

## HEASC Organizational Updates – 2nd Quarter 2012

### AACC - SEED Initiative

AACC/SEED's Green Genome Awards will recognize 5 innovative colleges and award more than \$65,000. Apply Now! The first annual Green Genome Community College (Green Genome) Awards, presented by the American Association of Community College's (AACC) Sustainability Education and Economic Development (SEED) Center, and sponsored by Snap-on/Bahco, honors exemplary community colleges across the country that have taken a strategic leadership role in green economic and workforce development and sustainability. The award recognizes community colleges that have demonstrated the institutional competencies in four areas, or "DNA strands," critical for green transformation: Community Engagement, Program Design & Delivery, Strategic Partnerships, and Governance. Five winning colleges will be selected. Each winner will receive \$8,000 in cash, plus a set of state-of-the-art Bahco brand Snap-on tools and horticulture equipment (value of \$6,500). The community colleges will be showcased on the SEED Center, at AACC events, and through various AACC publications and media channels. The funds from the award may be used to support the college's enhancement, expansion, or creation of a practice or program related to green workforce development and sustainability.

- [Download the Green Genome Framework: Awards Guide](#)

- [Download the Green Genome Awards Application \(Due June 22, 2012 at 5 p.m. EST\)](#)

### ACPA

ACPA completed its 2012 Convention with a successful Carbon Offset program, donating close to \$400 to NativeEnergy - <http://www.nativeenergy.com/>

ACPA will be hosting its annual Institute on Sustainability at the University of Colorado June 17-19, 2012. HEASC association members can attend the Institute at a discounted rate for Sponsoring Organizations. Find more information here: <http://www2.myacpa.org/professional-development/home/2091>

### ACUHO-I

ACUHO-I's Annual Conference & Exposition takes place July 7-10 in Anaheim, California. There is a sustainability track, with 14 programs dealing with construction and renovation, student engagement, and business practices. ACUHO-I's Sustainability Committee will staff a table at the conference to inform members about their efforts; they also plan other consciousness-raising efforts: a trash audit, for example. As usual, ACUHO-I has selected facilities with sustainable practices in place. Among other efforts, the Anaheim Convention Center is LEED-certified; 54% of waste is diverted from the landfill; and energy-efficient lamps are used in the meeting rooms and lobby.

### AASHE

AASHE 2012:

- Call for abstracts just closed (May 7)
- Pricing and special discounts announced: <http://conf2012.aashe.org>

STARS

- First quarterly review published: Spring 2012 SQR (STARS Quarterly Review): <https://stars.aashe.org/pages/news-events/publications/2012-publications.html>
- Campus Sustainability Data Collector: <https://stars.aashe.org/pages/get-involved/campus-sustainability-data-collector/>

- The Princeton Review, Sierra magazine, and the Sustainable Endowments Institute (now suspended) have worked with AASHE to establish the Campus Sustainability Data Collector as the source for information needed to complete their publications.
- Archives of recent webinars: <https://stars.aashe.org/pages/news-events/stars-webinars/2012-stars-webinars.html>
  - Topics include curriculum sub-category, finalizing a STARS report in time, and enhancements to the reporting tool.

#### Resources:

- AASHE has partnered with CURC (College & University Recycling Coalition) on the webinar: [“Recycling Education and Awareness: Tools, Tips and Ideas for Campus and Community Outreach”](#) Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST
- New publication (with NWF Campus Ecology): *Student Sustainability Educators: A Guide to Creating and Maintaining an Eco-Rep Program on Your Campus*: <http://www.aashe.org/resources/aashe-partnered-publications>

#### Membership

- AASHE members now have access to EAUC & ACTS resources
  - <http://www.aashe.org/highlights/press-releases/campus-sustainability-organizations-partner-expand-resources>

#### Curriculum/Education:

- Three upcoming workshops in June: <http://www.aashe.org/events/workshops>
  - Workshop for Integrating Sustainability into Educations
  - Sustainability and Curriculum Design: Place based case study Approach
  - Sustainability Across the Curriculum Leadership Workshop
- Workshop: Campus Sustainability Professionals Retreat: <http://www.aashe.org/events/workshops>

#### **CSHEMA**

Environment & Sustainability Committee is new; formed less than a year ago to begin promoting sustainability and environmental issues within CSHEMA. Hope to have technical papers at upcoming AASHE meeting in October. Several new members have joined the committee who are active in campus sustainability.

#### **NAEP**

Held annual meeting in Anaheim. Next conference will be in Orlando, Florida – working with hotel on Disney property to implement green initiatives. Preparing for two institutes in July and August: 1) Facilities Institute, with a portion on “This changing economy” – e.g. building information modeling, alternative fuel contracting, and 2) Supplier Diversity Institute. Also revamping NAEP’s website, including a more prominent place for green procurement activities.

#### **NIRSA**

NIRSA offered six educational sessions in the Sustainability track at the 2012 NIRSA Annual Conference in Tampa, FL in March, including a Featured Speaker session given by NAEP’s Brian Yeoman. Brian’s presentation has been extremely helpful to our newly instituted Commission for Sustainable Communities (see below) as they think about how to deliver information more effectively to our membership. Thank you, Brian!

The 2012-2013 NIRSA Board of Directors has set Sustainable Communities as one of six Strategic Value areas within which the Association's work will be focused. To execute on this strategic value, the NIRSA Commission for Sustainable Communities was instituted and is creating a series of visual guides to communicate and facilitate "Valuing Sustainability in Collegiate Recreation." They are still in draft form, but once finalized will be the building blocks for a multi-year plan for education, awareness, and implementation of embedding sustainability within NIRSA (see attached).

Eight presentation proposals have been submitted by NIRSA to the AASHE Conference Program for consideration for the AASHE Conference in October.