



Slate of Candidates for 2022 Annual Meeting

President-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, and Representatives for the 2023 Nominations Committee

Hello MACRAO Colleagues,

It's that time of the year! I'm excited to announce that we have a great slate of candidates to propose to the membership. Each year, the Nominations Committee, in conjunction with leadership from the Board of Directors, propose nominees for each vacant board position to be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be in Frankenmuth at the Bavarian Inn Lodge on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

I'd like to begin by recognizing the work of our 2022 Nominations Committee: **Colleen Kibin**, Eastern Michigan University, Immediate Past President and Chair; **Lee Cruppenink**, Oakland University, Past President; **Joe Balinski**, North Central Michigan College, two-year institutions representative; **Patricia Young**, Central Michigan University, four-year public institutions representative; and **Sherri Hendrix**, Spring Arbor University, four-year private/independent institutions representative.

I hope you are enjoying the remaining days of summer. I wish all of you a successful start to the new year!

Sincerely,

Colleen Kibin

MACRAO Past President & Chair of the Nominations Committee

Here are the nominees to be voted on at the upcoming Annual Meeting in November:



2023 Nominations Committee Member-At Large, Two-Year Institutions

Carrie Bearss

Registrar, St. Clair County Community College

Carrie has worked at SC4 for 21 years. She started in 2001 as an admissions representative, and since that time, has held various positions with responsibilities in international student admissions, orientation programming, student activities, Veterans services, enrollment services, and records. Carrie has served as Registrar since 2010

Throughout her higher education career, Carrie has been active in MACRAO. She has presented many conference sessions, and has served on multiple committees, including the Professional Development, Registrars' Practices, Conference Planning, and Nominations Committees. Carrie credits the MACRAO organization for assisting her in growing professionally, and for providing her the opportunity to make many friends.

Carrie earned two associate degrees from SC4, a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management from Michigan State University, and a Master of Business Administration from Walsh College.

Carrie lives in northwestern St. Clair County with her husband Brian, her teenage sons Brett and Leo, and their dog, Dewey. Carrie's hobbies include gardening, camping, hiking, and reading, though she spends most of her free time grocery shopping and keeping her boys fed. She also enjoys attending her boys' athletic contests and is a huge Yale High School Bulldogs fan.



2023 Nominations Committee Member-At Large, Four-Year Public Institutions

Joe Vainner

Director of Admissions, University of Michigan - Flint

Joe Vainner is Director of Admissions at the University of Michigan - Flint, a position he has held since 2021. From 2017 to 2021, he served as Associate Director of Admissions - Transfer & International, at Eastern Michigan University, and previously held positions at Cleveland State University, Sarah Lawrence College, and Concordia College - New York. He has more than 10 years of experience in admissions and enrollment management and has worked in higher education since 2007.

Joe served on the MACRAO Legislative Issues Committee from 2019-2021 and previously served on the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling Summer Institute Committee and Articulation Committee. He has presented at the NAFSA Annual Conference, the NACAC Annual Conference, and the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students Annual Conference. He holds a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and Sarah Lawrence College and a bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University.



2023 Nominations Committee Member-At-Large, Four-Year Private/Independent Institutions

Elizabeth Flores

Registrar and Director of Academic Advising, Aquinas College

Elizabeth has worked in higher education for 22 years. She served as the teacher certification officer and education advisor at Aquinas before moving to the Registrar's Office as Assistant Registrar. She became Registrar in 2019. Since 2013, she has also facilitated the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Consortium for Teacher Preparation in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education.

Elizabeth earned her Bachelor of Science in International Business and Spanish from Aquinas College and her Master of Science in Organization Development from Saint Joseph's University.

Elizabeth lives in East Grand Rapids with her husband and their two sons.



Treasurer- Elect

Mary Wesolek

Assistant Director for RN to BSN and MSN Programs, Siena Heights University

Mary has been working in higher education for almost 4 years now and that entire time has been with Siena Heights University. She is a graduate of Mott Community College with an associates in general studies and Central Michigan University with a Bachelors of Science in Political Science and Communication. She is a current master's student and will complete her degree in Organizational Leadership from Siena Heights University in December of 2023.

Mary was hired by Siena Heights as an Enrollment Advisor in October of 2018 and her role included serving online students in every state of the United States except Michigan. At Siena, that means all recruitment aspects, transcript evaluations, academic advising, and graduation audits. Siena has a unique cradle to grave approach for their online students. She is passionate about her students and in January of 2022 was promoted to Assistant Director and the following April took over the RN to BSN and MSN programs so that will be her sole focus moving forward. Mary is a current VP of the Legislative Issues committee with MACRAO and HIGHLY recommends joining it and jumping in with both feet.

Look for her at the annual conference playing the devil's advocate to everyone's point of view during the Legislative Issues session.

When she isn't working, Mary is a wife and mother to 4 boys, (Cooper 10, Drew 9, Seth 6, and Tucker 5), so that is pretty time consuming. She enjoys dancing of any variety, but was once a classically trained ballerina. She is known for her very coordinated accessories, the color pink, and being loud and outspoken.



President-Elect

Lisa Emery

Senior Associate University Registrar, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Lisa Emery is a Senior Associate Registrar at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor. She has worked in higher education for twenty-three years, starting as a consultant in Accenture's Higher Education division for three years, before transitioning to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 2002. Lisa served as the Product Manager for student administrative systems, where she partnered with the Admissions and Registrar's offices to prioritize and implement IT projects. In 2014 she moved to her current role at the Registrar's Office, where she manages several areas supporting students and faculty, including reporting, degree audit, curriculum, examinations, and teaching evaluations. She represents the Registrar's Office on many cross-campus initiatives such as preferred pronouns, academic calendar changes, and course evaluation policies. She also mentors several first-generation undergraduate students. Lisa has a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in information policy, both from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She recently earned a PhD in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University. Her dissertation examined factors impacting job satisfaction and retention of Chief Enrollment Management Officers.

Lisa has been involved with MACRAO since 2014 and has chaired the Enrollment Management committee for the past two years. She is also a member of AACRAO's Technology committee and has presented several times at AACRAO's Annual Meetings and Technology & Transfer conferences. She completed AACRAO's SEM Endorsement Program in 2021 and has published in AACRAO's SEM Quarterly journal.

She lives in Ann Arbor with her husband Michael, her teenage son Alex, their dog Lucy, and cat Lucky. She enjoys running 5K races with her family and visiting national parks.