



# The ACCFO Newsletter

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## The ACCFO Organization

ACCFO is a private, non-profit organization comprised of managers and supervisors involved with facility operations and maintenance. The purpose of the association is to provide an opportunity for community college facility personnel to review their abilities and interests, to refine their skills, and to participate in discussions on facility issues. It provides the participants the opportunity to share their successes, receive assistance from their counterparts in overcoming obstacles, and establish facility networks for future collaboration. We encourage all 58 community colleges to become involved by participating in ACCFO.

## ACCFO Officers

President - Bo Hightower  
Vice President - Terri Ashcraft  
Secretary - Wesley F. Adams  
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## ACCFO District Presidents

District I President - Harvey Whisnant  
District II President - Cindi Goodwin  
District III President - Patricia Clark

## ACCFO Conference

2016 ACCFO Fall Conference  
September 14, 15, 16, 2016  
Crowne Plaza Resort  
Asheville, NC

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## 2016 ACCFO FALL CONFERENCE



The 2016 ACCFO Fall Conference will be held at Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, NC on September 14-16, 2016. We encourage you to start making your plans to attend this conference because ACCFO is working with Biltmore Estate to tour its facilities as part of the program. It also provides an opportunity for members to compare notes and issues with their counter-parts at other community colleges.

The ACCFO Conference provides an opportunity to learn about new technologies and techniques from other facility operators and from vendors that can show new products, alternative services, and give professional advice. Please contact your neighboring community colleges about getting involved. We would like to hear your thoughts and insights about your facility situations and how you are utilizing various technologies to improve the overall operations of your department. Are you using an old school way of handling certain things? Please share your ideas and methods with your fellow ACCFO members. Sharing your knowledge and thoughts with others is one way of improving your own community college. Thank you for your involvement in ACCFO and please make plans to join us on September 14, 15, & 16, 2016.

Contact Bo Hightower if you have any questions about the upcoming conference. Bo is asking for the participation of each community college and its various departments. He feels that each department can benefit from the conference and the professional development provided.



## **ACCFO President - Bo Hightower, Central Piedmont Community College**

As President of ACCFO I want all of our members to know that they are important to the success of ACCFO and their input and suggestions help build a stronger organization. ACCFO will be celebrating its 25th year in 2017. I would like to encourage all the community colleges to participate in the upcoming 2016 ACCFO Conference at Crowne Plaza Resort in September. I am working with the Site Committee to see what arrangements can be made to provide a private tour of the Biltmore Estate. Look at the picture on the front cover and tell me how do they maintain such a building and landscape? It does take money that many of our community colleges lack the funding to really maintain their facilities to such high standards. However we should be seeking ways to improve our facilities and provide the best environment for our students, faculty and staff. Sometimes the little things go a long way towards improving our facilities. Join us and pick a few good tips to work for you at your college.



Thank You for allowing ACCFO to become an integral part of your community college and provide professional development opportunities to your facility personnel. You can reach me at [Bo.Hightower@cpcc.edu](mailto:Bo.Hightower@cpcc.edu) or call me at 704.622.6639

## **ACCFO Professional Development Committee Chairperson - Jack Puckett, Vance-Granville Community College**

Jack Puckett, Chairperson for the Professional Development Committee needs your input and suggestions as to the type of presentations that you would like to see at the 2016 ACCFO Fall Conference. Please contact Jack at [puckett@vgcc.edu](mailto:puckett@vgcc.edu) or Phil at [phil.harrison@cpcc.edu](mailto:phil.harrison@cpcc.edu) to make your suggestions or if you would like to do a presentation yourself. We would like to say "Thank You" to the Professional Development Committee for providing its members with meaningful materials and experiences. Remember, with your participation and input, we can provide all of our members an educational experience like no other. If your department needs training on a particular subject, this is the time to let us know.



Thank You for your support - Jack Puckett, Vance-Granville Community College

## **Retired and Departing ACCFO Members**

❖ Harvey Whisnant at Cleveland Community College is taking early retirement (May 31, 2016) due to some health issues. We appreciate his involvement in ACCFO and providing a leadership role as ACCFO District I Executive Representative for the last couple of years. Thank you for your service and sharing your thoughts about various facility issues throughout the years. We wish you the very best in your retirement and many happy years of enjoyment.



❖ Erik Conti at Alamance Community College has decided to seek another opportunity with the City of High Point. After 23 years of service I will be leaving the college to explore a new challenge. My last day will be April 8th and I will begin my next endeavor with the City of High Point as Purchasing Manager effective April 11th.

I will sincerely miss all of you, the ACCFO organization and all of its members, vendors etc. ACCFO has provided me with the opportunity to make many new friendships and to learn so much about the world of facilities!

It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you and a privilege to serve ACCFO over these past 16 years.

I thank you all for taking me under your wings many years ago and for the continued support when it was needed.

It is a great organization with wonderful people and I will miss you all!

Kindest Regards,

Erik





## New ACCFO Members

❖ John Majernik was hired as a Energy Engineer/Project Manager at Wake Technical Community College. Please take a few minutes to introduce yourself especially if you have a similar position. You can contact John at 919-866-5697 or you reach John at [jlmajernik@waketech.edu](mailto:jlmajernik@waketech.edu). John comes to Wake Tech from another state agency NC DPS, so he brings a lot of experience and knowledge. Please welcome John to ACCFO.

## ACCFO Scholarship News

At the 2015 ACCFO Fall Conference, three community colleges were selected to receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship from ACCFO. They were:

ACCFO District I - Haywood Community College

ACCFO District II - Rowan Cabarrus Community College

ACCFO District III - Wilson Community College

In addition to the ACCFO Scholarships, the Mike Bradley Memorial Scholarship program selected Carteret Community College to receive this scholarship given by Brady Services from Greensboro, NC.

While these scholarships don't provide the necessary funds to cover all of a students expense while attending a North Carolina Community College, it does offer assistance in achieving their career goals related to facility programs. The scholarship is to provide some assistance while pursuing an education at one of the 58 community colleges. ACCFO wishes to offer students at each community college the opportunity to succeed and to become a productive member of their communities. We are glad to be part of the successful community college system in North Carolina.

The North Carolina Community College President's Association met April 21, 2016 in Raleigh. During that meeting, they drew an ACCFO Scholarship. Vance-Granville Community College was the college selected from the pool of colleges.

**Congratulations to VGCC**

Rocky Damico a student at Carteret Community College was selected as the recipient of the Mike Bradley Memorial Scholarship. In attendance was Brady Services employees and Damico's instructor. Damico is holding the scholarship.



Haywood Community College



Wilson Community College



Rowan-Cabarrus Community College



Carteret Community College

### ACCFO Vendor News

We would like our vendors to know that their willingness to provide information about their products, materials, equipment, and services is a valuable tool that gives our facility people an edge. With cutting technologies changing the way we work, it is hard to keep abreast of these changes. Through your support, we are exposed to these changes at our ACCFO Conferences. Bringing your knowledge and expertise to our conferences will provide us with the opportunity to meet face-to-face with you and your colleagues, and see demonstrations of new equipment, products and services.

Thank you for all you do!



### 2016 ACCFO Fall Conference

The 2016 ACCFO Fall Conference will be held at Crowne Plaza Resort on September 14, 15, & 16, 2016 in Asheville, NC. We will have the conference materials ready late May or first week of June. We will email the members materials out at the same time we email the vendors materials. We hope that you will plan ahead and have this event in your next fiscal year budget. We would like to encourage all 58 community colleges to participate in this conference. This is also a great opportunity to bring some of your supervisors or lead technicians so they can interface with others just like them. Putting a name and face together goes a long way in creating a good working relationship. It is many months before the conference, however it will be here before you know it. If you have never attended before and you would like some type of guidance on how you can participate, we would like to discuss this with you. Please contact an Executive Committee Member or Phil Harrison.





## ACCFO DISTRICT II MEETING

The ACCFO District II Meeting was hosted by Wake Technical Community College on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at their Northern Wake Campus located off Louisburg Road in Raleigh, NC. The meeting was held in one of their two Energy Plant Buildings so we could see how the plant was designed for future growth. The Northern Wake Campus is located on a 127-acre site with the distinction of being the first college or university campus in the U.S. where all buildings are LEED certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) by the U.S. Green Building Council.

We would like to say “Thank You” to the entire staff at Wake Technical Community College for being such a gracious host for the ACCFO District II Meeting. All the presentations were very informative and covered information that we all could consider doing at our individual colleges. The breakfast and lunch was worth the trip in itself. Robert Benton and Jim Opdenbrouw received retirement plaques from the ACCFO President, Bo Hightower. Jim was kind enough to take a day off from his retirement to give the group a tour of the campus which he was responsible for the building. He was able to share their process as they made modifications to new buildings during the design stages. The meeting and tour was a great opportunity to meet some of the employees at Wake Technical Community College and see the great ideas they have implemented. It was worth the time and effort to attend.



**Robert Benton -27 years**

**Jim Opdenbrouw - 12 years**

## **Outstanding ACCFO College**

The community college movement expanded into Robeson County with the establishment of an extension unit of a nearby technical institute in 1965. The unit was established at the Barker Ten-Mile Elementary School seven miles north of Lumberton. Twenty full-time curriculum students enrolled the first year.

When the College became independent of Fayetteville Technical Institute three years later, it was named Robeson Technical Institute, and a local Board of Trustees comprised of eight members was appointed. Two more name changes have taken place since that time to its present name of Robeson Community College. However, the College remains committed to serving all sectors of the county with vocational, technical, college transfer, and continuing education programs.

Three building phases beginning in 1972 and finishing in 1988 made the RCC Campus a 188,662 square-foot facility, which now houses over \$2 million in equipment and 21 curriculum programs, along with a variety of continuing education programs. In the summer of 1995, the construction of the Emergency Services Training Center began. This center is located southeast of Lumberton Highway 72 at the Carolina Power and Light Weatherspoon Power Plant. Dedication for the facility was held on April 13, 1997. It supports the disciplines of law enforcement, rescue, and firefighting. It is a state-of-the-art facility which allows the College to expand its training opportunities and provide the highest level of quality in each of the courses taught in these occupations.

Robeson Community College's 30th year was a monumental one. During 1995-96, the College celebrated its Diamond Anniversary and the many partnerships throughout the county and state which have contributed to its success. The College Transfer program replaced the General Education program in curriculum in 1997, opening up many more educational opportunities for RCC students who choose to further their education through one of the state's universities.

In 2004, the College completed its Continuing Education facility at COMtech. This 18,000 square foot facility houses various continuing education programs including Adult High School, Adult Basic Education, Compensatory Education, occupational extension, and business and industry training courses.

In 2005, renovations were completed to Building 9 on the College's main campus. State-of-the-art labs were completed to support the College's Electrical/Electronics Program as well as upgrades to various parts of the building. A new bookstore was completed and is located in the renovated facility.

In the spring of 2006, a new state-of-the-art Health Science Building was completed. This 39,013 square foot facility houses the College's Allied Health programs and medical programs operated through the College's Continuing Education division. With the addition of this facility, this brings the College's total facility square footage at its main campus to 227,665.

Commitment of RCC to its students and the citizenry of Robeson County was seen with the excellent reports of various auditing agencies in the state. There are currently 189 carefully selected full-time RCC employees who now serve RCC, which represents a figure of almost 30 times as many as when the College first opened its doors in 1965 with six full-time employees. Another 292 part-time personnel teach and provide services to the student body on an annual basis.

Information provided from Roberson Community College website.

