

NWACUHO 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Dave Dettman

2005 NWACUHO President

2005 Executive Board

The 2005 Executive Board, installed at the February 2005 conference, consisted of:

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Western Washington University

Product and Services Coordinator

Leslie Strong
Western Washington University

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The 2005 year was a very successful one for the association on a number of levels.

Fiscally speaking, we were able to support numerous programs, initiatives, and workshops developed throughout the region. Leslie Strong's continuous quality work as Products and Services Coordinator helped build and solidify a strong vendor and exhibitor base which, in turn, has helped bring support to our association. We began deliberations regarding implementing the NWACUHO long-range financial plan to further ensure the future stability of the association itself. Conversations continue with the WACUHO Region about the notion of a second combined-regional conference which would be hosted in the WACUHO Region.

The 2005 annual conference was held February 27 – March 2, 2005 and was hosted by Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon with Terri Tower serving as Host Committee Chair. The theme of the annual conference was "Expedition Northwest: Mapping Our Future". The conference featured a very special event – the "Founders Meeting", a unique opportunity to unite many of the original founders of the NWACUHO Association. This rare chance to learn about the history of NWACUHO from the people that developed and conceived it also afforded us the opportunity to learn about the rich history of our association and the thought processes and motivations that went into the genesis of NWACUHO. We are indebted to Terry Tower for her work in helping puzzle this event together for us. Lifetime achievement awards, presented by David B. Stephen himself, were given to Ed Bryan and HP Barnhart, whose long-

standing careers in our field speak for themselves. A record number of program submissions – 56 – led to a strong and diverse menu of learning opportunities at the 2005 conference.

Membership within NWACUHO remains strong. State and provincial reps provide outreach to new institutions offering housing for the first time to inform them of the opportunities NWACUHO can provide and inquire about ways NWACUHO may be of service to them. Contact has been made with schools in the Yukon Territories to explore their unique program needs and how our association may be able to benefit them. Indeed, we are a very diverse region in many aspects!

2005 marked the year we began moving our web content to a new server and site location. Mary Bankhead, our inaugural Website Administrator, is beginning the process of upgrading our overall website both from a content and stylistic perspective. As this process continues, we will be able to provide a wider range of on-line content and functions to serve our membership throughout the region.

Award recipients for their outstanding contributions included:

1. **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Jerry Kruse was recognized at the 2006 conference with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of service to both Washington State University and NWACUHO.
2. **David B. Stephen Award** – Terry Tower from Oregon State University received the David B. Stephen Award. NWACUHO wishes to thank Terry for her hard work and dedication to the association and for the wonderful job hosting the 2005 NWACUHO Conference in Corvallis.
3. **New Professional Scholarship Awards** – Liz Hilliard from Simon Fraser University and Angela McKinney from Portland State University were this year's recipients and presented programs at the 2006 annual conference.

ACUHO-I Involvement

The annual conference for ACUHO-I was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 17-19. Dave Dettman, President and Timi Tullis, President-Elect attended the President's Roundtable on Saturday, July 18, 2005 and the Leadership Assembly which focused on "Knowledge-Based Governance".

NWACUHO supported the ACUHO-I Foundation through NHTI scholarship grants, a \$500 general foundation support grant, and monies to allow one of our region's STAR participants (Britt Hoover from Western Washington University) to attend the STARS college and ACUHO-I conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The ACUHO-I New Professional Scholarship began in 2005. This scholarship, offering a new professional \$1000 to attend the ACUHO-I Conference, is provided by ACUHO-I to each region. NWACUHO worked to develop criteria, timelines and mechanics for awarding the scholarship. Inaugural winner was Allison B. Stephens from Pacific Lutheran University. NWACUHO renewed its affiliation agreement with ACUHO-I at its annual conference. The affiliation agreement delineates expectations, obligations and services reciprocally provided between NWACUHO and ACUHO-I. Sally Traxler, Executive Director of ACUHO-I, has been secured to attend our 2007 regional conference in Calgary, Alberta. Many thanks to Patrick Call for his continued involvement with NWACUHO as our Western District Representative.

Highlights of Executive Board Business/Actions

The 2005 Executive Board worked hard for the Association. The Executive Board held meetings at the University of British Columbia on May 16– 17, 2005 and in Spokane, Washington on November 7 – 8, 2005. In addition, the Executive Board held a pre-conference meeting on February 18-19, 2006. The following is a list of the most important items that the Board discussed and initiatives developed as a result of these meetings:

ACUHO-I New Professional Scholarship

In 2005, ACUHO-I initiated the "New Professional's Scholarship", granting each region \$1000 to split among the winner(s). NWACUHO volunteers worked to determine a nomination and selection process.

NWACUHO Financial Principles

With ratification of financial principles having occurred at the 2005 NWACUHO Regional Conference, a working group formed to investigate how to carry out the principles of the financial plan. Decisions regarding investment planning/strategy, portfolio management strategies and objectives, and protocols for movement of funds are among the areas being defined.

Membership Survey

A process began for developing and implementing a regional membership survey to gather information regarding our constituents' current and future needs and what role and function you see NWACUHO having in meeting your housing needs. Survey focus, scope and emphasis will lead to questionnaire development which will then be distributed to current, affiliate, and non-member regional institutions.

Regional Conference Program Criteria

What should be the focus and intended audience for our regional conference program sessions? What criteria should be used to determine who is allowed to present sessions? What is the agreed-upon role exhibitors and non-conference attendees play in conference programming? These questions were discussed and addressed as we explore how to make the conference experience broad-based yet meaningful to all attendees.

Volunteer Opportunities

NWACUHO values broad-based member involvement as we seek to provide the best organization possible for our member schools. NWACUHO worked to explore and develop strategies and methods to recruit and involve volunteers throughout the region to provide more and better services while also determining how to best support and advise volunteers and volunteer-developed initiatives. At our November meetings, we designed several new 'platforms' to generate stronger committee membership and associated NWACUHO involvement. These were introduced at the 2006 regional conference and produced both widespread committee membership interest and detailed feedback to the association. Creating structure and management to facilitate committee success will continue throughout 2006.

Product and Services Relationships and Exhibitor Involvement

Exhibitor focus has centered on ensuring their valuable role within our association. We continued to explore, refine, and maximize our reciprocal relationship with exhibitors.

Website Development

This year we shifted our website to a commercial web-hosting service from its recent location on Western Washington University's server in order to provide long-term stability and continuity for web-services and updates. We will also be looking to update the 'look', organization, and functionality of the site to best meet member needs. The newly developed website administrator position, begun in 2005, will help provide a focus and direction to these efforts.