

SAACURH Executive Committee
Pre-No Frills Report

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Bid and Summit Goals

- (1) Place a strong emphasis on programming
- (2) Recruit and refocus
- (3) Continue the RHA President initiative
- (4) Keep communication lines open
- (5) Ensure an efficient boardroom
- (6) Continue technology initiative
- (7) Represent SAACURH to the best of my ability

Accomplishments / Updates

No Frills Conference

Preparations have been underway for the last six months for the upcoming No Frills conference. The University of West Georgia has been hard at work and the conference looks to be successful. At the time of writing, we have 50 schools registered with just over 185 delegates. Hope and I have regular contact, almost daily, with the conference staff and are involved in pretty much every aspect of the conference. The facilities at UWG are first class and we fully expect the conference to be both efficient and fun.

In February, the SEC joined the conference staff for our Winter Summit meeting. During the summit, we toured the campus, set the schedule, and set many goals for the remainder of our term. You can find minutes online, but a large part of our discussions involved how conferences are selected and executed and state conferences. You will find more information on these topics below and in the rest of the reports that follow.

Interesting Conference Statistics	
Schools Registered for No Frills 2006	50
Total Number of Delegates and Advisors	189
Average Number of Students Per Delegation	2.7
Average Number of Advisors Per Delegation	0.93
Student to Advisor Ratio	2.68:1

Similar to SAACURH at NKU, the number of schools in attendance at No Frills is up from the several years; however, the total number of delegates is down. The school increase is primarily due to our recruiting effort for the last six months while I believe the decrease in the total number of delegates is due to the increase No Frills price compared to last year. While many individuals in the region were worried about the cost keeping schools from attending, we actually have five more schools at this conference than last year. Additionally, many large schools in the region are not attending due to a variety of reasons – not related to cost (i.e. UGA, UK, UA, etc).

Recruitment and State Conferences

The SEC has been attending state conferences for the past month. I personally attended the GRHO conference at Columbus State University and the rest SEC was able to make it to every state conference except for KARH. State conferences are our number school and leader recruitment tool. I personally talked to three schools about attending No Frills and affiliating with NACURH and I know that the SEC as a whole talked to well over 15 schools.

We are currently have the most schools and NRHH chapters affiliated in NACURH. A large part of this can be attributed to the hard work being done by your AD-NRHH, Beth Freeman, your RAC Andrew Worth, and the rest of the SEC. We have already surpassed the number of schools affiliated last year and we still have four months to affiliate schools.

NBD Personal Liability

The NACURH National Executives released a plan this week to ensure that each region and national office turn in their end-of-year taxes on time. Last year, one of the regions within NACURH turned in their taxes late, causing the entire NACURH statement to be late. NACURH, and subsequently, that region have been charged over \$1000 in fees by the IRS. In order to ensure that taxes are done on time, the National Executives intend to implement a personal liability system for Directors and ADs should they fail to turn in their taxes on time.

This system was never approved by the NBD and has not been discussed at all. I am 100% opposed to this system and feel that it is being used as a scare tactic by the National Executives. You can rest assured that SAACURH will have all of the paperwork in on time; however, I am currently debating this issue with the National Executives. Personal liability is not appropriate for this type of issue and is not something that can just be legislated "from the bench".

NBD Semi-Annual Meeting

Please make sure you read my report on the National Board of Director's Semi-Annual meeting at UC-Berkeley. This report is available on the regional website. I am currently serving as the chair of the NACURH Reorganization committee where we are trying to look at the structure of the NACURH National Offices. The committee is discussing the possibility of changing the services offered at both office and moving affiliation to one office. A lot happened over the week Hope and I spent in Berkeley, check out the report for more information.

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After talking to a good number of the state association Directors last year, many of the Directors expressed concern that they were losing access to their websites on a regular basis. They were losing access primarily due to the fact that they were sites were hosted at the host institution of previous officers. Last week, SAACURH purchased a domain to host state association websites. For a very minimal cost (~\$10), state associations can have their website hosted off of the www.stateassociation.org domain with the other state sites. SAACURH control the passwords to ensure they always have access, but we will not edit content or make update. We will be discussing this more with the state associations at No Frills. If it does not go through, we can still get our money back.

Bids – Awards, Conferences, and Positional

Hope and I have been working relentlessly recruiting bids for regional awards, No Frill 2007, and the 2006-2007 SEC. We set a goal at the beginning of the year to have two people run for at least 5 of the six positions and to have at least two conference bids. We did not meet our goals, but we do have 4 director candidates (something very different than the past). Additionally, Hope and I have been reviewing conference budgets as a service to both the bidding schools and the region. It is our hope that by ensuring that the budgets both meet policy and make sense, NCCs will have an easier time selecting the next conference host. While us looking over the budget helps, you will see several pieces of legislation in regards to reforming the way we select and execute our conferences.

NRHH National Office Frustration

For the past two weeks I have been in communication with the NRHH National Office in regards to affiliation issues. There is currently a school within our region that has an affiliated NRHH chapter but is not affiliated with NACURH, Inc. as a whole. Seems weird? It is. This type of affiliation is impossible and should not have been allowed. You have to be affiliated with NACURH to have an affiliated NRHH chapter.

To make a very long story short, my communications with the NRHH National Office have either not been responded to or met with ridiculous answers. It seems that checking NACURH affiliation is not a part of the NRHH affiliation process. I am continuing to work on this situation but am frustrated by the lack of communication. Several of regions have complained of similar issues.

Conference Selection and Execution

At No Frills you will see several pieces of legislation in regards to how we select and execute our regional conferences. We will be formalizing you what must be contained in bids, who approves the budgets, and how we select the No Frills conference in general. These pieces come after two years of discussion about how to improve our regional processes. The process outlined for conference selection is the same process the GLACURH region uses.

NACURH

The NACURH National Conference is less than 4 months away. The Berkeley conference staff is preparing for a great conference and we as a regional board are already preparing. Elizabeth Williamson from UF has agreed to prepare our Roll Call video and we are already forming regional committees that will be formalized at No Frills. The cost for the conference will be finalized later this month; however, the National Board approved a cost around \$270.

NACURH Bids

I will be assigning one SEC member to every NACURH bid category for awards discussed at pre-conference. It will be that member's responsibility to help bidders improve their bids and get them ready for the National Board. It is my hope that this will improve the region's chances of having a good number of bid winners.

Coming Soon

Regional Funding

Funding is starting to become a major issue for our region. If you did not know, our funding comes from three major sources: an add-on fee per delegate at each conference, a portion of NACURH dues, and OCM. While dues and OCM funding has continued to increase, funds from the add-on fee have not. The add-on fee has been \$10 for the regional conference and \$5 for the business conference for as long as any of us can remember (including Evelyn). Most regions have already increased their fees and we will probably have to follow suit soon.

Due to the size of our region, we are forced to fly pretty much everywhere which leads to lots of expenses. In addition, costs are simply more now than they were 10, 5, or even 2 years ago. Don't be surprised if you see legislation at SAA '06 to increase the add-on fee to \$12 or \$15.

Transitioning

We have already begun discussion about transitioning the regional board to the SEC-elects. Evelyn and Sean are heading up our transition efforts. A meeting will be held with the new SEC after No Frills on Sunday morning. It is our hope to transition as much as possible

before NACURH and simply pass the torch at the regional business meeting in Berkeley. Additionally, the NBD will be holding a transition meeting with the new and old NBDs to help our new Director and ADBA transition.

Committees

Once the new SEC is elected, we will more than likely appoint several committees to accomplish many of the SEC's final goals, including: regional spirit and the finalization of the NRHH policy book. This is in addition to the several regional committees for NACURH.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Andrew Howard

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Bid and Summit Goals

1. Continue Conservative Spending
2. Support the Director
3. Keep an eye on the SAACURH Constitution and Policy Book
4. Continue to work on the NACURH ADA Compliance Fund
5. Continuously work for quick reimbursements

Accomplishments / Updates

No Frills Conference

I have been keeping in close touch with the No Frills conference staff, and have been able to see first hand how hard they have been working to make the conference successful. In January, the SEC came to UWG for Winter Summit, where we planned aspects of the conference as well as set goals for the remainder of our term.

ADA Fund

Thanks to the ADA add-on fee from SAACURH along with some savings we already had, we are nearly to our required mark for our ADA Compliance Fund. We are the first region to hit the mark thus far. Go us!

NBD Semi-Annual Meeting

I attended the National Board of Directors Semi-Annual meeting with Andrew in January at the University of California Berkeley. While at Semis, Andrew and I toured the campus of Berkeley, as well as helped select the SALT winner and the two finalists for POY. At Semis, the decision was also made to remove the NACURH Chairperson from office, which has never been done before in the history of NACURH. I am also serving on the NACURH Marketing and Public Relations committee, which is focusing on recruitment of new schools into NACURH, as well as keeping contact with NACURH alumni and reminding current members schools of the benefits of staying affiliated with NACURH.

State Conferences

I had the good luck to be able to attend TACURH at East Tennessee State University and MARHS at Mississippi State University. Both conferences were a blast! We have amazing leadership in our states!

Presidents

I have been working with Tim Jackson from Mississippi State University throughout the year to organize specific programs and services for the RHA/NRHH presidents in SAACURH, and we have continued working on this for No Frills. We will be having a Presidents Roundtable at No Frills with a focused agenda that we believe will be very beneficial to the Presidents in SAACURH.

Legislation

As well as updating the Constitution and Policy Book with the legislation we passed at SAACURH, Andrew and I have written more legislation to improve the general operations of SAACURH. Some examples of these pieces of legislation are conference selection, Presidents Coordinator, and Conference Programming Coordinator. Check out these pieces of legislation and share your opinion in the boardroom!

Budget

I have been doing my best to keep up with reimbursements for the SEC as well as keeping up with the budget and doing monthly reconciliations. My job has helped me a lot with this by giving me free office supplies and free mailing and shipping. Go Sears Optical! I also worked on the No Frills Conference budget with the conference staff before Winter Summit.

Recruitment and Bidding

I have been in contact with many schools in SAACURH about bidding for awards as well as conferences and SEC positions. Andrew and I have also been reviewing conference budgets from bid teams to make sure that the bid team understand how their budget works and how the cost is evaluated. This year, Andrew and I required that the budgets be done in the standard SAACURH format, which should minimize confusion and help NCCs select the conference host more easily.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Hope Cannon

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR NRHH

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Bid and Summit Goals

- (1) Maintain regular and consistent contact with the individual member chapters through
- (2) Create of a monthly newsletter and facilitation of NRHH roundtable discussions.
- (3) Compile a list of problems that commonly occur in chapters, such as membership or attendance, and listing ideas that chapters have used to overcome them.
- (4) Keep member schools informed with frequent email updates
- (5) Work to affiliate new chapters within SAACURH and help struggling chapters to survive
- (6) Encourage OTM submissions with frequent reminders and by publicizing resources to chapters
- (7) Encourage use of the OTM database
- (8) Work with the other RADs to develop ideas and suggestions for SAACURH
- (9) Create NRHH Policy book legislation.
- (10) Create Legislation for OTM category changes.

Accomplishments / Updates

Affiliation

I have been working to recruit and affiliate more NRHH chapters. SAACURH currently has the most NRHH Chapters affiliated of any region, and the numbers are still increasing. Our ratio of chapters affiliated to general regionally affiliated schools is the 3rd highest of all of the regions. More than half of our regionally affiliated schools currently have affiliated NRHH chapters.

OTM Database, OTM Process, and NRHH Communication

I have been helping several schools to get started up on the OTM database, as well as transitioning them into using the database for campus submitting. We have had a record number of OTMs submitted and to be judged this school year. I have been fielding general NRHH chapter questions quite often and have been answering questions about affiliations, the OTM database, and the OTM process.

OTM Judging Committee

Currently, the OTM committee consists of 25 members!!! This is amazing considering the committee consisted of 7 members at the beginning of the year. I have been able to give each reader category assignments in order to make their jobs easier, and I am beginning to keep a database of exactly how many OTMs are being judged each month.

Beth and Bill's Buzz

Bill and I have been continuing to create our newsletters, and we have begun trying to create a list of frequent problems that NRHH chapters experience through the newsletter

National Office

I have been in communication with members of the national office and RADs from other regions through email and IM chats. Bill and I attended the RAD conference in January, and I was able to bring back several helpful ideas from the conference. I am still a member of the National NRHH Philanthropy & Service Committee, and together, we have planned Spring into Service Week 2006. I have created a flier for this event to be sent out at all of the No Frills conferences across the nation. Several pieces of legislation were brought to the RAD conference, and I have been preparing that information so that it can be relayed to

the NRHH representatives at No Frills. I have also been in contact with the national office in regards to affiliation information and the OTM database.

S.C.O.R.E

I was privileged to be able to attend South Carolina's state conference three weeks ago, and I had a wonderful time. I helped Jamerson Magwood to present a program about NRHH and was able to meet a ton of cool people from South Carolina. I was also able to talk to some schools about affiliation for their schools with SAACURH or for their schools with NRHH. Overall, the conference was great, and I was impressed with South Carolina's spirit and excitement for the year to come.

G.R.H.O.

I attended that G.R.H.O. conference a couple of weeks ago, as Georgia is my home state. I attended as a delegate from my school, which was awesome. My school won the School of the Year and Most Spirited awards at the conference, and we all had a wonderful time. I also presented a program about NACURH with Kevin Hemphill at the conference that was well attended and well received.

Legislation

I have spent most of my time for SAACURH working on legislation for the past couple of months now. I have been working hard to create an NRHH Policy Book and write the legislation that will bring it into existence and fill it. I have also been working on legislation about a new OTM category that will be presented at No Frills.

No Frills 2006

Bill has set all of the travel plans for him and me. I am currently preparing for the NRHH boardroom. Bill and I have also been working on our NRHH Soundtrack CD for the NRHH Representatives.

Coming Soon

I am still hoping to get a list of NRHH FAQ's up on the SAACURH website, as well as more resources added to the NRHH mini-RFI for NRHH chapters. Bill and I will also be creating more issues of the Buzz, and we are working on getting more chapters affiliated. I will also be presenting a TON of legislation and bidding again for the AD-NRHH position at No Frills. ☺

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Beth Freeman

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Bid and Winter Summit Goals

- (1) Develop recruitment efforts for conference attendance
- (2) Timely and efficient progress
- (3) Work with regional Director on NO Frills Recruitment
- (4) Make contacts with possible member schools

Updates

Recruitment

I have had regular contact with several schools within the region and am happy to state that we have 50 schools affiliated in the region, with 38 large schools and 12 small schools. I have emailed schools not fully affiliated in region such as Clark Atlanta University and Mississippi University for Women. I have also done some phone-conferencing that will walk schools through the affiliations process, some of which I expect will affiliate at No Frills. My recruitment efforts have been very heavy considering my busy schedule. There are schools that will be at NO Frills largely due to efforts of myself and the Regional Director, who has been an awesome help. I am also proud to have recruited some of these schools such as Kennesaw State University.

NO FRILLS

We attended the No frills Conference which was very effective and fun-filled. Since then, Andrew Howard and I, again, corresponded with Schools not registered and we now have 50 schools registered. In preparation for No Frills, I am developing legislation for SAACURH Leadership Certificate, as well as two regional bids. In addition, I have personally recruited people to bid for Regional positions, particularly mine.

Transition Efforts

As the year winds down, I am content with my experience as the RAC for this region. I am currently developing a Notebook for the in-coming RAC and also a worksheet called "Easy Transition" that will hopefully serve as an effective instrument.

REGIONAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

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NCARH CONFERENCE 2006 ~ Update

As expected, NCARH started off running quite efficiently. Though there was no NCC meeting Friday night, there was a meeting for those interested in bidding off the floor for three of the four SBD positions.

Roll call went well, as did the hotel activities, which ran until 2 am, as that is allowed within the NCARH bylaws.

In the boardroom awards were decided. Though for all but one category there was only one bid, the NCCs were critical in their discussions so as to give assistance in editing for bids for No Frills. Block voting was discussed and discouraged at No Frills.

No legislation was discussed.

The 2007 NCARH conference staff gave updates, and hotels and locations are reserved. All is running smoothly.

NCARH ran as it always does. It was efficient and effective.

One idea that was brought up was to have the state meet before NACURH, so as to help everyone prepare and simply utilize the association.

I promoted No Frills attendance and explained why schools should attend while reminding them of the registration deadline.

VACURH

VACURH ran very smoothly. I arrived the Thursday night before everything got started and helped out the conference staff as needed.

In the boardroom most categories for awards only had one bid, but it was heavily stressed that bidders should pay attention to any flaws within the bids if they planned on sending them to No Frills.

Two schools seemed interested in affiliating. There is discussion of them attending NACURH, so I tried to push the SAACURH relationship and have sent them affiliation information along with contact information as well.

VACURH is also very interested in the state website idea. They are officially on board.

I gave one of my SEC pins to the new VACURH director. She is a great leader and has even given me some great ideas on how to work with the next set of directors.

SEAHO 2006

SEAHO was quite the experience. I did my best to represent SAACURH at all times, and to answer the question that may be on your mind, Tom did stay sober (YAY).

It went well. I spoke with the SEAHO governing council a lot, and before the rest of my time is up, I plan on working to strengthen the SEAHO and SAACURH relationship. I especially will be working with the next REDC to keep that relationship going.

I spoke to advisors about SAACURH, though I didn't push the whole affiliation thing with schools that weren't affiliated, as it wasn't the right time or place.

It was a fantastic conference, and I think I left SEAHO having a good idea what SAACURH is about, and what a great organization it is.

Other than that, there really isn't much to tell as my job there was to basically let everyone know what SAACURH was up to. I think it went really well.

Since SAACURH

- Worked with the nine state directors to ensure SEC contact during State Conferences. Though we weren't able to have an SEC member at every state conference, All went and were successful.
- Attended NCARH, VACURH and SEAHO on behalf of the regional board
- Both NCARH and VACURH ran smoothly and I enjoyed the opportunity to attend both of them
- SEAHO was a great experience, and it was a great experience representing the region.
- Contacted Erin Yaden so that she can help me with the programming aspect of the REDC transition
- Since Eric was on top of programming at SAACURH, she knows how to do the job very well, and I am getting her input for transitional information.
- Created transitional information for the next REDC
- There is a lot of information that I giving the next REDC so that the relationship between the SEC and the directors, as well as the SEC and SEAHO continue remain strong.
- Worked on program information with the new state directors for No Frills.
- At this No Frills, I want the new state directors to bond and work together so that the are able to help each other out with their associations.

REGIONAL PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR

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Bid and Summit Goals

- (1) Continue to update and professionalize the regional website
- (2) Expand resources available online
- (3) Work with conference staffs on their technology issues
- (4) Put reports out in a timely manner
- (5) Work with SEC to get a 100% fully functional website
- (6) Research new recognition pins

Accomplishments / Updates

No Frills Conference

Since SAACURH, I worked with the No Frills 2006 conference staff to develop the official conference website. The biggest obstacle was developing the online registration database, in which I worked additionally with the University of West Georgia Information Technology Services department to make simple to use on both the user and administrative ends. I also worked with the conference staff to show how to download the information and pull into Microsoft Access to help in building reports. I will be continuing to work with the conference staff up until the conference on keeping the website updated, supporting the registration interface and building reports, and prepping technology for use in the boardrooms.

State Conferences

I had the esteemed pleasure of attending two state conferences this year, ALURH at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and GRHO at Columbus State University. ALURH was my first time attending an out-of-state state conference for me and it was an awesome experience to see how things were different there. At the conference I did speak with Jacksonville State University who seemed very interested in affiliating with SAACURH. At GRHO I presented a conference called "Where in NACURH is Carmen Sandiego" with AD-NRHH Beth Freeman. We had about 20 people come to the program, which was a good showing.

Website Updates

Since SAACURH I have worked with Director Andrew Howard to maintain updates on the SAACURH website. They include the following:

- **Affiliations CD:** I finalized a way to organize the Affiliations CD created by last year's SEC board on the website and put that online, as well as making the files downloadable in a .ZIP folder.
- **New Resources:** Some new resources were added, including resources for advisors, both RHA and NRHH related, as well as some other forms and informational documents.
- **Reports:** Programming and Conference Closing reports for SAACURH 2005 at Northern Kentucky University were added as well as various reports sent to me from Andrew and ADBA Hope Cannon while they were at NACURH Semis.
- **Regional NRHH Website:** I worked with Beth to set up and organize the regional NRHH Webpage on the SAACURH website. I am continuing to work with Beth on adding more content to it.
- **Policy Books, Constitutions, and Articles of Incorporation (OH MY!):** Several governing documents, including the NACURH Articles of Incorporation, the updated SAACURH Policy Book, and the NRHH National Constitution, were sent down to me from Andrew and added to the website.

Winter Summit

Winter Summit was an absolute blast! Traveling to the location was pretty easy, and a lot of work was done and decisions were made. I participated in two groups, one to discuss writing legislation on setting up a regional alumni association, as well as a regional online registration for conferences. However, the registration will be a ways down the road as there are several questions left to be answered. Other than that, several deadlines were also set for various things, and we had a very productive summit. I will be working on getting Winter Summit minutes up by a week before No Frills.

Bids and Legislation

I began to work with Andrew on the gigantic task of posting bids and legislation for No Frills 2006 at the University of West Georgia. Through several conversations via phone and IM, we worked through a template for posting bids and legislation as well as a way for people to download them to their computers.

Communication

I continued to have open communication with the SEC board members, as well as other SAACURH members. I also had communication with several GRHO state board members, especially in regards to taking down the GRHO websites on the UWG server. I also passed a couple of emails on sent to me regarding questions about affiliating with SAACURH to Beth, RAC Drew Worth, and Andrew.

Coming Soon

Transitioning

I will begin to work with the new RPC after No Frills to transition the office. Laptop transition will happen at NACURH. Meanwhile I will be working on preparing the computer for transition including cleaning up the file system, backing up the files, and a transition guide for the new RPC.

Website Work

I will be continuing to work with the current and future SEC board members to continue to keep the website updated and to have it 100% fully functional with less than 1% non-working links, although ideal is 0%.

RHA/NRHH Chapter Web Addresses and Listserv Information

In addition to the website updates, I will be asking NCCs and NRHH Reps to check lists at No Frills regarding their respective organization's web addresses and listserv emails to make sure that everything is correct.

www.stateassociations.org

If passed/agreed upon at No Frills, I will be working with the RPC-Elect, Director, and Director-Elect to communicate with the State Directors and Web Coordinators in developing www.stateassociations.org and their individual state organization websites.

Recognition Pins

I will be continuing to work with Hope and Andrew on designing and producing different recognition pins to be used for new purposes, such as the possible alumni association and for conference staffs.

REGIONAL NRHH ADVISOR

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Summer and Winter Summit Goals

- (1) Provide motivation, recognition, and assistance with NRHH-RAD
- (2) Be an active resource for advisors (website, email, newsletter, phone)
- (3) Assess NRHH structure, OTMs, systems, etc. with Beth
- (4) Create new ways for educating NRHH chapter about quality not quantity with OTMs
- (5) Balance personal/professional obligations with new job, positions, etc.
- (6) Utilize Beth on the same campus
- (7) Be in the loop with National Office as much as possible

Accomplishments and Updates

NRHH Advisor Listserve

We had 16 NRHH advisors signed up before SAACURH and now we have 33 NRHH advisors signed up. I have been utilizing the list serve for sharing information and it seems NRHH advisors have gotten onboard with the list serve idea.

Advisor resources, communication, and forum

I have made a strong effort with responding via 48 hours after an email. I have been checking out the forum on a weekly basis for current NRHH discussion. I have assisted several advisors with NRHH related questions.

AD-NRHH - Beth Freeman

I have had weekly meetings with Beth (unless I am out of town) so we could properly discuss NRHH and get things rolling. I assisted her with advice and resources for various things, such as getting the OTM judging process up and running, creating a newsletter, and dealing with daily communication from NRHH chapters across SAACURH. Mostly recently, I have started assisting Beth with NRHH legislation for a new NRHH policy book. Beth has been extremely busy this month January with attending four weekend conference meetings/obligations for SAACURH. I have tried to keep her "sane" and make sure she is doing well with her personal life and school. Finally, I am in the process of assisting Beth with her boardroom duties and setting up a game plan for bids, etc.

Beth and Bill's Buzz

We have continued doing our newsletters. We had one in January and we're not sure about having one in February or waiting until after No Frills.

National Office/RAD conference

As always, I have been in good communication with the National Office. I attended the RAD conference in January and built some stronger relationships with the office staff and various folks in other regions. We addressed many topics regarding NRHH across the nation. I have utilized the NRHH Office Director for several questions from advisors. I took care of organizing and booking all travel for Beth and I during the RAD conference.

No Frills 2006

I took care of organizing and booking all travel for Beth and I. Also, I plan on presenting an NRHH recognition program at the conference. I will be assisting Beth with boardroom procedures and recognition efforts. Finally, I am assisting Beth with marketing the OTM committee at SAACURH and recognizing the current members of the committee.

Pre-Winter Summit, Winter Summit, and GRHO 2006

I attended a brief meeting with No Frills conference staff and a couple SEC members during the first week of December. We worked out the No Frill budget and addressed some other issues regarding the conference. I attended Winter Summit in late January at West GA. This was a very productive meeting and good team building for the group. I attended the GRHO conference at Columbus State University.

REGIONAL ADVISOR

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Summit Goals

1. Have a successful summit:
 - Meet & develop a good working relationship with the UWG No Frills conference staff
 - Review goals with SEC
 - Create NoFrills conference schedule
2. Begin face to face transition with Sean. Most of our communication has been via email.

Accomplishments / Updates

1. Winter summit was fun & successful. It was good to get to connect with the conference staff. All relevant business was completed. Reviewing goals was also very helpful.
2. Transitioning with Sean is going smoothly. This was the first time we were able to talk face to face & this accomplished a great deal. I had several files to share with him. His presence at Summit was very valuable, as it gave him hands on experience in what a summit is like.
3. Answering questions from one school who is considering bidding for NoFrills 07. I have tried to give resources & answer questions.
4. Continuing to forward emails from the NoFrills conference staff to the advisors. I have attempted to share as much information on costs, deadlines, etc.
5. Forwarded the SAACURH 05 conference (NKU) closing report to the 06 host, UVa-Wise.
6. Communicated with new state association advisors when needed.
7. Working on transition process project with Andrew & Sean. This will assist current SEC members in transitioning the incoming board, by giving structure & timelines. The overall goal is to develop a smooth process. A meeting will be held with the new SEC after No Frills on Sunday morning. It is our hope to transition as much as possible before NACURH