BAAC in Review (AY 2014-2015)

By William E. Smith III, President

BAAC had a successful year in 2014-2015. Will Smith assumed the position of President on 5/15/2014, after Eric Beckstrom’s term ended. Liz Smith returned for another term as Treasurer. They joined Tammy Nichols, the Vice President, and Carly Friedman, the Secretary, to comprise the Executive Committee for the year. At the Spring Conference, Meryl Krieger was elected incoming Vice President and Carly Friedman earned another stint as Secretary, with these terms running from 5/15/2015 to 5/14/2017.

BAAC navigated well a major financial transition. AY 2014-2015 was the first year in which we did not collect membership dues. In lieu of those monies, OVPUE provided BAAC with $2500, which it has pledged to continue providing annually. Will Smith solicited additional support from other units on campus, efforts that produced an additional $1160. With this income in mind, the Steering Committee forged a budget for AY 2014-2015, which it put before the general membership for a vote and was approved. Will Smith and members of the Professional Development Committee also secured another $1500 between a NACADA V regional grant and a second year of sponsorship from the IU Credit Union.

After much debate, a new definition of membership was approved by both the Steering Committee and the general membership. The new definition now reads: “Membership shall be open to any employee at Indiana University Bloomington who has undergraduate academic advising as an official duty or by approval of the Member Recognition Committee.” This change goes into effect for AY 2015-2016. Liz Smith and the Member Recognition Committee will work to implement this change over the forthcoming year.

Other highlights:

- Terri Nation Award
  - Winner: Alfreda Clegg (EDUC)
  - Other Nominees: Justine D’Amico (KSB), Krystie Herndon (COLL), Scott Jackman (SPEA), and Katie Saur (OVST)

- Guidelines for the use of the BAAC Listserv were revised and circulated (base draft created by Brianne Nunn, Katie Saur, and Meryl Krieger with assistance from Will Smith)

- A Financial Procedures Guideline was produced by Liz Smith, Kate Garrett, and Heather Elkins to help facilitate making expenses by BAAC entities and improve coordination of efforts with the Treasurer
• Heather Elkins and Kate Garrett joined Theresa Hitchcock as co-chairs of the Professional Development Committee for AY 2014-2015
• Elizabeth Guertin (Assistant Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education & Executive Director of Academic Advising) spoke at the Fall Meeting
• 110 people attended the Fall meeting (9/29/2014)
• Marc Lowenstein
  o We brought Mark Lowenstein to campus and were able, thanks to the NACADA 5 region grant, to pay for his hotel room at the Biddle Hotel on-campus and plane tickets
  o Mark gave the keynote address (“What Should Students Learn from Advisors?”) at BAAC’s annual Spring Conference (2/23/15)
  o Mark also offered a workshop-style breakout session on “Ethical Decision Making in Advising” at the conference
  o Mark had dinner with 3 members of BAAC’s Executive Committee and 2 of the 5 nominees for the Terri Nation Award (2/22/15)
  o Mark had lunch with the co-chairs of BAAC’s Professional Development Committee (Theresa Hitchcock, Heather Elkins, and Kate Garrett; 2/23/15)
  o Mark had dinner with 7 members of the Directors of Advising group for IU Bloomington (2/23/15)
• The Spring Conference (2/23/15) hosted, in addition to the Marc Lowenstein events, 11 breakout sessions presented by advisors and other professionals from IUB, IUPUI, and OCSS
• Spring Conference attendance was 155, which appears to be a record number
• BAAC sponsored the NACADA V regional conference in Indianapolis (April 2015)
• BAAC reactivated its lapsed allied organization membership with NACADA in Spring 2015
• A notepad featuring BAAC letterhead was purchased for distribution to advisors (attending the Spring Conference, etc.) and to students (at the Hoosier Festival, etc.)
• Will Smith (as President) represented BAAC and its interests at the Directors of Advising group, and served on several subcommittees for that group for AY 2014-2015
• BAAC sent Jim Sizemore to the Bloomington Professional Council to serve as an ex-officio member
• 18 BAAC members participated in the Out of Darkness walk and BAAC members donated over $500 for local suicide prevention efforts, an effort organized by the PR & Communications Committee
• BAAC members had a booth at the Hoosier Festival to promote awareness of advising services to undergraduates, continuing a recent tradition, and which was organized by the PR & Communications Committee
• The Professional Development Committee organized and hosted a number of high quality events including a Culture Competencies Workshop with Sarah Stevens (ISU), a NACADA webinar on Advising International Students from China, and a panel on Best Advising Practices for International Studies
• At least 42 people successfully earned a Professional Development Certificate for AY 2014-2015 (the PDC is working to finalize this number)
• Will Smith successfully got a Steering Committee member (Carly Friedman) on a new cross-campus advising awards committee, headed by Renee Rerko (inaugural Director of SIT and Professional Development in OVPUE)

Steering Committee members: William E. Smith III (President), Tammy Nichols (Vice President & SPH), Elizabeth Smith (Treasurer), Carly Friedman (Secretary), Arnell Hammond and Malia Jackson (HHC, part of year each), Kathryn Essex (Groups), Christin Sparks (BUS), Lynda Haywood-Smith (INFO), Nathan Hendershott (COLL), Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey (NURS), Richard Hvale (HPPLC), Lauren Kinzer (JOUR), Angela Krilich (ATH), Antonia Leotsakos (EDUC), Virginia Long (OPT), Bruce McCallister (SWK), Brianne Nunn and Amanda Peterson (SPEA, part of year each), Jennifer Poe (Hudson & Holland), Katie Saur (OVST), Jim Sizemore (UD), Erin Woodley (MUS)

Members of the Standing Committees:

**PR& Communication:** Meryl Krieger (chair), Marni Mooney (ATH), Tammy Nichols (SPH), Jennifer Poe (Hudson & Holland), Natalia Schau (UD)

**Professional Development:** Theresa Hitchcock (BUS, co-chair), Heather Elkins (COLL, co-chair), Kate Garrett (BUS, co-chair), Shamim Ali (INFO), Andy Bloomgarden (COLL), Alfreda Clegg (EDUC), Aaron Harmon (COLL), Angie Krilich (ATH), Valeria Puiatti (COLL), Laura Robinson (OPT)

**Member Recognition:** Elizabeth Smith (chair, only member for AY 2014-2015)

**Terri Nation Award subcommittee:** Elizabeth Smith (chair), Carly Friedman (ex-officio), Richard Hvale, Meryl Krieger, Will Smith, Rachel Tolen