



## ACUHO-I Foundation Board Meeting

### Talking Points | ACE 2008

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- **Major Donors**

Congratulations to our six new individual major donors acknowledged this summer: Eddie Hull, Jamie Lanier, Azfar Mian, Sandy Schoonover, David Stephen, and Herb Zucker. Please also join us in congratulating our newest Corporate Major Donor, National Student Services, Inc. Individual Major Donors agree to contribute \$5,000 over a five year period, while Corporate Major Donors pledge to contribute \$50,000 over five years. Please thank these colleagues for contributing to our profession.

- **Parthenon Society**

People from around the country honored seven colleagues as 2008 inductees to the Parthenon Society. The Parthenon Society recognizes individuals for their supreme achievement and enduring contributions to the profession. Please join us in congratulating Deb Boykin, Howie Dumhart, Verna Howell, Bob Huss, Chuck Lamb, Joanie Schmidt, and Jane Wright for receiving this high honor.

The ACUHO-I Foundation provides many opportunities to recognize colleagues. Consider a Foundation of Excellence Award as an opportunity to honor a colleague at retirement or for a special achievement. The Parthenon Award is another excellent way to honor peers who have made outstanding contributions to our field. The award is kept secret until it is unveiled at the Annual Conference and Exposition, making it especially meaningful for those who are honored. It will soon be time to make nominations for 2009 Inductees. If you are interested in championing a colleague for induction to the Parthenon Society, contact Foundation Board chair-elect Beth McCuskey at [bmccuske@uwyo.edu](mailto:bmccuske@uwyo.edu) or Foundation Board chair Cindy Felice at [jfelice@umd.edu](mailto:jfelice@umd.edu).

- **Foundation Donations at ACE**

The Board would like to thank all the Association members who made donations to the Foundation at ACE or purchased a Silent Auction item. It is thanks to your generosity that the Foundation received over \$40,000 in donations, pledges, and Silent Auction revenue!

It is easy to make a donation to the ACUHO-I Foundation. Simply click on the Foundation tab at [www.ACUHO-I.org](http://www.ACUHO-I.org). You can also talk with a representative from the Foundation Board to discuss how your gift can support the collegiate housing profession well into the future. Consider also becoming an Individual Major Donor. For only \$85 per month, pledged over a 5 year period, you can join many of your peers as we strive to help our profession move forward in even more exciting and new ways.

- **Operations Committee**

The Foundation held an interest session at the ACE to inform and educate members about Foundation Board Trustee roles and responsibilities as well as gather names of members who may be interested in being considered for future trustee positions on the Foundation.

The Board is continuing to formalize the Ambassador program. Ambassadors are past Executive and Foundation Board members who continue to assist the Board in seeking donations and representing the Foundation at Association events and conferences.

The Board is working to fill two currently vacant positions on the board: WACUHO trustee and UMR-ACUHO trustee. During the coming year the Board will also be filling positions for regional trustees from the MACUHO, NEACUHO, and NWACUHO regions as well as three corporate trustee positions.

If you are from any of these regions or are a gold corporate partner and interested in serving on the Foundation Board, please contact Beth McCuskey at [bmccuske@uwyo.edu](mailto:bmccuske@uwyo.edu) .

New officers begin their term of office at the conclusion of ACE:

Cindy Felice – Chair  
Beth McCuskey – Chair Elect  
Mannix Clark – Secretary  
Fred Fotis – Treasurer

- **Corporate Committee**

The Foundation will be renaming Corporate Partner giving levels at the conclusion of the Conference. The Board will work with the Central Office to notify Corporate Partners regarding the new giving levels: Donor, Friend, Partner, and Major Donor/Benefactor. Sponsorship opportunities will then take on the names of Bronze, Silver and Gold.

- **Marketing Committee**

The marketing committee will work to expand the association's awareness of the role of Foundation funds in sponsoring people and programs through efforts to highlight participants funded by the Foundation to attend ACE and further development of the Foundation newsletter. The committee will also develop the Foundation annual report as a tool for fundraising and communication with association members.

- **Budget and Finance Updates**

The Budget and Finance committee reviewed the investments and endowments for the first quarter of 2008 in order to appropriately oversee and/or monitor fund performance in accordance with our investment strategy. In this manner we are able to develop action plans that provide for a stable funding approach to respond to the award reimbursement and strategic planning needs of the ACUHO-I membership.

The auditors are in the process of reviewing the 2007 financial records and the committee hopes to have a draft audit report in the near future. The committee anticipates that the Foundation will once again receive an unqualified audit.