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## Presidential Thoughts

It's hard to believe that this is my final newsletter message as NACAS South president. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity at such a great organization with such dedicated professionals. Most of you know how much work is involved in a volunteer organization and that you receive much more than you give. I encourage each of you to become involved!

If you have not registered for the NACAS South Annual Conference May 2-6 in Nashville, it isn't too late to do so. We have a great conference planned and hope you can make plans to join us. Eddie Mills has a program of general and education sessions where you will find many topics of interest; Eric Monday has a wide variety of business partners for us to interact with; and Bill Redwine and his host committee have planned fun activities for us including a golf tournament and tour of several local universities.

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville May 2-6 at the Hilton Nashville Downtown Hotel!

*Vickie Somers*

NACAS South President

## NACAS Membership in Transit Information

NACAS members in good standing who are active in NACAS may receive up to one year's NACAS membership at NO CHARGE while they are seeking employment within Auxiliary Services.

During the time period members are classified as *members in transit*, these members would also be eligible for the NACAS Annual Conference at the Retiree Rate (\$245).

The Membership in Transit is not available to NACAS members leaving the higher education field.

For additional information, contact Bob Anderson, NACAS South Membership Coordinator at bob.anderson@cpcc.edu or via phone at (704) 330-4124.

# Rosalind R. Meyers named NACAS Robert F. Newton Award recipient

## It's two in a row for NACAS-South

“The most prestigious award recognizing an individual who has displayed extraordinary and outstanding service to NACAS and to the [auxiliary services] profession” – that’s the Robert F. Newton Award for Distinguished Service.

It’s given to one NACAS member at the NACAS Annual Conference each year and NACAS-South scored two in a row with Rosalind R. Meyers, associate vice president, Georgia Institute of Technology, receiving the 2008 award following the 2007 award winner Kenneth H. Ramey, vice president, Administration and Finance, Northern Kentucky University.

Ramey presented the award to Meyers at the award ceremony, recognizing some of her NACAS and auxiliary services accomplishments.

A past president of NACAS-South, Meyers served on the NACAS Board, held the position of NACAS Publications Committee chair and is a frequent presenter at both NACAS and NACAS-South annual conferences. She also won the 2006 NACAS Best Feature Media Award for her article in *College Services* magazine, “A Great Auxiliary Services:13 Steps to Get from Good to Great.”

She has worked at two universities, 10 years at Temple University as the Business Services associate vice president and is presently completing her 14<sup>th</sup> year at Georgia Tech.

During her tenure at Georgia Tech, Meyers and her team have been responsible for many campus improvements which have contributed to positive campus experiences for students and staff, including the relocation of the bookstore to Georgia Tech’s Technology Square, the creation of more than 10 retail campus restaurants, the growth of on-campus student housing, improvements in campus transit and parking management, the creation of the all campus card (BuzzCard) and construction of the new Health Services building and renovation of the Student Center Commons.

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Renovation and new construction projects are all in a day’s work for Auxiliary Services professionals. Here Rosalind Meyers discusses residential hall renovations with the construction foreman..



Robert F. Newton Award winners, Rosalind R. Meyers, associate vice president, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Kenneth H. Ramey, vice president, Administration and Finance, Northern Kentucky University, made it two in a row for NACAS-South by receiving NACAS’s most prestigious award at the (respectively) 2008 and 2007 NACAS annual conferences.



## Wedding Classic™ Chairs Now Greener

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PS Furniture, formerly known as Palmer Snyder, an industry leader in portable furniture, announced today an increase in the recycled content of their model C450 Wedding Classic™ folding chair.

The Model C450 Wedding Classic™ folding chair features a proprietary 2-part co-injection molding process that makes the chair lighter, stronger and a more brilliant white than competing chairs. This 2-part molded construction is now enabling the use of 100% recycled plastic to manufacture the chair's core and seat insert components.

The result is that the model #450 now has over 30% recycled content. None of the key performance features of the chair – its brilliant white exterior, its strength or its lightweight – is adversely affected by this highly engineered use of post-industrial waste.

*Roger Clark, President of PS Furniture comments, "We are really pleased with this change. To be able to attain such a high percentage of recycled material without compromising the product's performance is incredible. We are looking across our entire product line for similar engineered "greening" opportunities. We hold environmental sustainability as an urgent corporate priority."*

### About PS Furniture / Palmer Snyder

PS Furniture, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is a privately held American manufacturer and distributor of portable furniture. Its product line consists of many types of folding tables and portable seating, plus portable dance floor, lecterns and beverage service stations.

PS Furniture manufactures and distributes from its factories in Conneautville, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and sales/distribution center in Los Angeles, California. Other major locations include corporate headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and sales office in Lexington, Kentucky.

For more information regarding PS Furniture or their line of portable furniture, please visit their web site ([www.psfurniture.net](http://www.psfurniture.net)) or contact representative:

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## Fisk University's CAO Marie Williams Named 2009-2010 ACE Fellow

Fisk University Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer Marie Williams has been named 2009-2010 ACE Fellow.

Molly Corbett Broad, President of the American Council on Education (ACE) recently announced that Marie Y. Williams, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Fisk University has been named an ACE Fellow for 2009-10 academic year.



The ACE Fellows Program, established in 1965, is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration. Ms. Williams who was nominated for the fellowship by Fisk President, Hazel R. O'Leary, is one of thirty-eight (38) Fellows selected this year in a national competition.

“We are honored to have one of Fisk’s most talented administrators participate in the ACE Fellowship program,” O’Leary said. “While Fisk has hosted and provided a fellow in the past, Ms. Williams is the first Fisk administrator to participate and we are certain that she will bring valuable experiences back to Fisk.”

The ACE Fellows program combines seminars, interactive learning opportunities, campus visits and placement at another higher education institution to condense years of on-the-job experience and skills development into a single semester or year. Fellows attend three week long retreats on higher education issues organized by ACE, read extensively in the field and engage in other activities to enhance their knowledge about the challenges and opportunities confronting higher education today. The Fellows are included in the highest level of decision making while participating in administrative activities and learning about an issue to benefit Fisk University and the host institution.

Ms. Williams has worked at Fisk University since 2001 and has been extensively involved in a wide array of senior administrative functions at the University. In her most recent role as the Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Ms. Williams provides leadership for the following functions at Fisk: Administrative Services, Human Resources, Facilities & Grounds, Public Safety, Environmental Health, Bookstore, Campus Dining Services, Post Office and Master Planning.

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## Rosalind R. Meyers Receives Newton Award (cont'd from page 2)

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Meyers was also recognized for the creation of Georgia's state Auxiliary Services group (the Auxiliary Services Council of Georgia) and for receiving the silver medal for Leadership in Customer Service presented to her by the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia.



Meyers has former employees who have moved on to manage their own Auxiliary Services and she continues to receive recognition directly from students. In 2008, the Georgia Tech Crew Club recognized their advisor by naming a rowing shell, the "Rosalind Meyers."

Her management includes more than 1,400 Georgia Tech Auxiliary Services employees, including contractor and student employees, encompassing the BuzzCard Center, GT Dining, Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech, Housing, Stamps Health Services, Parking & Transportation and the Student Center.

NACAS-South members, shall we load the bases and make it three in a row? Plan now to submit a NACAS award nomination by visiting [www.nacas.org](http://www.nacas.org), Membership, Member Awards.

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## Williams Named Ace Fellow (cont'd from page 3)

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“It is truly an honor to be nominated to participate in this renowned leadership development program in higher education. I am grateful for the University’s support throughout this process and for the transformational learning experiences that await me. This nomination by President O’Leary demonstrates Fisk’s commitment to enhance the faculty and administrative talent at the University.”

The ACE Fellows Program notes that most previous Fellows have advanced into major positions in academic administration. Of more than 1,500 participants in the first 44 years of the program, more than 300 have become chief executive officers and more than 1,100 have become provosts, vice presidents, or deans.

“Ms. Williams shows great promise for administrative advancement and significant future leadership contributions to higher education” said Sharon A. McDade, Director of ACE Fellows Program.

Founded in 1918, ACE is the major coordinating body for all the nation’s higher education institutions, representing more than 1,600 college and university presidents, and more than 200 related associations, nationwide. It seeks to provide leadership and a unifying voice on key higher education issues and influence public policy through advocacy, research, and program initiatives.

Since its membership with ACE, Fisk has successfully graduated two esteemed faculty through this Program: Dr. Princilla Morris-Evans and Dr. Phyllis Freeman-Junior. Ms. Williams will be the first administrator that has been nominated by Fisk and selected into the ACE Fellows Program.

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### National Board Update

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The NACAS National Board held its winter meeting in Houston on February 21 directly after the Leadership Team Meeting. The more I serve with this group the more I am impressed with their passion, professionalism, and service focus.

The entire Board was buzzing with excitement about the Leadership Team Meeting (LTM). During the LTM, the subject of creating a professional certificate program in Auxiliary Services was raised again. However, unlike previous discussions about the program, this time action steps were put in place. Over the past few years the Professional Development Committee (PD) has developed a set of “core competencies” that

cover most of the skills required of the Auxiliary Services professional. PD, as a direct result of their management institute programs, has identified a group of excellent instructors and has begun to build relationships with a couple of university faculties. NACAS now has an Educational Foundation who can financially support the program. The LTM attendees, with encouragement from Past President Charlie Figari, realized the time is right to move the certification program forward. A task force was formed to develop a charge for Certification Program Development. The charge will be presented to the Board at the April 15<sup>th</sup> conference call. Once the charge is approved, another group will be formed to design

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the certificate program curriculum. It will be a red-letter day for our profession when this program becomes a reality.

Of course, the Board held a very detailed discussion about the upcoming Hawaii Conference. Host committee chair Charlie Salas gave an informative presentation about the conference program, host hotel, and the island culture.. Financial concerns dominated the discussion. With the slowdown in the economy, and the perception of Hawaii as an “exotic” destination, concerns about attendance were dominant. Jeff Purdue’s report about the financial impact of cancelling the conference helped the Board decide to stay the course. The program and amenities will be beyond compare. The conference will focus on sustainability. For example all attendees will receive thumb drives containing all program materials rather than the typical paper handouts. Education programs will begin at 6 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. daily to allow attendees plenty of sight-seeing time. If at all possible, you must attend the 2009 conference in Hawaii.

The National Board continues to support efforts in Social Responsibility to include diversity and sustainability. The standing Diversity Committee will be discontinued and replaced by a Social Responsibility Committee allowing for more flexibility in scope and a more contemporary outlook.

Membership levels remain steady, although growth targets remain unmet. The BOD will focus on revising the Association Strategic Plan over the coming year. The BOD voted to forgo a 2009 summer board meeting in order to conserve funds. The BOD will conduct necessary business through a series of conference calls this summer. Your Association is currently in good financial condition and with the uncertainty of the Hawaiian conference and the economy in general, will continue to make every effort to conserve funds. Additional National Office personnel reductions have been realized through the retirement of Pat Thacker. Pat’s service has been invaluable and she will be missed.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your National Board Representative. I look forward to seeing you in Nashville! I cannot wait to walk where Johnny Cash walked, get thrown out of the bar Hank Williams Jr. was thrown out of, and visit the holy ground of Ryman Auditorium. Join me for a great educational opportunity, lots of networking and the other adventures described above.

*Keith Chapman  
Southern Regional Representative  
Georgia Perimeter College*

**41st Annual Conference**  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
November 8-11, 2009  
Register at [www.nacas.org](http://www.nacas.org)

**Conference registration to open June 2009**



# NACAS South Conference: Nashville, TN 5/2/09-5/6/09

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## IT'S NOT TOO LATE !!!!!!! REGISTER FOR THE 2009 NACAS SOUTH CONFERENCE NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE MAY 2 - 6, 2009

*Nashville, Tennessee, named "one of the five friendliest cities in America" by The Today Show on NBC, is home to great food and fantastic views, first-class hotels and historical landmarks, honky-tonks and symphony halls, major pro-sports and fine art museums (and don't forget that Southern Hospitality!).*

### Important Information:

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OF \$325 HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL THE CONFERENCE.**

**Hilton Nashville Downtown  
Conference rate of \$182.00 / night has been extended  
past the April 8<sup>th</sup> deadline on an as available basis.**

*Come take advantage of a program filled with great educational sessions and many networking opportunities. Visit with the largest number ever of Business Partners who will be available to meet with you one-on-one at the Business Partner showcase, as well as throughout the conference. The NACAS South 2009 Annual Conference is a great opportunity to network and learn about the relevant issues facing today's auxiliary professionals.*

Please visit the NACAS South website for more information.

[www.nacas.org](http://www.nacas.org)

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## Already registered???

Check out the sites below for some interesting facts about Nashville:

<http://www.visitmusiccity.com/visitors/tours>  
<http://www.insiders.com/nashville/main-overviews.htm#tod>

**Check out the hotel website!**  
[www.nashvillehilton.com](http://www.nashvillehilton.com)

The Hilton Nashville Downtown is situated within walking distance of almost everything you will want to do. It is the only AAA 4-Diamond, full service, all-suite luxury hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. It is right across the street from the Country Music Hall of Fame, one block from the historic Ryman Auditorium (former home of the Grand Ole Opry) and a short walk from an array of honky-tonks, restaurants, and shops.

The average monthly temperature in May is 77 degrees. Nashville receives the most precipitation during May, so be sure to bring your umbrella!