



# Advisor Update

Indiana  
Academic  
Advising  
Network

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## IAAN May 13th Conference Fast Approaching

Do not forget to mark your calendar. The IAAN Annual Conference is scheduled for May 13, 2005 at the University of Southern Indiana.

For more information you may access the IAAN website at [www.indiana.iaan.edu](http://www.indiana.iaan.edu) or contact Julie Floyd at [jfloyd@usi.edu](mailto:jfloyd@usi.edu).



## IAAN Mission

The Indiana Academic Advisors Network (IAAN) is a group of professionals from colleges and universities across the state of Indiana. The organization was formed to foster the personal and professional development of its members. The membership of IAAN is comprised of faculty members, administrators, peer advisors and other professionals who are concerned with the advising needs of students.

The goal of the organization is to promote communication among its members. By joining IAAN members will get the opportunity to share ideas, learn about new programs, and meet colleagues with similar professional interests and situations.

IAAN will also provide to its members additional services, such as professional referrals, job placement information and an in-state resource clearinghouse. Because IAAN is a National Academic Advising Network (NACADA) allied organization, members will also be able to obtain links to other professionals, associations, and resources beyond Indiana, extending members' networking and Information circle.

## **IU Kokomo has a new Academic Advisor**

Rikk M. Terhune is the newest academic advisor at IU Kokomo. Originally from Wichita, Kansas, Rikk worked in the restaurant field for 10 years as service personnel.

This experience led to a degree in Social Work. He received his baccalaureate in May 1998, and after working in child welfare for several years, decided that he couldn't save all of the children that were being abused and neglected. He sought advice from a mentor and advisor, and she pointed him in the direction of counseling in post-secondary education. Rikk received a Master's Degree in Education Counseling in May 2004.

At the same time of his graduation, his life partner of more than 14 years was told that he would have to transfer to the Indianapolis regional office headquarters. Rikk's son was also graduating from high school, and Rikk felt that the move to Indiana was the road he was meant to take.

Rikk earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Wichita State University. He is currently the advisor/coordinator for the PSP program (which is being discontinued at the end of the calendar year) and Student Special Needs. He also advises undecided students and students currently enrolled in high school.

## **IAAN Vice President presides over State meeting at NACADA Regional Conference in Toronto**

Larry Ottinger, IAAN's vice president, presided over the Indiana State Meeting, which was held in Toronto at NACADA's Regional Conference.

At the meeting attendees were given information regarding IAAN's Annual May Conference as well as proposed IAAN constitutional changes.

Kay Solomon of Purdue University presented a report on IAAN's membership, and Alan Welch, also of Purdue University, discussed the 2006 NACADA National Conference, which will be held in Indianapolis on October 18-21.

## 2005 NACADA Regional Conference Held in Toronto

Kay Solomon

The 2005 NACADA Great Lakes Regional conference was held March 17-19 in wonderful downtown Toronto. More than 200

NACADA members gathered in Toronto to hear the latest in academic advising.

Preconference workshops provided the opportunity for more in-depth treatment on topics such as how to recognize mental health warning signs in students, advisor training, assisting transfer students, and learning theory.

The full day of concurrent sessions featured discussions ranging from the use of technology in advising (whether it's e-mail advising, web-based advising information or gathering data to evaluate advising), advising students with disabilities, how best to advise reinstated students, the proper use of peer advisors, how to help first generation students, or how to make the most use of limited resources.

Attendees were also able to participate in Saturday's session on assessing advising and advisors. This was a two-hour presentation by Dr.

Victoria McGillin who has been very active in NACADA and other organizations associated with higher education.

I encourage all who can to attend the regional or national NACADA conferences! They are a wonderful way to connect with advisors from different institutions and exchange ideas and best practices. The regional conference for 2006 will be in Cleveland, Ohio. This year's national conference is October 5-8 in Las Vegas!

Plan ahead for the national conference in 2006! It will be held in Indianapolis!

## Several Indiana Advisors Present at the 2005 Regional Conference

Kay Solomon

Congratulations to the following presenters!

Barbara Austin  
Purdue North Central

Thomas Kenyon – IU

Janna Bradley – IUPUI  
Debbie Grew – IUPUI  
Nicole Hobbs – IUPUI  
Kyle McCool – IUPUI  
Emily McQuade – IUPUI  
Lisa Ruch – IUPUI

Troy Holaday  
Ball State University  
Kris Rugsaken  
Ball State University

Susan Aufderheide  
Purdue University  
Midge Keller  
Purdue University  
Criselda Marquez  
Purdue University