

Your Connection to CSPA: Monthly Membership Bulletin

August, 2005 Edition

Soon and very soon, our campuses will be open and greeting new students and their families. I hope this bulletin finds you enjoying your last few weeks, your training sessions with staff, and most importantly your time with family, friends, and colleagues. I know for me I find myself *wishing* I had a magic wand to go back in time at least two months prior—*wishing* for more time in the day, week and month. But, as we know, that is not the reality...so with that said; I “*wish*” you successful openings at your institutions, happy students and families, and a rejuvenation day you will take for yourself in September—three days at the CSPA annual conference. A conference that will leave you inspired, rejuvenated, refreshed and reconnected with colleagues! A conference you will not want to miss.

As always, please know that your contributions are important to keep our membership informed, but also to bring fresh perspective to our advisory board.

We look forward to a productive and exciting year for CSPA. Thank you for all that you will contribute to CSPA!

Sincerely,

Robin Diana
President, CSPA NYS

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CSPA 2005: Rochester Conference Updates

Have you registered for CSPA 2005?

Action, Excitement, Education, Involvement, Opportunities: Experience it at CSPA 2005: Reflect-Reconsider-Refocus.

With just a little over a month until we come together in Rochester the Conference Planning Team has been hard at work putting the finishing touches on what is sure to be a conference that you will not want to miss! Simply open the attached PDF file to see that

you will want to make sure that you are at CSPA 2005. There are programs, workshops, and meetings to satisfy your professional development needs no matter how long you have been in the field.

Since the last bulletin we have invited Dr. Ann Lloyd Groves (ACPA Director for State and International Divisions) to join us.

So don't delay, send your conference registration in.

If you have questions about the upcoming CSPA-NYS conference, please feel free to contact Peter Fagan at 315-797-0000 ext. 2183 or email at pfagan@mwpai.edu. You can also visit our website at www.cspanys.org/conf.htm.

From all of us on the Conference Planning Team, we look forward to having you reflect-reconsider- and refocus at CSPA 2005- Rochester!

It's Membership Renewal Time

As you may know, the CSPA membership year ended on July 31 - and it is now August 19! All CSPA members are encouraged to renew their memberships as soon as possible to avoid any missed mailings, conference information, monthly e-mail bulletins, and/or other important business. At only \$20.00 for professional memberships and \$10.00 for graduate student memberships, CSPA is still one of the most affordable professional development organizations for student affairs educators.

To renew your membership application today, visit the CSPA website at www.cspanys.org and choose the section entitled "Membership" (lower left). A PDF copy of the membership application is available in this section. Simply print out a copy and send along to our membership coordinator with your payment. **Please note that the membership application should be mailed to the following address:**

Scott Helfrich
CSPA Membership Coordinator
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Scott is still in the throws of starting a new job so he is still working on changing the address from Bill Kernan, the previous Membership Coordinator, to himself. It may take another week or so. Thank you for being patience during this transitional time for Scott.

Call for Awards and Honors Nominations

Support your colleagues! Does someone come to mind that has made outstanding contributions to CSPA, the field, to their campus? As a member of CSPA, you are called upon by your organization to assist in the process of identifying individuals you consider

to have met the criteria of the particular award. You should have received both an electronic and paper copy of the call for nominations from Deb Pawlikowski, president-elect. You can also visit our website for information. The deadline for nominations is **Thursday, September 1**. Please don't delay in filling the form out. Mail or fax nomination material to Deb Pawlikowski, Office of Community Development, 1501 Dickson Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 or fax to 607-255-2192.

What is Your CSPA Board Up To?

The advisory board will be working very diligently over the few weeks preparing for our meetings to be held at the CSPA conference. Our focus will be developing our strategic plan; 3-5 goals, with action steps and learning outcomes; and examining the current organizational structure. It is our commitment to be able to share with you at the conference and in October our progress on all of the above. We welcome your contributions to furthering the success of CSPA. Stay tuned...I will keep you informed.

What is Your ACPA Up To?

Get ready for an annual conference you won't want to miss March, 18-22. Indianapolis—is bigger and better than ever before! There is so much to do and you can be assured the conference team is working hard to bring you innovative programs, social events to knock your socks off and hospitality at its best! **Program proposals are invited- see the ACPA website. Deadline for general program proposals is September 12. Let's get a great New York showing of submitted proposals in by September 12.** Also, if you are interested in being a reviewer, you can also sign up on-line.

Five hotels will be available to ACPA members. The convention center will host placement, opening session and all program sessions. The Westin and Marriott will be the sites for ancillary programs (our CSPA reception), and carnival. The skywalk connects the Westin and Marriott.

Sound Bite for this month...

Through networking, we each bring our individual lamps to shine on what we do so that we see the greater purpose of our collective selves and keep the spirit of our profession alive.

The Bulletin Needs You!

As always, the CPSA monthly bulleting is a resource for YOU, the membership, to also use. Campus or division program announcements, job vacancies, requests for information and other communications are welcomed. All inquiries and requests for inclusion in future monthly bulletins should be sent to me at radcst@rit.edu. The monthly bulletin will be published approximately the 20th of every month.

