD.

Virginia's annual RA conference took place November 6, 2004 at James Madison University. Approximately 240 RAs attended "RAs Rock Around the Clock"; it was a great success. The University of Virginia's College at Wise will host Virginia's 2005 RA Conference in early November, 2005

The RHA VACURH conference "A Journey Home" is scheduled for February 18-20, 2005 at University of Mary Washington.

State Awards:

VACUHO Outstanding Graduate Student: Kathryn Hill, Lynchburg College

Pam Winfrey New Professional Award: Mecca Marsh, University of Mary Washington

Outstanding Contribution to VACUHO Award: Chris Gatesman, James Madison University

Outstanding Professional Award: Deb Boykin, College of William and Mary

VACUHO RA Conference Awards:

Overall Job Performance - Denise Dotson, Lynchburg College

New Resident Assistant - Paul Drumwright, Christopher Newport University

Outstanding Programmer - Carroll Bernard, The College of William and Mary

SEAHO Involvement (listing of housing professionals serving on SEAHO Committees or Task Forces, or who have submitted items to the *SEAHO Report*):

SEAHO Report Contributions

Holmes Browne, Assistant Director, James Madison University (*Master Keys and Security*)

Nancy Owens, University of Virginia Housing Office (*Facilities and Service*)

Ryan Brown, Associate Director Office of Residence Life, Christopher Newport University

(Student Rights On Campus & In The Residence Halls: A Primer On The Importance Of Student Development For Brick & Mortar Residence Hall Staff)

Campus Update Contributions

Karsten Davis, Assistant Director for Housing and Dining Services Student Programs, Virginia Tech

Maggie Burkhart Evans, Director of Residence Life, James Madison University

Jerry Roeder, Director of Residence Life, Christopher Newport University

Virginians on SEAHO Governing Council /Committees:

Deb Boykin, SEAHO President, College of William & Mary

Kevin Nunley, Chair, Human Relations Committee, Radford University

Jerry Roeder, State Rep/editor, Christopher Newport University

Jim McConnel, Program Committee, James Madison University

Wendy Young, Placement Committee, James Madison University

Stephanie Carr, Awards & Recognition, James Madison University

Melissa McDonald, Awards & Recognition, James Madison University

Lauren Pigott, Educational Programs, Virginia Tech

Guillermo Ubilla, Awards & Recognition, Mary Baldwin College

Ray Plaza, Graduate Issues, Strategic Planning Virginia Tech

Jimmy Whited, Research & Information, College of William & Mary
Elliott Chamberlin, Human Relations Co-Chair, Radford
Kellie Gosnell, Strategic Planning, Virginia Tech

New Programs, Innovations, Etc.:



VACUHO has a new logo.

A silent Auction was introduced at the annual VASPA/VACUHO conference to benefit the mission and efforts of both VACUHO and VASPA. Schools and individuals were encouraged to donate memorabilia, collectibles, talents and services –basically anything on which others might be interested in bidding. The auction was a big hit and is expected to become a tradition at future conferences.

VACUHO is looking at creating a scholarship fund to support sending staff members to statewide conferences.

VACUHO has added Regional Ambassador (RA) positions to its governing council. RAs make personal visits to schools in their region to promote “high touch” rather than “high tech” contact and communication across the state. RAs help build a physical network to facilitate the exchange ideas and share happenings in the region and across the state.

Problems:

Anything else helpful or worthy of reporting to SEAHO Governing Council:

State Representatives should prepare these reports in print form for distribution at Governing Council meetings and should submit electronic copies to the SEAHO Secretary for inclusion in the minutes.