

## **Bonnie Solt Prunty**

### **Applying for Business Practices and Enhancements Director**

#### **General Information:**

*Candidate's Name:* **Bonnie Solt Prunty**  
*Current Institution:* **Ithaca College**  
*Current Job Title:* **Director of Residential Life and Judicial Affairs**  
*Executive Position Applying:* **Business Practices and Enhancements Director**

I have worked in the Department of Residential Life and Judicial Affairs at Ithaca College for 21 years. For the past seven years I have been the Director of the Department, but during my tenure I have served in almost every position in the department. These various positions have included four years as the Housing Assignments Coordinator and two years as the Assistant Director for Operations. These two experiences were incredibly valuable in helping me develop strong skills in business operations areas including procurement, assignments, housing projections, budgeting and running a summer conference housing operation.

In addition to the experience I have gained through my positions at Ithaca College, I have also learned a great deal through my involvement in ACUHO-I. I became actively involved in ACUHO-I as a member of the Annual Conference and Exposition Program Committee. I served as a review coordinator and then a member of the Program Steering Committee from July 2001 through July 2007. I then served as the Program Committee Chair for the 2008 ACE Conference in Orlando. This past year I served as the Planning Committee Chair for the new ACUHO-I Business Operations Conference.

Through my role as a member and then chair of the Annual Conference and Exposition Program Committee, and Conference Planning Chair for the new Business Operations Conference, I have had the opportunity to learn about the professional development needs and interests of my ACUHO-I colleagues. I have also demonstrated my ability to take on leadership for two major planning efforts, and work with committee members and the central office staff to implement successful programs. Based upon these experiences I believe that I can bring to the Executive Board valuable information about the professional development needs of colleagues working in all areas of housing and residential life. I can also provide suggestions regarding how to better meet these needs through ACUHO-I Conferences and other professional development activities.

Serving on the Executive Board will allow me to increase my level of involvement in an organization that has contributed significantly to my professional growth. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to learn from and build my network of ACUHO-I colleagues.

I became actively involved in NEACUHO upon completing my Master's Degree.

#### **My involvement in NEACUHO included:**

New Professionals committee	August 1997- 1999
Executive Board Secretary	June 1990 - June 1991
Training and Development Committee Chair	June 1989-June 1990

**My involvement with ACUHO-I has included:**

CHO Institute Planning Committee	August 2009 - Present
Business Operations Conference Planning Chair	February 2009- Present
ACE Program Committee Chair	June 2007- 2008
Program Steering Committee	July 2003 – 2007
Program Committee Review Coordinator	July 2001 – July 2003
New Delegate Program Work Group	July 2002 - 2003
Placement Services Task Force	July 2004 – 2005

I am also actively involved in my community. I served for two years as PTA President and four years as a Trustee for my church. Both experiences taught me about leading the efforts of volunteer organizations. I also served for two years as the costume coordinator for the Middle School Play. This experience taught me about creative problem solving (since I did not know how to sew and did not even own a sewing machine).

ACUHO-I serves a valuable role in providing professional development and resource information to our international delegates. From talking to our international delegates, and reading conference evaluations I know these delegates benefit from attending our conferences, participating in our study tours, and sharing ideas and resources. However, international delegates are also challenged by the fact that our conferences offer a limited number of programs presented by international delegates or incorporating an international perspective.

I believe that ACUHO-I can and should become the source of information and professional development opportunities for the international collegiate housing profession. In order to accomplish this goal I believe ACUHO-I should consider developing a resource section in our library that specifically addresses issues of interest expressed by our international members. I also believe we should consider sponsoring some kind of scaled-down conference program in key international locations.