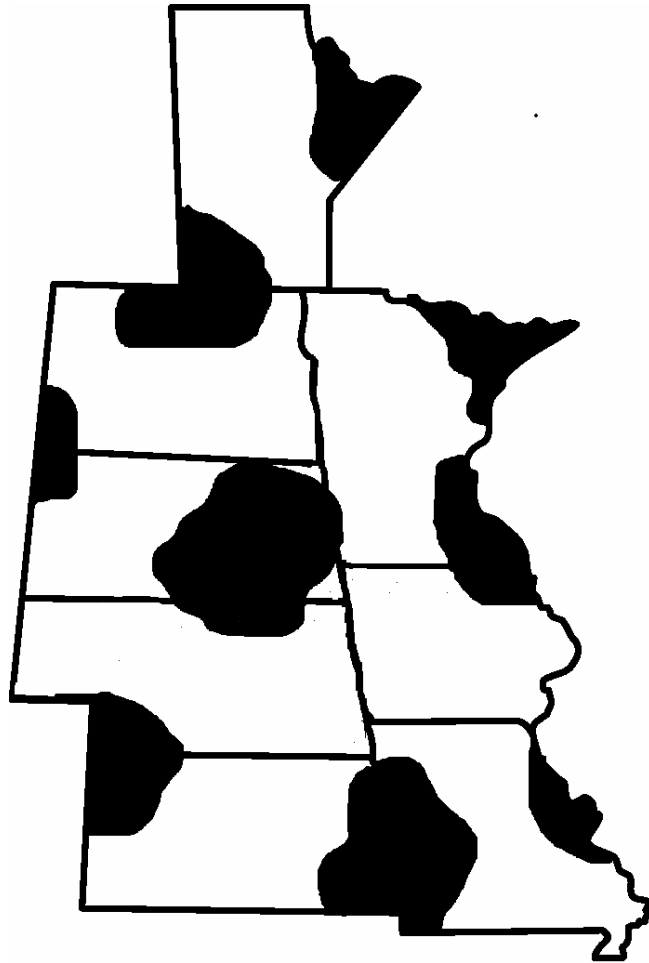


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Daryl R. Lawrence- Regional Director

It was my privilege to preside over the region in what I consider to be a very calm year in MACURH history. There were no major regional changes passed, no major scandals. What I did have to deal with were the incredible amount of changes made last year. I'm partly to blame for those changes– I had a say in almost each one. However, I think it was beneficial to the region to have someone who instigated the changes be the person to oversee the implementation. This worked out very well– I knew why we changed the election and award cycle, and how those changes were envisioned. At times I felt like I was the “old school” voice on the board, since I was the only holdover from the previous year. It ended up not being a bad thing, but it was definitely unique.

Communication was key to my administration as Director. I knew that a happy region was an informed region. I am sure that, by now, you will be happy to see me and my three e-mails a day exit stage left. However, I always considered it important to keep member schools in the loop about regional and national happenings, deadlines, etc. Communication was also key with the Regional Board of Directors. I had weekly meetings with the Regional Co-Advisors, weekly RBD chats, numerous individual phone calls, and countless individual e-mails. I wanted to make a level playing field for the RBD– I put everything I knew on the table so they would be able to make informed decisions as a group.

I did encounter some challenges along the way. Learning to work with different leadership styles was one of those challenges. I got a crash course in both the theory and practice of this late one memorable evening. Another challenge was what I like to term “The Eternal Struggle.” Cindy, Adam, and myself spent the better part of my term trying to find the next Co-Advisor. Cindy was gracious enough to serve three additional months of the board to get the region through No Frills– I am indebted to her for that reason.

So, let's cruise through my administration month-by-month to figure out what really went down.



June– I appointed Ty to be the RAD-NRHH. Since I had the RAD materials, Jess Lang drove up to Minnesota to grab them, then drove down to Missouri to transition Ty. I started corresponding on the national level and became familiar with Jay, our outstanding National Chair, and continued my relationship with Avi, the NAA.

July– I, along with the Co-Advisors, figured out what bank accounts MACURH actually had. That was a fun two hour phone call! I approved the MACURH 07 budget and began talking with Amber in earnest about conference preparations.

Host Institution: Minnesota State University, Mankato

Major/Minor: Scandinavian Studies/History

Birthday: February 26

First Conference: MACURH 2004

Favorite Conference: NACURH 2005– high five, Jimmy French!

Favorite RBD Memory: Going to the University of Manitoba and the many adventures that ensued as a result of that trip

Personal Mascot: Minkus the Monkey!

Favorite Song: *Hey Jude* by The Beatles

Hometown: Soderville, Minnesota

Favorite food(s): Potatoes, bacon, cheese

Personality type: ISTJ

Hobbies: Reading, corresponding, spending time with family

Career Goals: Be a Regional Advisor, of course!

Reason why you ran for an RBD position: To transition the region to the next phase of our existence and show the nation that MACURH is the leader in all things.

Advice you would like to give MACURH: Remember who you serve. Traditions are there for a reason. Be yourself and it will carry you far. Don't be afraid to make your voice heard. Listen to your advisor. Have fun. Be safe. Abide by policy. Represent, yo!

August– MACURH 07 registration was up already! After a few kinks were ironed out, schools were welcome to start registering. Being that it was August, though, meant that schools actually put off registration until the day before it was due. So goes life. The first challenge of my term came when I had to ask the AD-P to step down for the good of the region. This was not an easy task for me to do, but I thank the Regional Co-Advisors and Art for making it as unawkward as possible. However, mentioning it now just made it awkward again. Oh well, it's all water under the bridge– another important lesson of my Directorship. You can't hang onto old feelings, or you'll be mired in self-doubt.

September– I appointed Kalyn to be our AD-P. I also met with Amber every week to discuss the conference and to make sure NDSU was getting what it needed from the region to pull off a successful weekend. This was also the month of the first RBD retreat I facilitated. I consider it successful and NDSU was a great host. I discovered that Cindy Fendrick has some mad dance moves, as she won a dance-off at Paradiso. I also discovered that I will never eat at Paradiso again.

October– The month of MACURH! Not going to lie, I was so nervous for this conference. NDSU did an exceptional job and I am still so proud of them. I got to do Directorly things like run a boardroom. Note to future Directors: stay hydrated. Drink a glass of water an hour, at least. This was also the month when most of the RBD had our memorable adventure to Manitoba. First, I would like to thank UND and Cindy Spencer for hosting us before our excursion, and Trisha Borland for putting up with and chaperoning the RBD to Canada. There's too much to say about our adventure to the University of Manitoba– it was a great learning experience. It was also the one thing I will remember from my term. I say that RBD should reunite every five years in Winnipeg. Anyone game?

November– For the first two weeks in November, I slept. A lot. Conferences take a lot out of the Director. After I awoke from my hibernation, I realized I wanted to be the next National Associate for Administration. Cue the scramble to create a bid for Semi's. I also did some follow up communication with NDSU to make sure their wrap-up report was on track.

December– I spent most of December preparing for the Semi-Annual Business Meeting of the National Board of Directors. I finished my position bid, then got down to the nitty-gritty of writing national legislation. I went home, slept a lot to prepare for Semi's, and actually got to see my family– I didn't get the chance to go home at all during the first semester, except for a wedding, to actually show my family I still cared about them due to the responsibilities of being Director.

January– Semi's came. It was a very long three days. I won my bid for National Associate for Administration. I also was very vocal in the boardroom to advocate for the rights of member schools. All in all, it was a good learning experience. I came back home, then left a few days later for school. I had a few days of school, then left for the pre-No Frills retreat. It was a very eventful month. I knew I wasn't going to get any sleep. Good thing I still had a surplus from November.

February– No Frills time! If there was ever an easier No Frills, I haven't heard of it. We actually had time to change for banquet, which was bizarre. We had Alicia and Clea, two RCCs from SWACURH, visit our conference. In exchange, I traveled to the University of Oklahoma the weekend after our conference to see how things went in SWACURH. It was an amazing experience and I thank SWACURH for showing me a great time. I also accepted the resignation of the RCC-Central and appointed Drew to be the new RCC– it made logical sense to have a dynamic personality who already knew how the region operated to fill the vacancy.

March– I used this month to prepare for the end of my term, knowing I would not have the time down the line. The region selected Renee Skau to be the next Co-Advisor. Now that I didn't need to fret about finding an advisor anymore, I could turn my attention to tying up the loose ends around the region. I started delegating more responsibilities to the RBD– I knew that I would probably collapse from exhaustion if I tried to do everything myself. Lesson learned: delegating isn't a bad thing at all!

April– I led and attended my last RBD retreat. I believe next year's board has the tools to succeed next year– of course, it is up to them to use those tools. I also finally figured out grad school– I look forward to attending the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse next year. It takes me out of MACURH, but I don't think the change will be an

entirely bad thing. I am hopeful for the next RBD and I look forward to seeing what initiatives they propose. I also finished up my last revision of the MACURH History document. I have been wanting a document like this to be created for years, and it took me such a long time to get it to where it is now. Future generations of student leaders now have a living document to reference for historical perspective. I think the History document is my legacy to the region and I really hope it continues to be built upon. Lastly, I started to prepare for NACURH 2008. I'm really excited to see what OSU has in store for the nation and I am so excited to see the year successfully conclude.



Aaron S. Baker - AD-FR

As the year quickly approaches an end, it comes to time to reflect over the past year. My experience has been extremely interesting with NACURH even from the beginning. Although my term was not supposed to begin until the end of NACURH 2007, I had the opportunity to be appointed the Associate Director for Finance and Records in mid-April 2007. This allowed me the opportunity to attend NACURH 2007 including the pre-conference portion for the National Board of Directors. The conference was amazing! Seeing all the students from schools from across the region really made me feel good about being on the Regional Board.

Over the summer months, the communication with Daryl, the Regional Director, was key. This was the chance for me to actually jump full-fledged into the financial aspects of my position. Because there was a period of no-ADFR during the previous term, the financial documentation was kind of on the fritz. This gave me the opportunity to go through and bring everything up-to-date as well as develop a system for financial documentation. As the year continued, the financial responsibilities of my position were pretty much the same. Once a month, there were financial reconciliation reports...

When looking at the name "Finance and Records", one may be slightly deceived in the job responsibilities [unless you read the MACURH Policy Book ©]. But, in truth, the AD-FR position is so much more than just finances and records. One of the best moments of my term was working with the Regional Committee Chairs. Although at times it was difficult to maintain the constant communication, I really enjoyed seeing the Committee Chairs growing as student leaders and being able to lead their peers. Working with Maria, Bethany, Kami, Abby, and Kiley has been an amazing experience!

Another aspect of the position was the national one. Being a member of the National Board requires that I remain in constant communication. I was lucky enough to serve on the NACURH Corporate Assessment committee during the first semester. This experience was amazing—to learn about assessment of this organization in order to better the organization. Working with other leaders from within the entire nation has given me insight into how great and how diverse this organization truly is. Although during 99% of the year, I am separated by a vast amount of land, I know that I have developed great relationships with other national leaders.



There are so many parts to being on a regional board and the national board. I have learned so much from these experiences; however, the main thing I have learned is to always learn—learn about what you are doing, learn from what you are doing, learn from others, and learn from yourself.

Host School: Northwest Missouri State University

Major/Minor: Pre-Professional Zoology and Spanish/Biochemistry and Political Science

Birthday: June 4

First Conference: MACURH 2005 at University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Favorite Conference: NACURH 2006 at University of California - Berkeley

Favorite RBD Memory: Traveling to the University of Manitoba and visiting a potential member school!

Personal Mascot: Otter

Favorite Song: *Great Escape* by Boys Like Girls

Hometown: Camdenton, Missouri

Favorite food(s): Enchiladas

Personality Type: INTJ

Hobbies: Traveling, reading, hanging with friends

Career Goals: Supreme Court Justice, Medical Doctor, State Department Agent, Residential Life, Businessman, Film-maker, TV Series/Movie/Theatre Producer

Why did you run for an RBD position?: Because I wanted to become more involved with the region and the NACURH especially after my experience working as a Regional Committee Chair

Advice you would like to give to MACURH: Life your life the way you want to live

Ty Krueger - RAD-NRHH

As my time in the region and in MACURH comes to close, it is interesting to look back on my experience and reflect on what has been accomplished throughout the year. These past 10 months have been crazy, but have gone by quite quickly. I never strive to be remembered, but I hope some of the work I have done will be worthwhile and will have helped at least some of you as you continue on with your chapters. For my full report, I have broken it down month by month to make it easier to read.

June 2007

June was a quick month. After I was appointed as the new RAD, I began communicating with Jess Lang to begin transitioning into the new role. I started outlining plans of things I need to accomplish during the summer to try and get ahead.

July 2007

At the beginning of June, Jess and I met in Kansas City, Missouri to complete the transition period and to receive all of the RAD documents. I began sorting through the files, organizing what I could, and seeing really what types of records were still in existence. Solid records exist from the most recent years, but beyond that it is pretty hit or miss. I began working on the MACURH NRHH Newsletter and started collecting articles. I also began developing a chapter profile/survey to help me see what areas I needed to focus on with the NRHH Chapters in the region. In July, I attended my first national RAD chat in which we discussed the new national NRHH Executive position (NANSI), updates to the national NRHH documents, and OTM grading inconsistencies across regions. It was challenging (and continues to be) to work with the other RADs as we all have different frames of reference in regard to NRHH. Since each region views NRHH differently, discussions are often lengthy.

August 2007

August was an exciting month as I sent out the MACURH NRHH Newsletter and began compiling articles for other issues. It was also an exciting month because OTM submission increased drastically due to the start of school. Monitoring submissions became more challenging. I contacted numerous nominators that submitted in the incorrect category. I completed that chapter survey/profile and sent it to Daryl, Cindy, and Adam for feedback. I wrote the Case Study for the MACURH 2007 Case Study Competition and made plans for the judging of the competition. Thanks to Emily, RCC-SP, I was able to gain access to the MACURH NRHH website. I was able to update a lot of the information on each page and had begun working on trying to update the documents on the website. I attended another RAD chat in which a new NRHH membership certificate was proposed. I began collecting feedback on the new certificate from the region as well as numerous alumni across the country. There were a lot of

Host Institution: Kansas State University

Major/Minor: Masters in College Student Personnel Administration

Birthday: May 11

First Conference: MORHA 2002, first NACURH conference was 2002 at UMTC

Favorite Conference: NACURH 2002 or NACURH 2005

Favorite RBD Memory: My favorite RBD memory would be having a reunion with some of my older RBD friends in Chicago after one of our RBD members got married.

Favorite Song: *Crazy* by Gnarls Barkley

Hometown: Monroe, Michigan

Favorite food(s): Chipotle, Taco Bell, Pasta (I LOVE CARBS!!!)

Personality type: ISTJ

Hobbies: students, cooking/baking, music (it's my undergrad degree), crocheting

Career Goals: Work in housing for many, many years and be able to serve students in their development

Reason why you ran for an RBD position: I ran for the RAD position because of the great opportunity to work with all of the chapters in the region. It's really exciting to be able to see how the chapters in the region function. I also really enjoy recognition and LOVE OTMs!!!

Advice you would like to give MACURH: Do not get stuck on tradition! Do not be afraid to think outside of the box and try new things. Also, continue being unique and challenging other regions. MACURH is one of the strongest regions in the nation. Stay strong!

mixed reviews regarding the proposed change which I shared with the RADs.

September 2007

In September, there was very little communication at the national level. The RADs had received an email from the NSRO Director about scheduling a chat, but a chat failed to be scheduled. Communication at that time with the NSRO had been difficult not just for the RADs, but also for several schools that had tried to order merchandise. I began distributing the NRHH Chapter profile/survey and received 12 back. Cornell College had contacted me and I provided resources to them regarding creating a chapter. The institution was building a chapter, but decided not to have a formal RHA. I made placards for NRHH Business and also worked on making regional NRHH buttons.

There was a slight mishap with the OTM Database when the server crashed. Fortunately, being at K-State, several people I work with still have connections with Andrew Bell, the creator and maintainer of the OTM Database. I was able to get a hold of him and get needed information regarding the status of the database. Thankfully, he was able to get the database back up and running that same day and other issues resolved within the following days. I also answered a lot of OTM questions this month. The Regional OTM Grading Committee was at 15 members. I had also noticed some flaws in the grading policy, so I began working on ways to make the policies still work. Additionally, I had to email the OTM Database Campus Administrators on several occasions to request assistance in monitoring their school's submissions.

Chapters were also emailing to obtain information early alumni membership status. I also researched different MACURH NRHH paraphernalia, but also learned from the chapter profile/survey that it was not a huge desire for the chapters. Lastly, I attended the RBD Retreat and was able to see that NDSU was very well-prepared for the conference.

October 2007

I spent a lot of time preparing for MACURH 2007. I sent out a MACURH 2007 NRHH Rep Survival Guide for all the NRHHers to help them prepare for the conference and to give them a little insight into what was going to occur at the conference. I solicited judges for the Case Study Competition for which we had numerous submissions. We had numerous great discussions in NRHH Business and I felt as though the chapters were able to share a lot of ideas and truly network with each other. I collected more chapter survey/profiles from the rest of the chapters. I also created a philanthropy guide for the chapters to help them with their service efforts. It was also exciting to hand out the OTM Certificates to the schools. I presented a MACURH U program on OTMs and tried to clear up any confusion on each category. I also distributed guides for how to bid for a national office and a No Frills bidding prep guide.

November 2007

November kept me busy by with answering numerous questions resulting from the conference. Questions asked included membership certificates, early alumni status, OTMs, and bidding for awards. I continued to gather feedback regarding the proposed membership certificate change. From discussions at MACURH 2007, I began holding regional chats at a time that was voted on by the NRHH Reps. I held two in the month of November at which chapters were able to share what was going on at their schools as well as obtain a lot of information from other chapters. Due to low attendance at the two chats, I decided to discontinue the chats until No Frills so the NRHH Reps could again vote on a time that might work for them. OTMs kept me busy as well as I added more members to the Regional OTM Grading Committee. More work was done to try and do more education about correctly submitting OTMs in the appropriate categories. I also worked with several schools that were having communication issues with the NSRO and receiving orders.

December 2007

In December, I did a lot of prep work for RAD Conference/Semi-Annual Business Meeting. That included writing legislation, preparing committee work, writing reports, and mentally preparing myself to be in that environment. I attended a RAD chat at which point I addressed again the concern of the membership certificates. At that point, chapters had received their membership certificates through the mail as they did not receive them at MACURH 2007 since the NSRO Director did not show up because he missed his flight. It was a fruitless battle because the other RADs had not solicited a whole lot of feedback and did not see it as much as a concern.

As the RBD had discussed adding more regional recognition in the form of awards, I began working on a piece of legislation with Sam, North RCC. I also began discussions with Kalyn, ADP, about adding the NRHH Reps and PCCs to the MACURH Policy Book. I also tried to solicit potential RAD candidates.

January 2008

I attended the NACURH Semi-Annual Business Meeting at Oklahoma State University, which is now inclusive of the RAD Conference. It was a very challenging experience going back to the national boardroom and being immersed in those politics again. The RADs sat in with the National Board at several points, one of which was during elections. I have several different opinions on the ways in which the NACURH National Board functions, none of which I will describe in this report, but if you would like some personal commentary I would be happy to share that in person. The RADs worked on several different items. We discussed two pieces of legislation, both of which were authored by me. The first piece created the Faculty OTM at the national level. The piece passed and will start a trial period beginning at NACURH 2008 and be brought to a vote again by the RADs at the 2009 Semi-Annual Business Meeting or NACURH 2009 to decide if it will become a permanent category. The second piece I proposed was a progressive piece that would make NRHH more inclusive of all forms of on-campus housing, specifically apartments. The piece was presented more to spark a lot of conversation, which it did. The idea of a potential name change to NRHH (changing it to National Residence Housing Honorary) was also brought up, but the majority of the other RADs were scared by such a change. The outcome was that each RAD would present the idea of creating an inclusivity statement at their No Frills/Minis Conference and obtain feedback from their constituents and then discuss it again at NACURH at which point the statement would be created and presented. The RADs also worked on and completed the updates on the NRHH Policy Book which will be distributed at NACURH 2008. The use of the forum by the RADs was discussed as well and we agreed to start using the forum to continue more lengthy discussions. Unfortunately this did not happen. Myself along with two of the other RADs were the only ones to begin this.

Shortly after Semis, I attended the RBD retreat. I proposed two awards, Residential Assistant of the Year (which would become Residential Staff Member of the Year) and the Commitment to Philanthropy Award. I also submitted updates to Daryl for MACURH NRHH Award and OTM policies. Lastly, I worked on creating the apartment inclusivity powerpoint for each RAD and I worked on completing the National OTM Handbook with two other RADs.

February 2008

No Frills was obviously one of the main things I focused on for this month. I created a survival guide for the NRHH Reps for No Frills 2008 which was well received. I was extremely pleased with the efficiency of the NRHH Reps at the conference. It was an extremely exciting time as they plugged through each award and thoroughly discussed each nominee in order to select the most deserving candidate. I also presented the apartment inclusivity powerpoint, which was very well received. The NRHH Reps even brought up the idea of changing the name of NRHH to be more inclusive of all forms of on-campus housing without me bringing it up. I was able to obtain a lot of great feedback from them to share with the rest of the RADs. We also discussed NACURH Prep and what they should be thinking about as the year winds down. After I reported on what occurred at the Semi-Annual Business Meeting, we discussed in length what MACURH NRHH should look like and what it should be. From those discussions, the NRHH Reps decided to create a MACURH NRHH Mission/Vision Statement. Much of the afternoon of Saturday was spent discussing the statement. After a lot of great discussion and several different drafts, the NRHH Reps voted on following statement: *“Through promotion, development, and recognition, the National Residence Hall Honorary Chapters of the Midwest Affiliate of College and University*

Residence Halls value scholarship, service, and leadership in an on-campus living environment.” I was extremely proud of what they accomplished at the conference and each of them contributed to the development of that statement.

One of the other main things I began working on was collecting chapter constitutions to begin reviewing them for 2008-2009 affiliation. At the Semi-Annual Business meeting, the topic of constitution approval was brought up and it was discovered that no one had been approving constitutions for several years. The responsibility was given to the RADs, so I began collecting in order to start reviewing them to look for inconsistencies and anything that might break national policy. I also held a regional NRHH chat at a time when the NRHH Reps voted, although attendance was again low. As no one bid for the RAD position, I continued to try and solicit candidates.

March 2008

March was an extremely busy month, although not all on the MACURH front. With my job searching process truly beginning, a lot of my time was sucked up by that. I outlined the NRHH Chapter Transition Guide that was an idea that stemmed from discussions at No Frills 2008. I had hoped to complete it in March, but because of everything that was going on it got delayed. I also continued to try and collect chapter constitutions.

I attended another RAD chat. There had been no RAD chats in February due to that being a busy conference month for everyone. We mainly discussed what would be discussed at NACURH. The RADs also discussed constitution revision, raising the national GPA requirement for new members, and feedback from the apartment inclusivity presentation.

I had to work a lot with the Regional OTM Grading Committee on accountability. The policy states that committee members not submitting their votes in two consecutive months forfeit their school's right to submit OTMs to the regional level. I had to remind several members of this one on one (even though the entire committee is reminded each month) and hold a couple members accountable.

April 2008

April has been a catch-up month. I finished reviewing chapter constitutions. Thus far I have received 17 and am working with the chapters to make sure their constitutions have everything they need (and other items taken out) in order to be approved for affiliation. The main things I am seeing is inclusion of nationally unrecognized types of membership (i.e. inactive, associate, etc.). There was also confusion regarding a “Chapter Constitution Checklist”. As this document was never approved by any national board as an official document, I was a little confused as to why it was posted on the NACURH website as a resource. The document has been confusing to chapters as it includes items that aren't required by national policy and should therefore not be required for affiliation purposes. I also brought up the National OTM Handbook again and it will be distributed at NACURH 2008. It was intended to be distributed at each No Frills/Minis Conference, but I had to wait for one RAD to give the approval.

I will be completing the Transition Guide soon and distributing that as well as working on NACURH preparation items for NRHH Reps. Since I will not be attending NACURH 2008 due to graduation, Emily RCC-SP will be serving in my place. I will be preparing her in the coming weeks to step into that role so she is able to represent the MACURH NRHH Chapters appropriately. I am completing my transition materials to be sent to whoever will be the next RAD. I will also be sending on the OTM certificates for January-March to be distributed at NACURH 2008. The next RAD will distribute April and on.

Major Challenges

I wanted to address some of the challenges I face throughout the term in the position. Although they are challenges and may have been frustrating, I was still able to learn a lot from each of them.

As mentioned briefly throughout the report, it is often extremely challenging working with the organization at

- the national level. With so many different perspectives, it is often hard to move forward. I myself am sometimes guilty of trying to live in the past, but I also am able to recognize when others are not respecting the work of those that have come before them. I think communication is something that needs to be continually addressed at the national level and especially what forms of communication are going to be the most effective. Each region requires different things of their RADs, so having that knowledge would have helped each of us set reasonable expectations for ourselves as a group. I feel as though several improvements were made on the national NRHH front, however I feel a lot more could have been accomplished had the communication been there.
- Tied to the last item was the different levels of importance put on the input of the chapters. With each national issue that has come across the NRHH Board, I have done my best to solicit as much input as possible from the MACURH NRHH Chapters. I did not always feel as though the other RADs did the same. My personal approach is that in order to truly represent the needs and desires of the MACURH NRHH Chapters, I need to know exactly what you all needed. The impression that I constantly received from the other RADs was that they only relied on their personal feelings without consulting their chapters. Not to say that is actually how they worked, that is only how it came across. I felt as though I constantly had to remind them to obtain feedback from their chapters.
- Coming into a position that had not had a constant leader in it for a period of time was a challenge. Looking back on the year, my overall impression has been that the region had learned not to rely on the position. Additionally, from the chapter profile/surveys I soon learned that I had to focus more on maintenance rather than recruitment. I feel as though the next person in the position will need to do much the same. I have tried my best to be reliable to the chapters and show them that the position is one they can and should rely on as a resource and support for their individual chapter development. It is interesting to reflect back on what the goals in my original are and know that I was not able to really focus on what I had originally intended. Even though I may not have been able to focus on my original goals, I feel I was able to accomplish new ones I had set for the position.
- Being the first RAD to work with a new policy that I had not been involved with the creation of was a huge challenge. Getting members to vote has been a constant challenge. The membership of the committee has reached 17 members, which is pretty large for any regional voting committee. However, each month I have several members that neglect to cast their votes and complete the voting process. Also, making sure the committee has equal representation was a challenge. Because NACURH program facilitated by each RAD, it is still very often confused as a sole NRHH program. It has been a struggle to get committee members from schools without a NRHH chapter. I am sure it is something that will need to be continuously worked on in future years.
- Time commitments have also been a challenge. Preparing to graduate and job search has added a lot to my plate. Even though I planned ahead as much as possible, I had to keep reminding myself that things come up and things don't always go according to plan. Although some may look at my challenge situation and think I had troubles because I am a graduate student. However, I would strongly disagree. I think graduate students have a lot to offer to these positions and they can also still learn a lot from serving on a regional board. It has been challenging because I am at a different place in my life and have different perspectives that often go against the grain because of what some of my previous experience has been. Serving on the board as a graduate student was challenging, but serving on a regional board as an undergraduate student was just as challenging.

OTM STATISTICS

June 2007 - 7 total submissions, 4 regional winners, 1 national winner (top regional submitter nationally)

July 2007 - 6 total submissions, 3 regional winners, 2 national winners (top regional submitter nationally)

August 2007 - 359 total submissions, 14 regional winners, 2 national winners (top regional submitter nationally)

September 2007 - 539 total submissions, 14 regional winners, 0 national winners, (top regional submitter nation-

ally)

October 2007 - 692 total submissions, 14 regional winners, 0 national winners (top regional submitter nationally)

November 2007 – 451 total submissions, 14 regional winners, 0 national winners (second highest regional submitter nationally)

December 2007 – 152 total submissions, 13 regional winners, 2 national winners (second highest regional submitter nationally)

January 2008 – 383 total submissions, 12 regional winners, 1 national winner (top regional submitter nationally)

February 2008 – 394 total submissions, 14 regional winners, 2 national winners (second highest regional submitter nationally)

March 2008 – TBA

April 2008 – TBA

Kalyn Williams - AD-P

Hey MACURH! It's finally coming down to the end of the year, and it definitely has been a busy several months. I was appointed to my position midway through the term (one month before the MACURH 2007 conference), but I feel that I have fully lived up to the expectations set by the MACURH Policy book, my host school, and myself.

One of my largest projects that I have been working on is establishing a national network of programmers. I have been working on this with the NEACURH AD-Programming/Records Michael Moore. Between the two of us we have been contacting the RBDs of the other six regions and gauging interest for having an RBD member from each region be a liaison to a national programming network. We hope that programmers will eventually become their own 'group' (like PCCs and NEACURH's Programming Reps) on the national level. However, progress on this project has been slow in recent months because both Michael Moore and I have been working on our region's No Frills conferences, as well as getting prepared for the national conference. However, we hope to dive back into this programming network soon after the close of NACURH 2008.

My other large project during my term has been the regional programming newsletter. During my time as PCC, the newsletter was sent out infrequently and was not very in-depth. I took it upon myself to start sending out a newsletter each month, starting in September. Originally, the newsletter was only sent to the PCCs, but with advice from the Regional Director, I did a full revision of the newsletter during winter break. The new-and-improved Molly Moos-letter is sent out on the 25th of each month to the entire region. New additions to the newsletter include PCC/NCC/NRHH spotlights, expanded program reports, information 'from the AD-P files' (a resource section with a different theme each month), and RBD spotlights. The newsletter has gone from two pages (September) to six pages (February).

During my term, I have attended three conferences, the 2007 MACURH conference (at NDSU), the 2008 No Frills conference (at NWMSU), and the 2008 NACURH conference (at OSU). I chaired the PCC boardroom at both the MACURH and No Frills conferences. There was spectacular PCC attendance in both boardrooms, which shows that the PCC position has really grown within the region.

One area of weakness in my term has been availability. During the 2007-08 academic year, I also held an NRHH Executive position at my host school, as well as writing the final paper for my major, which tended to take up more time than I had expected. I arrived to the MACURH 2007 conference late because of class conflicts, as well.



However, MACURH will be my only Board position next year, so I am not foreseeing any time commitment issues. I will continue to work on this issue, and still commit to a 24-hour or less turn-around time on e-mail and phone calls. As you know, I will be continuing on in the AD-P position through NACURH 2009. I plan on continuing work on the national programming network and the Molly Moos-Letter, as well as focusing on recognition, further developing the PCC position, and passive programming. As always, I'm here for you if you have questions, comments, or concerns at macurh.adp@gmail.com! Have a great summer!

Host School: University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Major/Minor: Psychology Major, German Studies Minor

Birthday: June 14 (Flag Day!)

First Conference: NACURH 2006

Favorite Conference: I love all of them...but my favorite was NACURH 2006

Favorite RBD Memory: "It's too late to apologize" during Daryl's closing of MACURH 2007

Personal Mascot: Brett Favre

Favorite Song: *Stolen* by Dashboard Confessional

Hometown: Green Bay, WI/Buffalo, MN

Favorite food(s): Chicken curry, fettuccine alfredo

Personality Type: ISTJ

Hobbies: Playing the violin (nearly 12 years), reading sci-fi/fantasy, writing (especially NaNoWriMo)

Career Goals: go for a Master's in Student Affairs and work on promoting student leadership and leadership development

Why did you run for an RBD position?: I've always strived to be the best I can be, and I feel that the RBD has been a great way for me to develop my leadership skills and learn about my personal leadership style.

Advice you would like to give to MACURH: When in doubt, ask! If you're in boardroom and you're not sure what differentiates 'call the question' from 'move the question', bring it up...there are probably other people who are wondering the same thing (and PCCs know that I get it mixed up sometimes too!).

Emily Meyer - RCC-SP

It is now to that point in my term as Regional Communications Coordinator - Special Projects that I am to write my final report to you. When I was elected in at NACURH 2007 in Oshkosh, I honestly had no clue what type of journey I was about to embark on. Once that journey had started and my goals to accomplish for the year were set, I knew it was going to be a year to remember.

The journey began for me in June by trying to figure out what exactly I was going to do as RCC-SP, being that I was setting precedent for this position. I first started out with the list-servs, which proved to be a summer long project. Also, along with making the list-servs current, I created a new President's list-serv. Shortly after finally figuring out Google Groups and getting all of that under control it was then time for me to figure out another portion of MACURH's technology, the website. I again spent countless hours updating and maintaining the website. To put an end to my summer and a beginning to the academic year, I submitted an article for the NACURH Link.

Shortly after many of us were back into the swing of classes I created and sent out a President's survey to all member presidents. Being that this was the first year the presidents were being integrated into the MACURH family, previously they were present but weren't given as big of an opportunity. MACURH 2007 brought about a great opportunity for the Presidents of MACURH, they were given the task of selecting the Regional President of the Year Award winner in the first President's Boardroom. Also starting at MACURH 2007 was the beginning of great communication and chats that would take place over the course of the rest of the year. During a roundtable they discussed and selected topics to which many would benefit from.

When it came to affiliation and recruitment, I developed lists and records of schools who were affiliated in the previous year as well as schools who were affiliated with UMR-ACUHO, and from there the Geographical RCC's where given schools to contact. We had some very strong schools affiliate this year!

On a national level I was able to serve as a representative on the National Marketing and Promotions committee, to which I created a uniform press release form. As well as helping to make decisions on the NACURH apparel and the National Affiliation guide.



With this I wish you all the best and good luck to the next group of student leaders not only regionally, nationally, but also on each and every campus taking. You all have a lot to offer and will do great things!

Host School: Winona State University

Major: Management Information Systems

Minors: Business Administration and Training & Development

Birthday: December 6

First Conference: MACURH 2005

Favorite Conference: NACURH 2006

Favorite RBD Memory: The trip to Manitoba right before MACURH this year.

Favorite Song: I don't really have a favorite song rather a favorite group, I really like Rascal Flatts.

Hometown: Lake City, Minnesota

Favorite Food(s): Italian Pasta Dishes and Fresh Strawberries in the summer

Personality Type: ESFJ

Hobbies: Reading, Shopping, and spending time with friends and family

Why did you run for an RBD Positions?: After serving Winona as NCC, I wanted to help and serve more schools throughout MACURH & NACURH.

Advice you would like to give to MACURH: Enjoy the possibilities, each of you has the potential to go far and to serve your schools and your region well! Have Fun & Remember to Always Smile!!

Samantha Szczech - RCC-North

Summer 2007: Officially the Regional Communications Coordinator for the North sub-region. I was awarded a conference pin at NACURH from Daryl, the MACURH Director. I participated in NACURH RCC chats and joined the Facebook group for NACURH RCC's. Started communication with many schools in the North sub-region and focused on sending out packets of information to schools not involved with MACURH yet. Contact with schools involved in MACURH to figure out a place for the pre-MACURH retreat, planned on The College of St. Scholastica but had to cancel it due to a lack of participants from the North sub-region. Figured out chat times every other week for the North sub-region to get together and communicate. Started the north.rcc@gmail.com account and manage the North sub-region mailings.

First semester in 2007: Had communication with schools through email and chats bi-weekly. Joined the Diversity committee on the regional level and joined the Advocacy committee on the national level. I wrote an article for the NACURH Link and the MACURH messenger. Went to the pre-MACURH Regional Board of Directors retreat held at North Dakota State University, attended the MACURH conference at NDSU and presented two programs on behalf of MACURH U. During the rest of the conference I was helping run some joint, NCC and NRHH boardrooms. I bought some small gifts for the North sub-region NCC's for their boardroom. I communicated with the University of Minnesota-Crookston, Minnesota State University-Moorhead, University of Manitoba, Canada and Concordia University-Moorhead about NACURH, MACURH and perhaps attendance at the MACURH conference. Visited the University of North Dakota (Trisha Borland also) and the University of Manitoba with other RBD members before the start of the MACURH conference. I participated in my host institution's RHA meetings and events on campus. Co-wrote legislation for the official colors of MACURH to be royal blue and white and established the North sub-regional color of Forest Green and the mascot to be Petunia the skunk. Started soliciting a school about hosting the pre-No Frills retreat but no school decided to offer to host one, went and sent monthly self-analyses, and monthly reports to the Regional Director. Sent in monthly OTM's and started to seek out a successor for my position. I went to weekly chats with other members of the RBD and assisted with developing the RBD choice awards. Had constant communication with schools about conference and award bids while also having one-on-one chats with the Regional Director. During the holiday season, I sent out cards with reminders and personal notes by hand in snail mail to members of the North sub-region.

Second semester in 2008: Bought Petunia the skunk and brought her to the No Frills conference held at Northwest Missouri State University. I still had constant bi-weekly chats and emails with the North sub-region and weekly chats with the rest of the RBD. Bought some small gifts for the North sub-regional NCC's to have during their boardroom. Attended the pre-No Frills RBD retreat held at NWMSU and went to the conference and participated in the NCC boardroom on Friday. Saturday, I helped in the joint boardroom as well as running my first North sub-regional caucus and assisted with running the PCC boardroom elections. Assisted in writing some new regional awards and wrote an article for the MACURH Messenger. I contacted schools about possibly hosting the pre-NACURH retreat and I attended the transitional RBD retreat. Trained my successor for the North RCC position and wrote two proposals for NACURH U. Sent in monthly reports and self-analyses to the Regional Director. I participated in my host institutions RHA meetings and events on campus. Attended the National Conference in Oklahoma and continue to talk to the University of Minnesota-Crookston and the University of Manitoba about joining MACURH.

Host Institution: The College of St. Scholastica

Major/Minor: Social work

Birthday: February 22

First Conference: MACURH 2004

Favorite Conference: NACURH 2006

Favorite RBD Memory: When Daryl and Adam separated from me and other RBD members at the split in Des Moines on Hwy 35 and Hwy 80 and they hit a deer because later on that evening, I was told by Daryl that he wanted to call me to snap the deer's neck because I had been in the Army and would put the deer out of its misery. WHAT!?!

Personal Mascot: Petunia's cousin Spanky the Skunk

Favorite Song: *Apologize* by One Republic

Hometown: Nordeast Minneapolis, Minnesota

Favorite food(s): Hashbrowns and sunny-side up eggs.

Personality type: ENFJ

Hobbies: Dancing, Talking, Friends, Traveling, Driving

Career Goals: Healthcare social work in a non-profit organization

Reason why you ran for an RBD position: To learn more about myself and the region while helping others in the region too.

Advice you would like to give MACURH: Join the RBD because you should!



Drew Zimmerman - RCC-Central

For the past year and a half I have had the honor of being on the MACURH regional board. The first year I served as the No Frills 2008 Conference Chair and just after the conference I was appointed to the position of RCC-Central. Since taking the position of RCC-Central my main goal has been to make sure that the Central subregion of MACURH has the resources it needs.

This year has been spent serving two different roles on the RBD. I have truly enjoyed the experiences I have had on the board. During the fall I had the opportunity to travel to SWACURH's regional conference and represent MACURH as well as present two programs. I also had the opportunity to assist MACURH's Director in organizing a trip to the University of Manitoba to recruit them to join NACURH.

To focus mostly on my roll at RCC-Central, I wanted to note that since taking the position we really wanted to be able to host a pre-NACURH retreat for the Central. Unfortunately, no school in the Central was able to host the event and caused it to be cancelled. On a positive note we were able to find many schools interested in hosting the pre-retreats next year and hopefully that will be accomplished. While it may not have been successful in us hosting it this spring, it is great that we were able to get schools interested in host next year and hopefully that will help the Central RCC-Elect in her transition.

During my couple of months in the position I have had the opportunity to continue to work with this board and get group tasks/goals completed for the NACURH conference. I recently attended the MACURH RBD and RBD-Elect transitional retreat at Iowa State University. There I got an opportunity to assist in the transition of the new Central RCC. While I have not had the position long and am in a transition mode myself, the transition retreat was a good experience to help the current RBD experience closure and for us to assist the RBD-Elect to make sure that MACURH remains a strong region within NACURH.



It has truly been an honor to serve this region for a year and a half. I know that I owe a lot of gratitude to this organization for helping develop my leadership skills. Throughout the year and my term, I made it a point to encourage people throughout the region to get more involved. Being able to sit on the regional board is something that I wanted to do since my first conference. Thankfully, I had that opportunity and I hope that the leadership in this region continues to shine.

Host School: Northwest Missouri State University

Major/Minor: Speech Communication/ Psychology

Birthday: May 9

First Conference: MACURH 2004, University of Nebraska-Kearney

Favorite Conference: No Frills 2008: The BEARminimum, Northwest Missouri State University

Favorite RBD Memory: It's too late to apologize...

Favorite Song: *Apologize* by One Republic

Hometown: Ridgeway, Missouri

Favorite food(s): Italian

Personality Type: ENTJ

Hobbies: KC Royals Baseball, traveling, living life...

Career Goals: President of a college/ university.

Why did you run for an RBD position?: Because of the amazing leadership experience and great people.

Advice you would like to give to MACURH: Take advantage of all of the wonderful leadership opportunities available in this great region. You may just find what you were meant to do.

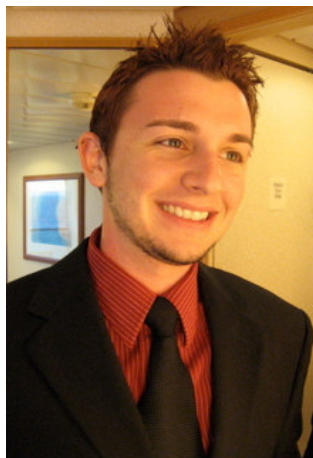
Ben White - RCC-South

Wow, who would have thought that the year would be up so soon! I have had the privilege of serving as the South Regional Communications Coordinator for a year, and it hasn't felt like its been two months! In my term as South RCC we have accomplished a lot in the southern region of MACURH, and I am simply beaming at the personal growth that each of my charges has undergone. I have, in my opinion served the South Sub Region to the best of my abilities. However there have been some faults of my own that I will ensure the next South RCC (the lovely Bethany Stafford from UM-St. Louis) picks up the slack on. But it has been an amazing year for the South.

One thing that the South has always prided themselves in is their fabulous Pre Conference Retreats. They have always been well attended, and are always a whole lot of fun. But as an NCC I found that sometimes when I went to these, I was never bringing anything back. Yes they provided a chance to meet everyone face to face, and it is important to get that bonding experience, but there really should be a reason for driving, sometimes in horrid conditions, all that way. Well I worked hard this year to make the retreats a real hit. And a hit they have been! The Southern Retreats have had the highest attendance out of the entire Region. They have also undergone a huge programming revamp. I have striven to make them more discussion biased, less lecture, and more in depth in why we do the things we do. I have also added an important aspect to the training regime (because the retreats are for continuing education on the participants rolls in MACURH) and that is a mock board room. With these things in place the South Retreats have been a complete hit.

I have been constantly in contact with my Sub Region as I am sure they are aware. Sending them harassing emails about bid reading and writing, or just checking up on them to make sure they are doing okay. Communication is key in this position, the word itself is in my title. I take it very seriously, the idea of communicating. And only strive to communicate with everyone in a positive manner. Only through positive interaction with everyone can we truly accomplish what we mean to.

I have had some faults however, but like good leaders, we can recognize our own errors. My recruitment abilities in the South have not been what I would have liked to have seen. I did send out e-mails to nearly every institution with a Residential Life program, but I received absolutely zero follow up to them. I was greatly saddened by this and a little let down. This I believe is where I have faltered. However I intend on training my successor to be able to overcome this issue and jump right on the horse this summer and raise the numbers in the South.



I look forward to the future of MACURH and NACURH Inc. with baited breath. We will go far in the days to come, I firmly believe this. It has been a pleasure serving you as the South Regional Communications Coordinator.

Host Institution: The University of Missouri – St. Louis

Major/Minor: Liberal Studies

Birthday: August 8

First Conference: NACURH 06

Favorite Conference: MACURH 06

Favorite RBD Memory: When the South RBD showed up on time and no one else was there!

Personal Mascot: Rufus the Raccoon

Favorite Song: *Coin Operated Boy*

Hometown: Columbia, MO

Favorite food(s): Steak and Potatoes

Personality type: ENFJ

Hobbies: Singing, knitting, watching movies, and hanging out with friends.

Career Goals: Go work in Higher Education Administration

Reason why you ran for an RBD position: I wanted to give back to an organization that gave me so much.

Advice you would like to give MACURH: Stay true, and don't forget why you're here, for your residents!

Tori Seely - MACURH 08

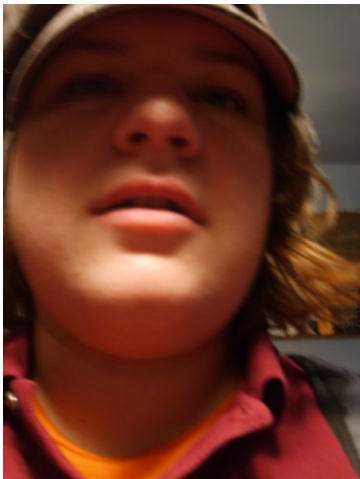
I am so thrilled to be heading up the team making it possible for you to have an awesome conference down in the south! We've been hard at work since the close of MACURH 2007 at NDSU to get everything ready for you all to arrive in Rolla on November 7th.

Once the dust had settled from our bid team's busy weekend at the last MACURH we started to layout our plan of action for the next year within our staff. In November, we determined that we had to change the conference from its original date to its current date of November 7-9. We changed it because our original date overlapped with UMR-ACUHO and that just didn't work out well for us.

We closed out our semester with our first newsletter that introduced our full staff to the region. When the new year started, we started up again with our staff meetings during our first week back and we've been working hard ever since. In February, we held our first staff retreat and had a great time getting to know each other outside of a meeting environment and planning out what we needed to do in the coming months.

Currently, the staff is hard at work making sure everything stays in line for this conference. It may seem like a long time until the actual conference but every one of my staff members has put in more effort than I ever expected of them. We have launched our website, published three newsletters, signed our housing contracts, confirmed all of our campus reservations and hammered out a great schedule with something for everyone.

Even though I am not leaving after NACURH, I would still like to extend a warm thank you to the region for being a great resource and inspiration for me and my staff. I hope you all have a great time at the national conference and can't wait to see you all in November!



Host School: Missouri University of Science and Technology

Major/Minor: History

Birthday: May 9

First Conference: NACURH 2005

Favorite Conference: I've had fun at all of them

Favorite RBD Memory: The power outage at No Frills 2008 before the region showed up for business

Personal Mascot: Penguin

Favorite Song: *Some of Us* by Starsailor

Hometown: Duncan, OK

Favorite food(s): Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Granola

Personality Type: ENTP

Hobbies: Writing, reading, watching *Bones* and other intellectually stimulating and entertaining television programs

Career Goals: My ultimate goal is to be a globe-trotting humanitarian and make the world a better place one person at a time.

Why did you run for an RBD position?: I didn't really run, but I ended up on the RBD because we wanted to do an awesome conference here at Missouri S&T and I took the lead so we could achieve that goal.

Advice you would like to give to MACURH: Come prepared for an awesome time!

Howard Stoltz - No Frills 08

Hey MACURH!

These past two months have been so exciting on the Regional Board of Directors. I have worked closely with my conference staff and the Regional Board of Directors to start the planning and execution of the 2009 General Frills Conference at The College of St. Scholastica (CSS) in Duluth, Minnesota.

As the Conference Chair, I have quickly learned how important the delegation is to the success of the event. We have added an additional three conference staff members responsible for Conference Records, Sponsorship, and Auxiliary items. Our administration, housing department, Edgewater Hotel and Conference Center, food service as well as numerous other groups and organizations have been notified that the conference will take place on our campus. The entire College of St. Scholastica community is eager to welcome you to our campus.

On a personal level, I am looking forward to working with rest of the RBD to enhance the region of MACURH. This is a extraordinary experience for me and for CSS as a whole. Our Residence Hall Association is excited for growth as an organization next year by expanding our number of active participants and getting more people involved to assist in the planning and implementation of the conference.



This spring has proven to be quite eventful on the Regional and local levels. This next year will be an amazing ride for both the school and myself.

Host School: College of St. Scholastica

Major/Minor: Computer Information Systems

Birthday: August 11

First Conference: MACURH 2006

Favorite Conference: No Frills 2008

Favorite RBD Memory: Pre-NACURH

Personal Mascot: Eagle

Favorite Song: *A Whole New World*

Hometown: Anoka, MN

Favorite food(s): Pizza, Mac & Cheese

Hobbies: Camping, movie watching, & working on my Jeep

Career Goals: A Chief Information Officer

Why did you run for an RBD position?: Our school really wanted to host a conference

Advice you would like to give to MACURH: Have fun!

Adam Foley - Regional Advisor

As I pulled away from the conference center, the large smoke stacks squarely in my rear-view mirror and the smell of paper permeating the air, I couldn't help but smile with pride at the conclusion of yet another successful NACURH conference and the culmination of hard work on behalf of the RBD and students of MACURH. With summer now upon me, the anticipation of much-needed rest filling my thoughts, I set out on the six hour drive back to Ames. By the time I returned, I realized...there is no rest! MACURH is a year-long job, and one I love doing each and every day (even when potential letters of resignation are waiting for me in my inbox in the morning...not that this has ever happened before of course).

Summer

The summer months, although a down time in the region and on the board, still proved to be a fairly busy period. I spent a great deal of time going through several of the advisor record boxes, pulling out anything useful and re-organizing them to fit some of my organizational tendencies.

Cindy and I maintained contact with one another, planning for the fall, and discussing the various and random MACURH topics that emerged over the summer. We also stayed in contact with the Regional director over the summer as he began his planning for the fall semester.

Retreats

Over the course of the past year, I attended three planning retreats with the rest of the Regional Board of Directors. The first, the Pre-MACURH retreat, was hosted by North Dakota State University. They were wonderful hosts, and it became a very productive retreat. I even squeezed in an early-morning run on campus! During this retreat, we did a complete walk-through of the conference, as well as plan MACURH-U programs and other activities in preparation for MACURH.

The next retreat was the Pre-No Frills retreat, which we were lucky enough to have hosted by Northwest Missouri State University. Although they were not required to host us for the retreat, it ended up working very well from a logistical standpoint. It allowed Cindy and I the opportunity to touch base with the conference advisors in person and answer any questions they had in preparation for the upcoming conference.

The third and final retreat was the RBD Transition retreat, which I had the pleasure of hosting on my host campus, Iowa State University. The board traveled to Ames, complete with newly elected board members (and a new elected Regional Co-Advisor) and we spent the weekend transitioning our positions.

I had organized all of the advisor files ahead of time, and was able to fully and effectively transition Renee Skau into the position, providing her with a wealth of information, timelines, and detailed descriptions of the various aspects of the advising job.



Host Institution: Iowa State University

Major/Minor: Curriculum Instruction, with an emphasis on Multicultural Education

Birthday: September 5th

First Conference: MACURH 1999

Favorite Conference: NACURH 2002, duh!

Favorite RBD Memory: The lasting relationships I have formed

Personal Mascot: Baxter, my puggle

Favorite Song: *Daughter* by Pearl Jam

Hometown: Prior Lake, Minnesota

Favorite food(s): Pasta, chocolate

Personality type: ENFJ

Hobbies: Tennis, hiking, collecting movies

Career Goals: Becoming a faculty member

Reason why you ran for an RBD position: To serve the wonderful student leaders in the MACURH region

Advice you would like to give MACURH: Goals can be broken down into two stages, 1) process, and 2) outcome. It's OK to change the process and doubt the process, but never doubt the outcome!

Conferences

At both MACURH 2007 and No Frills 2008, I arrived on site early, along with the rest of the RBD. We worked to prepare final elements for the conferences, as well as assist the conference staff with anything they might need. Throughout both conferences, I spent the majority of my time in the boardrooms, tag-teaming with Cindy to assist where we were needed and offer thoughts and advice.

Both conferences were extremely well planned, both on the part of the conference staff and the RBD, which made our jobs extremely easy. Everyone did a fantastic job in running their respective boardrooms, engaging in positive discussion and debate, and in making some important decisions for the future of the region.

At the close of both conferences, Cindy and I met with the new conference teams and advisors to begin the transition process. We answered questions, and provided them with a variety of items to think about and remember for their future planning.

ART Programming

In preparation for both MACURH 2007 and No Frills 2008, I worked closely with Cindy Spencer (University of North Dakota), and organized advisor programming during the conferences. We were able to offer a variety of ART sessions, as well as various advisor roundtables and information sessions. I solicited the assistance of several other advisors in the region, who were gracious to donate their time, talent, and efforts to assist in working with MACURH advisors. I am continued to develop the role of ART within the region, and hope to make our offerings and organization even stronger when MACURH 2008 roles around!

Work with the Director

Over the course of the past year, I worked extensively and directly with the Regional Director. We held weekly 2 on 1 conference calls to discuss various issues arising in the region, as well as planning for conferences, and preparations for his representation at the NACURH Semi-Annuals business meeting. Overall, our communication was virtually constant through various means and I made myself constantly available by phone and email to answer questions, bounce ideas off of, and discuss anything that might have emerged at the time.

Work with other RBD Members

Just as I was available to the Regional Director, I was also available to the rest of the regional board, and connected with them to answer questions and discuss topics going on pertinent to their positions. I attended weekly RBD chats with the rest of the board and I had the opportunity to write articles for the MACURH Messenger as well.

Outreach to Advisors

Cindy and I worked very closely to compile various Advisor Updates over the course of the past year as well. These articles provided useful MACURH-related information, as well as topics for professional development to help each advisor grow in their position. I also worked hard to welcome new advisors into the region, and make myself available to answer questions from advisors in the region regarding anything.

National Advisor Survey

I worked with the other Regional Advisors in NACURH to organize and implement a national advisor survey, the results of which will be shared at NACURH 2008.

Advisor Election Process

Beginning prior to MACURH 2007, Cindy and I worked diligently to recruit Regional Advisor candidates interested in filling the position, as Cindy's term was up at there conference. Following MACURH, Cindy agreed to stay on in the position until No Frills 2008, to which I am very thankful! Following No Frills, we did indeed elect a new Regional Co-Advisor and I am excited to be working with Renee Skau from St. Louis University for the remainder of my term!

Legislation summary

Motion	Title	Author	Boardroom	Amend.	Outcome
MMA	Advisor Eligibility	Daryl Lawrence S. Hasham, E.	NCC/NRHH	None	<i>Passed</i>
MMB	MACURH Regional Colors	Meyer, S. Szczech, B. White, D. Lawrence	NCC/NRHH	None	<i>Passed</i>
MMC	Pre-No Frills Retreat	RCCs, et al	NCC/NRHH	None	<i>Passed</i>
MMD	MACURH Budget	Aaron Baker and Daryl Lawrence	NCC	None	<i>Passed</i>
MME	Filling of RBD Positions not bid for	MACURH RBD	NCC	None	<i>Passed</i>
MMF	NRHH & PCC Reps	Ty Krueger	NCC	None	<i>Passed</i>
MMG	Conference Chairs	D. Zimmerman, A. Baker, B. White	NCC	None	<i>Passed</i>
MMH	Subregions Colors and Mascots	RCCs	NCC	None	<i>Withdrawn</i>

Regional Awards

Commitment to Diversity- Creighton University
 President of the Year- Gavin Grivna (University of St. Thomas)
 First Year Experience- Jermaine Elliott (University of Minnesota- Twin Cities)
 NRHH Building Block Chapter- University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
 NRHH Chapter of the Year- Missouri University of Science and Technology
 Valerie Averill & Mark Hudson NRHH Outstanding Member- Jonathon Leek (Missouri S&T)
 Building RHA- Saint Louis University
 Programmer of the Year- Matt Hume (Missouri S&T)
 Mabel Strong Outstanding Advisor- Dana Barnard (Missouri S&T)
 OCM Distinguished Service Award- Alias Seiichi Tagami (Missouri S&T)
 Dennis Lynch NCC of the Year- Abby Richter (University of Nebraska- Lincoln)
 Mike Grosz Student of the Year- Jacob Sherry (Missouri S&T)
 School of the Year- Missouri Western State University
 Student Award for Leadership Training- Saint Louis University
 Program of the Year- College of St. Scholastica

Of The Month Awards

June 2007

Advisor: Jimmy French

Nominated by Kati Smith

Truman State University

http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=46763&vid=bpykbbc0

Social Program: Experience Your Own "Piece" of Heaven

Nominated by Glory Benedict

University of Missouri- Rolla

http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=46699&vid=ehrpq82s

Educational Program: Summer Reading Program: "How Much I Love You"

Nominated by Tonya Wessel

Kansas State University

http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=46741&vid=wqtpuv6y

Executive Board Member: Charles Howell

Nominated by Traci Haug

Missouri Western State University

http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=46738&vid=b55vzyx9

July 2007

Resident Assistant: Corey Glaze

Nominated by Annette Lawless

Kansas State University

http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=46789&vid=3kffzszmnuj8hhs

Spotlight: Jardine Apartments GMRT

Nominated by Annette Lawless

Kansas State University

http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=46787&vid=3xhqv7aec1b1ayj7

Community: Jardine Apartment Complex
Nominated by Annette Lawless
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=46790&vid=7748hn2fhwg93g00

August 2007

Advisor: Mandy Gramkow
Nominated by Annette Lawless
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=47204&vid=uhrttupt21hf9sh

Social Program: Walsh Hall Floor Wars!!!
Nominated by Kyle Wanner
University of North Dakota
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=47299&vid=6ux64h3wath642hb

Spotlight: Move-In Day Traffic and Parking Assistants
Nominated by Kevin Cook
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=47544&vid=zhgcnct94hx30ev

Student: Chris Bourland
Nominated by Tim Emmett
Missouri State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=47249&vid=cr81pr48vs1wreth

First Year Student: Emilee Rice
Nominated by Kevin Quinn
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=46834&vid=k7tqc8uyvnyef2mf

Community: Jardine Apartment Complex student staff
Nominated by Annette Lawless
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=47650&vid=2z3vjmvw3ccepqgg

Faculty/Staff: Dr. Audra Merfeld-Langston
Nominated by Craig Richardson
University of Missouri- Rolla
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=46798&vid=pcphh84h6kr5mvr1

Desk Attendant: Erica Adams
Nominated by Maranda Modeen
Saint Cloud State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=47189&vid=gr020qc7qvh5tt6y

Community Service Program: PUMA Day of Service
Nominated by Denise Williams
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=46932&vid=c7q57zh6x8zhgywh

Educational Program: Lunar Eclipse
Nominated by Camilla Jones
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=47312&vid=f5u8e2txjqghsy2a

Executive Board Member: Carrie Heinrich
Nominated by Mishelle Banas
University of Central Missouri
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=47597&vid=n2ch24ukge5xrzua

Organization: Putnam Hall HGB
Nominated by Nathan Vallette
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=47643&vid=v8g6693fwhasbfw

Resident Assistant: James Sawyer
Nominated by Missy Burgess
Pittsburg State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=47239&vid=q6q5195pvaq38k2k

Diversity Program: The Labels Game
Nominated by Josh Cardenzana
University of Missouri- Rolla
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=46882&vid=rnanjpw79a1yv009

September 2007

Advisor: Tom Sharp
Nominated by Ashley Grace
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=48380&vid=h2khu9t9kpremsst

Resident Assistant: Allie Boehm
Nominated by William Drew Zimmerman
MACURH RBD
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=50243&vid=00tvhwh9wbzxsmeg

Social Program: Toga Party
Nominated by Ashvin Sahni
Pittsburg State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=49854&vid=uje4gyksjavjgp9s

Spotlight: Bernie Lyons
Nominated by Heather Barber and Tara Davis
University of Nebraska- Kearney
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=49626&vid=pr0gkj6w54trh196

Student: David Loughran
Nominated by Jon Loveall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=49917&vid=xk989990z38f4agz

First Year Student: Meggan Heigert
Nominated by Emily Vencill & Susie Crumley
University of Nebraska- Kearney
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=49327&vid=82u3frugc3ut7yxq

Community: Centennial Hall, House 5 Residents
Nominated by Alicia Liebel
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=50001&vid=92uupbqqgcnmra2t

Faculty/Staff: Mary Elliott
Nominated by Melissa Harder
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=48386&vid=yrtmafcmzxun2p3y

Desk Attendant: Paige Billings
Nominated by Lynette Gutkowski
Saint Cloud State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=48576&vid=1t2v9pnrb3jcx1pj

Community Service Program: Dance Bear-A-Thon: Bear Hug a Kid!

Nominated by Katherine Botts
Missouri State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=49514&vid=w7txzr9vbcfm004e

Diversity Program: Stop and Sample Dinner
Nominated by Annette Lawless
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=48118&vid=4t2z7cjqw3cp23xm

Educational Program: Let's Get Fat
Nominated by Nathan Bignall
University of Central Missouri
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=49229&vid=wnk14fuwfmt3absc

Executive Board Member: Katie Carter
Nominated by Stephanie Bluth
Northwest Missouri State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=49498&vid=kwcmk5ptwaqbxvwy

Organization: Bearcat Chapter of NRHH
Nominated by Amanda Lewey
Northwest Missouri State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=49897&vid=75a18yrwpg4zhuu5

October 2007

Advisor: Kelly Basden
Nominated by Nick Lander
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=51708&vid=jnh5mhg2tar4j4eq

Resident Assistant: Julie White
Nominated by Ashvin Sahni
Pittsburg State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=52569&vid=9qzgy9mrz5yknkvv

Social Program: Bisexual Speed Dating
Nominated by Brandon Parker
University of Kansas
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=50518&vid=0ftf8whnjnc2e56m

Spotlight: Marlene Doolittle and Jason Bass
Nominated by Order of Rose and Chessman Iowa State
Iowa State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=53196&vid=yknr658hk4sz0qwa

Student: Michael Lunsford
Nominated by Mridu Gandhi
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=52238&vid=fccnhjxn1rkpurb4

First Year Student: Jessica Bradford
Nominated by Kari Phelan
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=52474&vid=r4qha7rvt15em1ht

Community: Erich Wilkerson & Miranda Schultz
Nominated by Monica Bruhn
North Dakota State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=51790&vid=84ja1q6ezynuz3ep

Desk Attendant: Ksana Harrison
Nominated by Jon Loveall

University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=52960&vid=qq1cg85z289wc5p5

Community Service Program: Flood Relief 5K
Nominated by Justi Nicholson and Heather Keilen
Winona State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=51948&vid=zpbtc5sny29u01en

Diversity Program: RHA No Hate Campaign Speaker: Jane Elliott
Nominated by Ann Budig
Saint Cloud State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=50473&vid=hjkjzxaz09tw30v

Educational Program: Fact or Fiction: Unveil the Myth of Laura
Yeater
Nominated by Maryke Taute
University of Central Missouri
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=52725&vid=83fas9fhwyvze4e1

Executive Board Member: Jonna Korpi
Nominated by Nathan Adams
University of North Dakota
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=52184&vid=zm60hstp7raerjps

Organization: Missouri Hall Senate
Nominated by Craig Deken
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=53187&vid=3m67zyh4p5ruwe11

November 2007

Advisor: Anastashia Malcolm
Nominated by Scotty Seeba
University of Nebraska- Kearney
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=54601&vid=7cjcuzgur10j9h9

Resident Assistant: Ted Midthun
Nominated by Lynette Gutkowski
Saint Cloud State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=54183&vid=ecvx4n1pej3fwyhu

Social Program: Best Week Ever
Nominated by Veronica Gunter
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=55473&vid=5ct0w14r1ntvm5bh

Spotlight: Jeanette Auld
Nominated by Melinda Conlan
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55002&vid=10zhjms4fzmn3w8r

Student: Kristine Campbell
Nominated by Erica Nesbit
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55474&vid=4e6c9tya8k6y4j46

First Year Student: Megan Richter
Nominated by Nichole Reiling
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55478&vid=nksa0yqc4c637fus

Community: Murray/Otopalik Houses
Nominated by Order of Rose and Chessman Iowa State
Iowa State University

http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55318&vid=3p9w0u2jws3pamtx

Faculty/Staff: Christine Twait
Nominated by Jon Loveall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55297&vid=g7xp1vbs5nq6fhur

Desk Attendant: Lauren Banchy
Nominated by Tom "TK" Krueger
Saint Cloud State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=54178&vid=cfm9jc85tjm6mp5k

Community Service Program: Night Spike 2007
Nominated by Joe Dubis & Tony Nagorski
University of Saint. Thomas
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=54969&vid=vskeppnu02k3rx4

Diversity Program: FREE PIZZA
Nominated by Heather Keilen
Winona State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=55332&vid=u9urcxrfy17gs58k

Educational Program: Shake It Up!
Nominated by Linda Harvey
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=53564&vid=uw6b3trqzpurq33

Executive Board Member: Rhonda Schwalbe
Nominated by Kalyn Williams
MACURH RBD
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55309&vid=xt2t5snt65e1xx1e

Organization: NRHH Golden Chapter
Nominated by Jon Loveall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55298&vid=wtyawg7zx93y4163

December 2007

Advisor: Rachel Grossman
Nominated by Jon Loveall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=56044&vid=vpgv54xet4uhx3kw

Resident Assistant: Katie Shannon
Nominated by Jamie Matthews
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55948&vid=z1cpmhw20cn4t301

Social Program: Cup Stacking
Nominated by Sarah Gustafson
University of Nebraska- Kearney
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=55806&vid=k0kse5uep200s9mq

Spotlight: Kramer Dining Center Staff and Volunteers
Nominated by Tony Kern
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=56014&vid=1cgsunesxerwfa6

Student: Susan Slattery
Nominated by Joe Dubis
University of Saint. Thomas
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55852&vid=uwqbj8rymybq1v3k

First Year Student: Michael Zierler
Nominated by Jon Loveall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=56049&vid=ehspaubczfhbr7e

Community: 5th Floor Marlatt Hall
Nominated by Andrew Gunzelman
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=56021&vid=vw6knqtvcr19agek

Faculty/Staff: Sean O
Nominated by Ashleigh Hampton
Missouri Western State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=56034&vid=0cgnu94f54xkptk9

Desk Attendant: Amy Johnson
Nominated by Rose Thompson
Saint Cloud State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55820&vid=kajhbx4c211c6a80

Community Service Program: Santa Claus is coming to town
Nominated by Alexa Rooney
University of Missouri- Rolla
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=55775&vid=ww2p6e7w10uvj8ua

Diversity Program: The Campaign Against Hate
Nominated by Jon Loveall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=56002&vid=wcqpgg41bx7qy51u

Educational Program: Homemade Holiday Gifts
Nominated by Cody Pusateri
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=55951&vid=4arqtwu2tpmpawmh

Executive Board Member: Kate Powers
Nominated by Jon Loveall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=55970&vid=w48tpp4yn7avu3kc

January 2008

Advisor: Bill McKenney
Nominated by Amy Bockelman
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=57658&vid=q60scetrunpbm1c6

Resident Assistant: Amanda Snook
Nominated by Colin Atkinson

University of Central Missouri
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=57016&vid=gjrgsaftz0g8avwh

Social Program: Blair-Shannon Got Talent?
Nominated by Aleigha Ford
Missouri State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=56207&vid=rb2vzc6xxuh09cvc

Spotlight: Patty Cussimano
Nominated by Trout Staff 07/08
Pittsburg State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=57477&vid=b604uc6fuzywuh9b

Student: Robin Johnson
Nominated by Mary Palin
Winona State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=56308&vid=1yvf180e8gwwbptp

First Year Student: Amanda Kliethermes
Nominated by Garrett Boatright
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=57625&vid=weeha5g8h2uy2mwb

Community: West End Neighborhood staff
Nominated by Anna Buser
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=57282&vid=f7u95nm367c96w5b

Desk Attendant: Jackie Brauch
Nominated by Jon Loveall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=57558&vid=rzfsn89gn68zaaur

Diversity Program: Diversity: The Power of Words and Symbols
Nominated by Rebecca Nieters
Saint Cloud State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=56198&vid=xemt3h2a049vxjkk

Educational Program: Emerging Leaders Retreat
Nominated by Emily Meyer
MACURH RBD
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=57083&vid=sth6gshexjsq8efz

Executive Board Member: Nick McKeever
Nominated by Jamie Matthews
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=57666&vid=ygjhuvfw3ekrbx7v

Organization: Student Government Association
Nominated by Greg Sabo
Webster University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=57338&vid=gtqk3ffjphtc8byq

February 2008

Advisor: Kipp Van Dyke
Nominated by Sarah Morton
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=59344&vid=phw2555q6t3f22tf

Resident Assistant: Whitney Paul
Nominated by Mark Abbott
Missouri State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=58592&vid=s0xjjqk2jqzrehqy

Social Program: Middlebrook Hall
Nominated by Christopher McCall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=58064&vid=kjy2uk3apcvbvqs3

Spotlight: Elmer W. Hatch
Nominated by Billy Dodge
University of Saint. Thomas
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=59402&vid=gmyxe3a9c19q6ikb

Student: Lexi Sinnett
Nominated by Rebecca Clarke
Missouri State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=58974&vid=vwt2n77xk0z61gk8

First Year Student: Larry Martini
Nominated by Jon Loveall
University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=59607&vid=04jwahjaxnm0rqe8

Community: Fourth Floor South Ellis Hall
Nominated by Tim Wong
University of Central Missouri
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=57954&vid=7swvms27h81gx9hm

Faculty/Staff: Marne Fauser
Nominated by Nichole Reiling
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=59585&vid=rg8zck3muym6rz1q

Desk Attendant: Shelly Brown
Nominated by Kimberly Freeman
Saint Cloud State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=58493&vid=0r9y6b18tmavh6jr

Community Service Program: LOVE MONTH!
Nominated by Karen Morian
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=59269&vid=pmvv8ph7s0w1haqb

Diversity Program: Sights and Sounds of Africa 2008
Nominated by Nichole Reiling
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=59586&vid=h4nxy9gpq967btz

Educational Program: Alternative Weekend Nights
Nominated by Jennifer Casady
Webster University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=59584&vid=gyhb3ya8hh1jjhy2

Executive Board Member: Raymond Schultz
Nominated by Missy Burgess
University of North Dakota
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=59074&vid=mzww9p95m11kvap2

Organization: Residence Hall Association

Nominated by Renee Skau
Saint Louis University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=59571&vid=auzz5c0vvkkqk9c0

March 2008

Advisor: Josh Hengemuhle
Nominated by Billy Dodge
University of Saint. Thomas
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=61429&vid=0xkk0548af6vh9m

Resident Assistant: Nick Jevorutsky
Nominated by Nick McKeever
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=61756&vid=p3ey9behvyn0askm

Social Program: A Very Merry Unbirthday
Nominated by Victoria Duree
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=61381&vid=ajw2fncz8hqfuv8

Spotlight: John (GMW)
Nominated by Jereme Seefeldt
Saint Cloud State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=60784&vid=8qz70xsuq584w83n

Student: Joe Dubis
Nominated by Kevin Hampton
University of Saint. Thomas
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=61301&vid=2xg8zvg30fpsp1vb

First Year Student: Elise Hatfield
Nominated by Mridu Gandhi
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=61329&vid=jhp8cbz6e2ftg0pu

Community: Thomas Jefferson Hall Staff
Nominated by Dana Barnard & Kristin Determan
Missouri University of Science and Technology
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=60107&vid=mjt1p8tabp8ynwk7

Faculty/Staff: Dr. Datha Darmron-Martinez
Nominated by Danielle Noring
Truman State University
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=61772&vid=jjekbs6wmz5xbhpc

Desk Attendant: Aaron Wright
Nominated by Patrick Maloney
Missouri University of Science and Technology
http://otms.nrh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=60108&vid=s63b13qh32hku6ch

Community Service Program: St. Pats Alternative Programming (4th annual)

Nominated by Jon Leek & Alias Chi Tagami
Missouri University of Science and Technology
http://otms.nrhh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=60576&vid=pk5q26aqafx8zmaa

Diversity Program: The Most Questionable Program of the Year
Nominated by Allison Hadfield
Missouri State University
http://otms.nrhh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=59951&vid=ttx9kayv51srutyg

Educational Program: I Touch Myself
Nominated by Theresa Marchioni
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrhh.org/otm_program.php3?otmid=61161&vid=hwuh9416zt3p5xe6

Executive Board Member: Patrick Maloney
Nominated by Meghan Winkelmann
Missouri University of Science and Technology
http://otms.nrhh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=60038&vid=e6ys6c6trhhyurm

Organization: LAC NRHH
Nominated by Sarah Morton
Kansas State University
http://otms.nrhh.org/otm_general.php3?otmid=61349&vid=gba6p5fkxhjh9pz

Advisor Recognition Training (ART) Sessions at MACURH 2007 and No Frills 2008

Core I – Adviser as an Information Resource—Josh Onken NDSU

At this session, advisers discuss the kinds of information they need to have available to assist their students. Included in this is: campus information, departmental issues, state/regional/national RHA organizations, ART history and organization, and general information that students may not need (travel requirements, financial structures, etc.) This session will also address how to present the structure/organization of the student group to others in your department/institution.

Core II- Student/Group Development Theory and Models—Becky Loney NDSU

During this session, the participants will discuss current theories and models of how students and groups develop. Special attention will be placed on the role of the adviser in this development as well as planning for growth for the organization. Multiple perspectives will be presented from a variety of theorists.

Core III – Recruitment and Retention Michelle Banas—Central Missouri

This session will share strategies and techniques advisers can use to gain and keep their members. Research data on involvement will reflect the nature of the student as well as what you, as adviser, can do to take advantage of this information to the benefit of the organization. Recognition, reward, and remuneration will also be addressed, briefly, in this program.

Core IV – Working with an Executive Board- Emily NDSU

Participants will discuss how advisers work with the student leaders in their organization. They will discuss the purpose and goals behind: retreats, officer training, job descriptions, group organization models, and developmental activities. Transition of officers, dealing with internal conflicts, and the adviser's role in these events will also be addressed.

Core V – Meetings and Activities- Adam Foley

The last of the core requirements deals with what is the responsibility and duty of the adviser during organizational meetings and events. Participants will discuss issues such as seating, speaking rights, body language, and actions during events. They will also address how the adviser's role changes as the group matures and

Elective – How Diversity Affects the RHA - Cindy Spencer UND

This course is an interactive session that allows participants to explore how the concept of diversity both aids and hinders a student organization. Activities are designed to give participants the chance to discuss specific diversity issues they are facing and to gather support and information from other advisers.

Elective – Motivation - Cindy Spencer UND

During this elective, participants discuss how the adviser can motivate their students and keep them motivated throughout the year. Strategies, techniques, and opportunities will be discussed as well as general discussions of successful methods used by participants on their own campuses. We will also discuss ways to transfer this responsibility to your members so they become self-motivators.

Elective - Working With the NCC- Cindy Spencer UND

During this elective, attention is paid to the regional business meeting format (both regional conference and No Frills), along with the timelines to ensure that advisers understand the many facets of the NCC role. The program combines some information from CORE 1 and IV as it pertains to working with an executive board member and understanding NACURH.

Friday, February 8th, 2008

9:00PM- Introductions/ No Frills Overview

Facilitated by Cindy Fendrick, MACURH Regional Co-Advisor

Saturday, February 9th, 2008

10:30AM- ART Session I: Overview

Facilitated by Beck Loney, North Dakota State University

11:15AM- ART Session II: Working with your NCC

Facilitated by Missy Burgess, University of North Dakota

1:30PM- Advisor Roundtable

Facilitated by Mishelle Banas, University of Central Missouri

Marty Kofsky, Missouri University of Science & Tech.

Regional Four Year Pin Recipients

College of St. Scholastica

- Samantha Szczech

Creighton University

- Elizabeth Gluvna

Grand View College

- Nicole Riesselman

Iowa State University

- Nathan Ross

Minnesota State University, Mankato

- Daryl R. Lawrence

Missouri State University

- Mark Abbott
- Tim Emmett

North Dakota State University

- Monica Bruhn
- Stephanie Caron

Northwest Missouri State University

- Drew Zimmerman
- Aaron S. Baker

St. Cloud State University

- Joshua Lee

St. Louis University

- Shivany Seepersad
- Stephanie Wilga

Truman State University

- Nick McKeever
- Jamie Matthews

University of Minnesota- Twin Cities

- David Williamson
- Danny Liu

University of Missouri- Rolla

- Tori Seely
- Genevieve Walters
- Alias Chi Tagami

University of North Dakota

- Jennifer Goetz

University of South Dakota

- Alicia Gildemaster

University of St. Thomas

- Gavin Grivna
- Danielle Johnson

Winona State University

- Jessica Brickner
- Emily Meyer

Thanks and Shout Outs

Daryl R. Lawrence

What can I say? By the time NACURH 2008 closes, I'll have been on the MACURH Regional Board of Directors for 834 consecutive days. Yes, I actually counted. I couldn't have made it that long without the support and friendship of many, many people, who I will list now. I know it might seem boring to you, but I think I earned it. ;) And think about it– I won't have to have a long speech at conference if I get to list everyone here. One last note– the list is in no particular order, as everyone I mention has made an impact on my life.

Hannah Lilligren (MSU, Mankato)– Without you, I never would have even gone to my first conference. You were my predecessor as both NCC and RCC-Minnesota.

Jess Lang (Drake University)– Honestly, we were together for a lot. MACURH 04 in the NCC boardroom, all the way down to NACURH 07 in Corporate. What a ride! I felt that we were so productive, and you know what, I'm going to go out on a limb and say "good job" to us both for investing a year of our lives in the subregional restructure. You are an amazing person and my MACURH experience would have been a lot different without you!

William James Heathershaw (University of Iowa)– Just like Ms. Lang, we went through a lot together. You were always perfect at lightening the mood. You were also a great support for a peer who needed your help– No Frills 06 ring a bell? Thanks for being awesome!

Trisha Borland (University of North Dakota)– Honestly, anything I commit to words about how much you've helped me would be unworthy. I think I can safely say that without each other, our Director experiences would have been very different. I can't wait to see where the future brings us, and I know we'll always be friends.

Lacey Merica (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)- Oh Lacey, the fun we had! I can't believe you've been gone from the RBD for so long, because it feels like we were all together just yesterday. You always knew how to take our crap, no lie. Thanks for putting up with more jokes than I can shake a stick at.

Cindy Fendrick (Creighton University)- Cin Cin! My advisor through thick and thin. We had some very unique experiences together, ranging from very intense to very bizarre. I'll never forget NACURH 06, when you had to defend several RBD members from the nightlife of Berkeley, or the many talks we had as I developed as a student and person. Thank you for picking up my calls at all hours of the day and night, whenever a crisis struck. I am the person I am because of you.

Mike Marshall (Creighton University)- Minkus! My professional conscience through it all. You've given me practical lessons on how to successfully navigate a corporation, something that I've never forgotten. Thank you for seeing the potential in me and encouraging its growth. No matter what anyone else says, you were and continue to be a great support for me. I look forward to the day when you, Trisha, and I can sit together as former Directors and talk about the old days.

Adam Foley (Iowa State University)- You're the only one who really knew me at all. Or something like that. You have been exceedingly patient through my growing pains and helped me analyze not only what I need improvement on, but what I already am good at. You've been a great mentor and I look forward to a great friendship. I don't really know what else to say– sometimes silence means more than a thousand words

Aaron Baker (NWMSU)- Hello, partner in crime. Thanks for sticking by me on the national scene, even when things got hairy. You've been an asset to the region and my administration. Don't forget to never give up, even when you want to. You will prove your strength during the times when you pull through and succeed, even when you don't necessarily want to.

Drew Zimmerman (NWMSU)- OK, so you were never around until September. Even so, your work for six months is better than most people can produce in a year. You got through some tough times with an

ease that surprised me at times. Thanks for doing the unthinkable and committing to more time on the RBD that you really didn't need to. You've always been there for me and I really appreciate that— more than you know. I know that you will do great things with your future because you have the motivation to make things happen for yourself. My best wishes are with you as you continue down this path known as life.

Brianne Theisen (MSU, Mankato)- You had to deal with more crap than anyone on my regional board. I knew I could vent to you about anything that was happening in the region, and that it wouldn't travel beyond you. You are an incredible student leader who has taught me that changes can be made, even if you say nothing at all. You are now the senior board member at Mankato— with it comes a lot of responsibility, but I know you can handle it. I had the distinction for a long time, but I know RHA will be in very capable hands without me. Thank you.

Tony Fangel (University of St. Thomas/New York University)— To think I knew you back in the day when you were RHA president is somewhat hilarious, but overall it makes me feel old. Remember to always explore other options and to look outside your own knowledge base. You will be a great advisor to a very lucky group of students very soon. Remember all that has passed between us— hopefully, you can put it to good use in your future career.

Jimmy French (Truman State University)- You rock. Simple enough. You inspired me to achieve greatness. I can't say I'm quite there yet, but I'm working on it. You have made the successful transition from being a student leader everyone admired to being an advisor everyone admires. Keep up the great work.

RBD— This is a shout out to every person I've served with on the RBD with— you know who you are. I've learned so much from all of you! Each of you has incredible qualities that can't be denied. Thank you for dealing with me, in both the good and bad times.

My Family- Thank you, most of all, to my family. They tolerated so much— my constant traveling, my constant exhaustion, my constant babbling about “residence halls.” I didn't need to travel far from home for inspiration to succeed. I especially thank my cousins Amanda, Carrie Beth, Casey, and Cassie, for being the kind and loving siblings they truly are to me. In addition, thanks to my parents and grandparents— without their constant motivation, I wouldn't have made it nearly as far as I have.

Ty Krueger

There are many people that I would like to thank. Throughout my time on this RBD, I have had a great support system. I would first like to thank **Jess Lang**. She really helped prepare me for the role and provided me with everything I needed to be successful in the position. I would also like to thank the Little Apple Chapter of NRHH for their support in hosting me. I would like to thank my grad cohort in Jardine Apartments at K-State: **Alisha Schnackenberg, Mandy Gramkow, Pat Caruso, Christina Kersjes, and Tolu Akande**. Without their continuous support and understanding, I would not have made it through the year. Also to my wonderful supervisors: **Tonya Wessel, Christine Feit, Kathy Van Steenis, Deborah Kohl, and Stephanie Bannister**. They gave me the initial support and approval to bid for the position and their support and care has continued through and will continue. Lastly, I would like to thank each of the NRHH Reps in MACURH. You have all made the experience truly worth it for me. Each of you provided me with many great learning opportunities as well as opportunities to share some of my knowledge.

Kalyn Williams

First of all, I'd like to say 'thank you' from the bottom of my heart to my host institution, the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, especially UMTC Housing and Res. Life, for supporting me on the RBD and giving me keys to the RHA/NRHH office for when I needed to take up a lot of space while getting ready for conferences. I owe a million thanks to my on-campus advisor Kevin Dostal Dauer, for sitting back and listening to me talk about the RBD, sharing his own experiences with MACURH, and for giving me advice on bid-writing, legislation-reading, boardroom-running, and a million other things...Kevin truly is the ultimate advisor and I'm glad he'll be advising me again next year. Thank you to all of the PCCs, for making the MACURH and No Frills boardrooms spectacular, coming to PCC chats, and contributing to the Molly Moos-Letter, and for just plain being awesome. I also need to voice my appreciation to UMTC RHA President Brit Christenson and UMTC RHA A/C Skyler Kehren for

keeping me sane and listening to my rants about my lack of time management skills. Many thanks to my UMTC NRHH Programming/Inductions Co-Chair David Williamson for constantly reminding me that the first part of 'student leader' is 'student'. Thank you to the 2007-08 RBD for welcoming me in shortly before MACURH 2007 and immediately making me feel like part of the group, and for giving me a new appreciation for long car rides, late-night chats, and half-elks. Thank you to anyone I've missed (I'm sorry!!) and I'm looking forward to working with you next year!

Emily Meyer

Where do I start? There have been numerous people who have made this year what it has become for me. First of all I want to start by saying **THANK YOU** to all of those at Winona State University, if it were not for the continual support I would not have had the opportunity to serve MACURH this year. I next want to **Thank** my three on-campus advisors; Paula, Xavier, and Tamara. If it were not for the countless hours that you have given me this year I would not be the student leader that I am. Then there is my staff they deserve a **Thank You** as well, they graciously and willing took on a few extra tasks as conferences were approaching as well as supporting me through everything. Kassy and Jessica, there are no words to **Thank** the two of you for all the hours you spent with me while I was working on one regional project or another! And finally, the Regional Board of Directors, I **Thank** each and every one of you for the memories, support, and encouragement this year. Last but definitely not least, **THANK YOU** to the great region of MACURH! Without you I would not have had all the wonderful opportunities this year, so therefore I **THANK all of you!**

Samantha Szczech

The special time that I have had being on the Regional Board of Directors can be summed up by saying that I have made many deep friendships, learned more about myself and can continue to cherish my memories of a great student organization. Thank you to those of you who supported and got to know me as a friend. I hope our friendships continue into the future. And as for my successor, Nick, I am sure he will do great things for the North sub-region.

Ben White

How exactly does one start to thank the people in his life that have made him come this far? I must start with someone though, and that would be my first President of RHA. Adam Richter literally pushed me into the NCC position along with my first Advisor Amber Monroe. Without their encouragement I would not have started down this path. I must also thank Bethany Stafford, the current NCC for UM – St. Louis, and the South RCC Elect. She convinced me to run for the position of South RCC on our way back from a retreat in Maryville, MO. Without her assurances that I would be fine I would have chickened out. But there are people in my life at UM-St. Louis that I could not have gone on in this position without. Khalilah Doss, a new staff member of our Residential Life Department had no idea the crazy wreck that I was, and yet she kept letting me into her office to sit and talk it all out. But there is one man, one absolutely amazing Advisor that without I don't know where I would be now. He is my role model in all things, and to me something of a big brother. Jonathan Lidgus, the Assistant Director of Residential Life at UM-St. Louis has been molding me for greatness since he took notice of me in Student Life. This man has allowed me to come into his office, pretty much whenever I wanted to, and scream, cry, laugh, smash things, or just sit in silence. He can read me like a book, and knows exactly what to say to make the world around me a better place. This man is a true advisor, and one I would not trade the world for. But now that I have thanked my institution for supporting me through this, I must thank all of YOU for allowing me to have another year to serve you as your Director. It will be sad for me to say good by to the South, as far as talking individually to them daily, but I will get the opportunity to talk to you all! And that is what I am looking forward to. This isn't goodbye MACURH, this is truly hello!