

First Time Attendee Guide

SACRAO is the Southern Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers. It is part of the collection of ACRAO organizations that encompasses the national level (American Association of College Registrations and Admissions Officers), other regional associations and state associations.

SACRAO.ORG: Check here for the latest upcoming events, listing of the Executive Committee and all other committees, the job board, directory of members, and so much more.

MISSION: The mission of the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (SACRAO) is to provide for the dissemination of information, the exchange of ideas, and leadership in policy interpretation in the region. To maintain a leadership position in pursuit of this mission, SACRAO identifies and promotes standards and best practices affecting admission officers, registrars, other academic support, and student service professionals.

HISTORY: SACRAO began in 1947 when a group of registrars and admissions officers met for one and one-half days in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in Louisville, Kentucky. In December 1972, the group elected to start meeting at a time and place to be fixed by its Executive Committee and held its own meeting in New Orleans. In September 1986, SACRAO was incorporated as a non-profit professional organization. The largest of the regional associations, SACRAO has since thrived. Each February, the organization holds a three-day annual meeting preceded by a day of pre-conference workshops.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership in SACRAO is institutionally based. **Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico**

SACRAO NEWSLETTER: Published three times per year, carries announcements of meetings, survey results, critical issues, recognition and awards and more. Contact any member of the Executive Committee for details on how to submit an article.

SACRAO JOURNAL: The only professional journal published by a state or regional organization within AACRAO. It provides an opportunity for sharing research and professional presentations. SACRAO members are encouraged to submit transcripts for review and consideration for publication to the Journal Editor or any member of the Journal Editorial Board.

GETTING INVOLVED: SACRAO is a completely volunteer organization. We are always in need of volunteers for standing and program committees, session presenters and coordinators, and meeting organizers. Anyone interested in participating in any of SACRAO's various volunteer opportunities should contact the **SACRAO President-Elect, Steve McLeod**, Harding School of Theology (smcleod@harding.edu), or fill out a I'm Available form at sacrao.org.



To make your first SACRAO meeting a success...

1. Go to Sessions! Have an alternate session in mind in case your first choice is full.
2. Visit the vendors in the Exhibit Area. They have cutting-edge information to share.
3. Attend the Town Meeting and Business Meeting to learn how SACRAO operates.
4. Meet new friends in the Hospitality Room, during breaks, during sessions, in the hall, and exchange cards!
5. Ask if you don't know. Executive Committee and Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) members can be identified by special ribbons on their nametags. They welcome your questions.
6. Take at least one or two good ideas home with you. Share them with your supervisor.
7. Attend the Special Events. Take time to enjoy the social events.
8. Get involved in SACRAO and your state organization. You have a lot to offer.
9. Volunteer to serve:
 - a. as a presenter or a panel member for a program session at the annual meeting.
 - b. as a coordinator, responsible for starting and stopping the session on time, introducing presenters, and being available to assist the presenters.
 - c. on a program or standing committee.
 - d. on the local arrangements committee when the annual meeting is in your area.
 - e. as an author of a **Journal** article.

SACRAO Lingo

AACRAO American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

ALACRAO Alabama Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

ArkACRAO Arkansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

CACRAO Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

FACRAO Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

GACRAO Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

SACRAO 2019, Baton Rouge, LA 15

KACRAO Kentucky Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

LAC Local Arrangements Committee

LACRAO Louisiana Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

MACRAO Mississippi Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

N&E Nominations and Elections Committee

OACRAO Oklahoma Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

PAE Professional Access and Equity

PACRAO Puerto Rico ACRAO

SPEEDE Standardization of Postsecondary Education Electronic Data Exchange

TACRAO Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

TNACRAO Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

VACRAO Virginia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

