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Dear colleagues:

The Association of College & University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) will operate under a new governance structure beginning with the 2008 election cycle. The decision comes after 86 percent of the participating institutions voted to accept the change to the ACUHO-I constitution.

The electronic voting was conducted August 1 through August 10. A two-thirds majority vote was required to make changes to the association's constitution.

Under the new structure, the current functions of the treasurer and secretary positions will be streamlined through the creation of a finance and corporate records officer. Also, the Executive Board will establish a board of directors that will move the group from a regional representation model to a representation based on knowledge areas. Each member of the board of directors will be an expert in a designated area of the field. Their role as an active researcher and a practitioner in an outstanding program will allow them to recognize cutting-edge practices.

These knowledge areas are: facilities and physical environment; workforce development; regional affiliates; globalization; residence education; knowledge enhancement; inclusion and equity; and business practices and enhancements.

The presidential cycle will remain as currently outlined in the constitution and by-laws (a three-year term beginning with the vice president, moving to the president elect, and culminating with the presidency). All members of the Executive Board will be elected to either two- or three-year terms or a three-year path, as in the case of the presidential cycle, by the ACUHO-I membership.

We're excited about this change and believe it will be a great benefit to ACUHO-I. The new arrangement will prepare the association to respond to an increasing focus on globalization and represent functional areas of knowledge and responsibility while maintaining regional representation.

The new structure demonstrates the association's commitment to knowledge-based governance and helps ensure that informed and prudent decisions will lead ACUHO-I into the future.

More details about the new governance structure are available through the ACUHO-I Web site at [www.acuho-i.org](http://www.acuho-i.org). More information will be made available to the membership as the implementation of this new structure commences.

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