Board of Directors Meeting #5

May 15, 2002

Conference Call

Board Members in Attendance via Telephone: Heather Smith, Paul Aucoin, Gene Schuster, Will Corprew, Ange Peterson, Bob Morley, Mike Allen, and Gloria Nathanson.

Board Members Not in Attendance: Joe Roof and Paul Taylor

Staff Members in Attendance via Telephone: Jerry Sullivan, Janie Barnett, Barmak Nassirian and Angela Gemza

1. **Call to order and approval of agenda**
   President Heather Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00pm EST on May 15, 2002. The agenda was reviewed and approved without objection.

2. **President's Update**
   President Smith updated the Board on the final appointments to the public policy task force. She also reported that a call for volunteers for the Transfer Taskforce would soon be sent. She also reported that Janie Barnett has sent e-mails to the Nevada group asking for volunteers to chair 2004 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. President Smith also reiterated that Board members are to work on revising and correcting their sections in the Board Handbook.

3. **Executive Director Update**
   Executive Director Sullivan reported that Membership renewal for the 2002-2003 year is underway. Once again members have the option of renewing online. He updated the Board on AACRAO office activities and preliminary results from the Annual Meeting. In addition, he briefed the Board on events in the government that effect higher education, including The Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act, which obliges schools to provide port of entry and country of origin for all new international students. He also updated the Board on other Government Affairs issues that the office is tracking: budget appropriation; alleviation of the Federal Pell Grant shortfall; re-authorization of Higher Education Act; the Veterans Education Bill; and welfare reform we are lobbying to increase the educational credit hours that can count as work so that people have an easier time going back to school in lieu of working.

4. **Action Item Review**

   State and Regional Management System
   Associate Executive Director Nassirian briefed the Board on progress. He notes that we have had several expressions of interest. AACRAO's goal is to have a beta version ready for December.

   Transfer Credit Issues
   The topic of transfer credit issues was raised and Executive Director Sullivan clarified

that if another organization in Washington, DC, such as CHEA, takes any significant action on transfer credit issues, he will update the board. The Board agreed to table the discussion until a later date.

Use of E-mail and SPAM by AACRAO Affiliates
Despite never providing an electronic directory, the print directory has been used by some companies in a dastardly plot to spam our members. Associate Executive Director Nassirian has put together language that will help prevent this practice. The language will be distributed for review and the Board agreed to vote on the official language during the next conference call.

Authentication Taskforce
Past-President Schuster asked VPs Allen and Morley about progress with the Authentication Taskforce. VP Allen notes that authentication is a broad subject and that AACRAO is narrowing down what the task force's charge will be and has begun to approach various committees to help with the issue.

Academic & Transcript Guide Taskforce
VP Allen reported that the Academic & Transcript Guide Taskforce is working on its second survey and it appears that the Taskforce will need to convene in a face-to-face meeting to work out some issues. The Board agreed that a meeting of the Taskforce should occur after they get the results of the second survey.

SPEEDE
VP Morley reported that AACRAO's EDI in Education conference is progressing nicely. He told the Board that PESC's XML Forum would be given in conjunction with the meeting. The Board agreed that Dave Stones and the planning committee should be commended for their work on this meeting.

5. **International Update**
VP Nathanson summarized the latest Council and Liaison Committee activities for the Board. She reported that there is still dissension about the role the Liaison Committee plays and the responsibilities the Committee has. She noted that the chair and the incoming chair of the Liaison Committee do not see things the same way as the Liaison group or the rest of the committee members. The Board agreed that if the actions of an AACRAO representative to an external group do not serve the interest of the association, that representative may be removed. A conference call is scheduled for parties to the disagreement for Friday, May 17 to talk over misunderstandings and hopefully resolve issues.

6. **New Business**
The Board agreed to table discussion on conflict of interest until the next Board meeting.

7. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm without objection.