FROM THE EDITOR

The FARA Executive Committee met in Indianapolis at the NCAA National Office for two full days of meetings in March. This Spring Retreat is the major planning meeting of FARA for the coming year. Major portions of time are spent on the agenda of the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium and the FARA programming at the NCAA Convention in January. In this edition of the FARA Voice, FARA President Alan Hauser describes the plans of FARA for the next academic year and President-Elect Ralph Bertrand provides a sneak preview of the 2010 FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium. We hope that after you read what is being planned, you will make your own plans to join us in Baltimore this November.

Dennis Leighton
FARA Secretary-Treasurer
FAR, University of New England

FROM THE FARA PRESIDENT

FARA Executive Committee Has Busy Spring

I hope you are having a good spring, recovering from what has been for many of us a harsh winter. In Boone we had more snow this winter than in the three previous winters combined. But the days are getting longer, and we are in the hectic days before our spring term ends.

Your FARA Executive Committee met in Indianapolis March 15-17 to take care of a number of business items, the most important of which was to plan the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium, which will be held in Baltimore November 11-13. The theme of this year’s meeting will be “FARA: Three Divisions--One Association.” While there are a number of issues which are either unique to one division or receive different nuances in each division, there is much we all have in common. So, while we will continue to hold breakout sessions for each division part of the time during the Meeting and Symposium, the emphasis will be on those major issues which ripple through all three divisions. Our keynote speaker will be Chancellor William E. (Brit) Kirwan of the University System of Maryland, who will speak about the impact the current difficult
economic times are having on intercollegiate athletics. This impact clearly ripples through all three divisions, and affects a number of areas, including Title IX. We also have a slot on our program for our new NCAA President to speak to us about her/his vision of what lies ahead in intercollegiate athletics. During our business meeting, we will vote on the amendments to our bylaws which were presented to you by Dennis Leighton, Secretary-Treasurer of FARA, at our January meeting. We will also have presentations on the committee structures throughout the three divisions, and on scholarship opportunities for our student athletes. Ralph Bertrand, FARA President-Elect and FARA Program Committee Chair, has much more information on the fall meeting later in this issue of the Voice.

During its spring retreat last month, the Executive Committee also received reports from NCAA staff on important issues within each of the three subdivisions. In Division I, David Berst and Jackie Campbell discussed several issues, including the renewal of the NCAA’s media contract, membership criteria for Division I and continuing emphasis on academic reform. In Division II, Terri Steeb gave an update on the document “NCAA Division II Strategic Priorities,” and the way in which this document has helped to provide focus for that Division. We also discussed the development of a second stage of the highly successful Division II Institute. Dan Dutcher and Leah Karet visited us from Division III, discussing the Division III Strategic Positioning Platform, including several proposed changes in Division III. They also discussed the Academic Reporting pilot program in Division III and the development of the Division III FAR Institute.

While there were many other items discussed by the Executive Committee during its retreat, I’ll mention just one more. For several years, FARA has been working to create greater dialogue and co-operation between FARs and both the national SAACs in all three divisions, as well as between each FAR and the SAAC on her/his campus. We continue to build on this very positive and productive relationship, and have designated one Executive Committee member in each division to be the contact person with that division’s national SAAC. In Division III, Effel Harper will be the contact person. In Division II, it will be Brenda Cates. And I will be the contact person in Division I. Through these regular contacts, we hope to improve FAR cooperation with SAACs on such vital issues as academic reform, the well-being of student athletes, time pressures on student athletes, recruiting, and Title IX.

Your Executive Committee welcomes hearing from you on these or other issues. We also encourage you to plan now to attend the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium November 11-13. There will be numerous key issues to address, engaging major speakers, and plenty of opportunities to network with other FARs. And Baltimore is an exciting city to be in for a national convention. I look forward to seeing you there.

Alan J. Hauser
FARA President
FAR, Appalachian State University

2010 FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium
“Three Divisions – One Association”

Registration will be available by the end of June. Please continue to monitor the FARA Voice, your e-mail and the FARA Web site for further details.
FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium
Sneak Preview

This year the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium will be held in Baltimore, Maryland November 11-13. The theme of this year’s symposium is: Three Divisions - One Association. Most often we talk about division specific issues or emphasize differences between divisions, and rarely talk about the similarities. We hope that exploring the issues we have in common can reveal new ideas and approaches to being an affective FAR.

Highlights for Thursday's agenda include the FARA Business Session that will provide updates on the NCAA media contract, and the FARA bylaw revisions. The business session will be followed by a state of the association address from the new NCAA President, and the morning sessions will conclude with an overview of Hot Topics in each division. Division breakout sessions and the awards banquet will conclude the day’s events.

On Friday the NCAA staff will present an analysis of data collected from the GOALS survey, followed by a discussion of the concerns associated with off-season practice and training sessions. William (Brit) Kirwan, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, will address the impact of difficult economic times on all three divisions at a luncheon. Dr. Kirwan is a nationally recognized authority on critical issues shaping higher education, and co-chairs the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. The divisional breakout sessions will resume after lunch.

Saturday sessions will explore several Association wide topics, including:

1) NCAA Committee Service: What are the service needs of the NCAA and FARA; who should apply; what are the requirements; what is the time commitment; what are the costs and benefits associated with service?

2) NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships: What types of scholarships are available; what is a good strategy for filling out applications; who are the best candidates for awards; what are some of your concerns about the process?

3) Nuts and Bolts of Being a FAR: What do all FARs have in common; what are good strategies for old and new FARs; what is the FARs role with campus SAAC representatives; what are effective exit interviews; what goes into a good job description?

We can all learn from each other and this year’s FARA Symposium should provide a venue where we can discuss our similarities and differences, and come away with a better understanding of what we all do.

Ralph Bertrand
FARA President-Elect
FAR, Colorado College
The NCAA Division III Governance office has partnered with FARA and is pleased to announce the inaugural NCAA Division III Faculty Institute. The Institute will be held for the first time at the NCAA Headquarters in Indianapolis October 1 to 3, 2010. This Institute is modeled after the highly successful Division II Faculty Institute, which has been held for several years, and many thanks go to Mike Racy and Terri Steeb from the Division II Governance staff. It was their leadership that established the Division II Faculty Institute, and they have been very generous with their advice and assistance as the Division III Institute was being developed.

The Division III Institute is fully funded by NCAA Division III Governance, and is a separate program from the conference Grants program. The Institute is specifically designed for the experienced FAR and will focus on developing leadership skills and strategies to enhance the role of the FAR at the institution, conference, and national levels.

Nominations to the Division III Faculty Institute are through the conference commissioners. All Division III Conference Commissioners have been invited to nominate FARs from their conference. The criteria for nomination include at least three years experience as FAR and the potential for leadership. All Division III Presidents/CEOs have also been informed of the Institute.

If you are interested in the NCAA Division III Faculty Institute, and you meet the nomination criteria, you should contact your conference commissioner.

Dennis Leighton
FARA Secretary-Treasurer
FAR University of New England

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Former FARA President
State University College at Oswego

Reminder:

Applications for the Division I Degree-Completion Award are due on May 21, 2010. The applications will be reviewed by the Division I Degree-Completion Award consultants and decisions will be made not later than June 30, 2010. Applications can be downloaded from the NCAA Web site. Please contact Karen Cooper at kcooper@ncaa.org or Ellen Summers at esummers@ncaa.org for further information.
**NCAA SCHOLARSHIPS**

As a new feature of the FARA Voice, we will be discussing various scholarships offered by the NCAA. The following scholarship programs are now accepting applications/nominations:

**Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics**

The Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics programs were developed by the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics and the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. The scholarships are for ethnic minorities and women interested in pursuing an advanced degree in a sports-related field.

The NCAA awards 13 scholarships to ethnic minorities and 13 scholarships to female college graduates who will be entering their initial year of postgraduate studies. The applicant must be seeking admission or have been accepted into a sports administration or other program that will help the applicant obtain a career in intercollegiate athletics, such as athletics administrator, coach, athletic trainer or other careers that provide a direct service to intercollegiate athletics.

The goals of the enhancement scholarships are to increase the pool of and opportunities for qualified minority and female candidates in intercollegiate athletics through postgraduate scholarships. Interested applicants should submit their application using the online submission system.

- Applicants may not have begun any initial postgraduate studies.
- If the applicant has begun graduate level hours, he or she is not eligible to apply for an NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Programs' Postgraduate Scholarship.
- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicants must have performed with distinction as a student body member at their respective undergraduate institution.
- The applicant's involvement in extracurricular activities, course work, commitment to pursuing a career in intercollegiate athletics and promise for success in such a career will be considered.

All applicants interested in applying for the scholarship should go to the NCAA Web site [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) for further information.

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**GOALS**

This is just a reminder that it is not too late to administer the GOALS survey instrument to your selected teams. If you have already administered the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. Your cooperation is appreciated in obtaining the information from this very important study. If you have any questions regarding the study, please contact either Karen Cooper at kcooper@ncaa.org or Michael Miranda at mmiranda@ncaa.org. Thank you!
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**HOW ARE WE DOING?**

We would love to hear from you regarding the *FARA Voice*. If you have any comments, questions or ideas for future articles, please contact Karen Cooper at FARA@ncaa.org

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