

ACREL President's Message – News & Notes – June 2018

Although Summer does not officially start until later this month, it appears that the winter doldrums are finally behind us and the great outdoors is providing a welcome relief for many. While folks are celebrating graduations, weddings and the beginning of summer vacations, the work of the College never stops. The registration site for our 40th Anniversary Meeting in New Orleans is officially open. The meeting will take place October 18th – 21st. If you have not already done so, be sure to [visit the site](#) to view the many special events planned (including the Gala Dinner on Friday (not Saturday) evening.) Among other things, note the new approach to scheduling both Substantive and Administrative Committee meetings -- the number of slots has been increased in an effort to reduce meeting conflicts and enable Fellows to attend more meetings.

Among the most important efforts of the leadership team this year has been our focus on membership matters in several different areas. The Membership Development Committee is hard at work under John Nolan's able leadership. I again encourage everyone to identify candidates who should be considered for nomination to the College, focusing on diversity and youth. On the diversity front, I am pleased to report that new fellow, Barbara Trachtenberg, is leading a working group to identify diverse candidates for the MDC to consider. The working group includes Diana Liu, a member of the Board of Governors; Nancy Little, ACREL Secretary; Terri Simard, a veteran of the MDC now serving on the Member Selection Committee Cheryl Kelly, Denise Lewis, Judy Miles, and Jodi Fedor. I am confident that this highly talented group will enable us to identify many diverse candidates for serious consideration.

The Member Selection Committee also is hard at work. Bill Sklar and Pam Westhoff have agreed to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair of the MSC for the coming year, and have already begun work. The nomination packages are being updated and improved, and will be available in early July for those who want to get started on preparing nominations for the Class of 2019. Thanks again to Jonathan Rivin for his outstanding leadership last year.

The Member Engagement Task Force continues to consider new and innovative approaches to improving the ACREL experience for all Fellows. Under the leadership of Ray Truitt and Michael Goodwin, the Task Force is reaching out to Fellows around the country to gain insight and suggestions regarding the best ways to achieve the desired goal. Please make yourself available to provide input.

Finally, Vice-President Marilyn Maloney is leading discussions among the officers as we 'Gaze into the Future' to ensure the long-term sustainability of the College. This effort crosses-over a number of the current initiatives, including member development, the graying of the College, improved governance and more. Stay tuned for more updates from these very important discussions.

As announced last month, we admitted 43 new Fellows this year. The Orientation & Integration Committee, under Jo Anne Stubblefield's leadership, has assigned a mentor to each new Fellow. The mentor-mentee relationships are important touchstones for the integration of new Fellows into the College. In addition, the leadership of the Substantive Committees have reached out to

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New Fellows and will provide another avenue for engagement in the College. A complete listing of our 43 new Fellows can be found [here](#). If you have not already done so, please reach out and welcome the new Fellows to the College.

Finally, we have officially opened the ACREL Summer Games – a fun and engaging competition where Fellows can share pictures from summer travels and vacations. In order to participate, you must be a member of the ACREL LinkedIn group. If you missed the invitation to the Summer Games from Caitlin, be sure to check out the “Before You Go” section in the News & Notes to read about the categories and a refresher on how to join the LinkedIn group. There will be real prizes awarded in New Orleans! Please join us on LinkedIn to be part of the fun. The first picture is already posted.