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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.

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ACCFO Conference

2019 ACCFO Fall Conference

October 16, 17, 18, 2019

Courtyard Carolina Beach
Oceanfront by Marriott

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The 2019 ACCFO Fall Conference was enjoyable and beneficial to all members in attendance. We had 117 ACCFO members representing 43 colleges participating in this yearly event and 46 vendors in attendance with 88 representatives present. The Vendor Committee implemented a new game this year in order to stimulate interaction between the vendors and conference attendees, and it was well-received.

There were a variety of professional development sessions which provided members with information about facility issues that will assist them in their daily duties. It provided an opportunity for the members to discuss situations with their counterparts at other community colleges. Everyone thought it was a worthwhile event, yet most felt like that we need to strive to have greater participation from all the community colleges. If you were unable to attend this conference, can you suggest what ACCFO can do to get you involved? We all have different restraints and we would like to know how we can provide assistance and guidance. The ACCFO Conference is an opportunity for all members to come together and share experiences as facility operators. Please contact anyone in ACCFO about getting your community college involved. If you don't know who to contact, you can always contact Phil Harrison at Phil.Harrison@cpcc.edu.

Thank you for your involvement in ACCFO and please make plans to join us on October 7, 8, and 9, 2020 at the Asheville Crown Plaza Resort.

Provided by David Valder, Central Piedmont Community College

ACCFO President - Danny Carpenter, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all ACCFO members who attended 2019 ACCFO Conference at Courtyard Marriott Carolina Beach Oceanfront on October 16 – 18, 2019. We had a great team that make the conference a great experience for everyone including the ACCFO Vendors. We had 43 different community colleges participating in the conference. There were around 120 ACCFO Members in attendance, which is outstanding participation. I had a chance to talk with many of the new members and catch up with others. We will be working to see if we can get the other 15 community colleges to attend the 2020 ACCFO Conference at Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville in October 7, 8, & 9, 2020. Our ACCFO family makes us the premier facilities organization in North Carolina and a “One of a Kind”. For the members who did attend the conference and our vendors, please take the opportunity to complete the online survey provided. Your feedback helps us deliver the best conference we can to support you and your college.



I would like to hear from you as to how ACCFO can better serve your community college and help you meet your challenges. We would like to see how ACCFO can provide the assistance and resources you need to make your College facilities the best in class, and the first step is always open communications between the members. To provide this resource, we need for you to contact myself or any member of the Executive Committee member which is listed on the front page of this newsletter. Participating in the ACCFO Conference provides you the opportunity to mingle with fellow ACCFO members and place a name with a face. You can always find an ACCFO member by going to the website at www.ncaccfo.org and clicking on Members tab and type in the community college in the search box. If you find any mistakes such as name, title, telephone number or incorrect email address, please click on the Contact Us tab and send us the correct information. If you would like any additional information or a suggestion on how the website might serve all of us better, please contact us.

If you have any recommendations or comments for ways we can improve the organization, the conference, or the district meetings, please speak up! Take it personally - ACCFO is for *your* benefit, and the only way we know if we are meeting your needs and expectations are through your communications.

I wish each of you a great holiday season and look forward to our District Meetings next Spring.

You can always reach me at Danny.carpenter@rccc.edu or call me at 704.216.7134.



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We are beginning to work on the agenda for the 2020 ACCFO Fall Conference. If you have a topic, a certain type of training, type of report, or if you simply wish to provide a presentation, please contact one of us. The 2020 ACCFO Fall Conference to be held at Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, NC on October 7-9. We hope to provide exceptional training so you can maintain your facilities to the highest standards possible. Thank you for your suggestions and involvement in ACCFO.

2019 ACCFO Conference













ACCFO New Member

- ❖ David Richardson has been hired as Facilities Operations Manager at Randolph Community College. Please take a few minutes to either email David at dlrichardson486@randolph.edu or call him at 336.633.4485 and welcome David to our ACCFO Family.
- ❖ Jim Atkinson has been hired as Construction Project Manager at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. Please take a few minutes to either email Jim at jim.atkinson@rccc.edu or call him at 704.216.3861 and welcome Jim to our ACCFO Family.
- ❖ Jim Hanson has been hired as Facilities/Automotive Maintenance Supervisor at Wayne Community College. Please take a few minutes to either email Jim at jdhanson@waynecc.edu or call him at 919.739.7048 and welcome Jim to our ACCFO Family.

ACCFO Members Changing Careers

Clarence Tate at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College has decided to make a career change. We wish Clarence much success and we appreciate his service to ACCFO and to ABTech. Good Luck!

ACCFO Members Retirement

William “Bubba” Truett



WADESBORO – Mr. William Mitchell “Bubba” Truett, Jr., 64, died Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Grand Strand Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, SC. Bubba was at the beach with friends shagging at SOS.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Dr. Harry Workman officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park with military honors.

The family will greet friends from 5:00pm until 7:00pm Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the funeral home and other times at the home.

Bubba was born November 18, 1954 in Columbia, SC, a son of the late William Mitchell Truett and the late Daisy Elizabeth Brown Truett. He was a graduate of Richmond Senior High School and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. During his time in the military, much of his time was spent around the world working in intelligence. While the end of the Vietnam War had come during his tour of duty, he was stationed off shore in support and intelligence during that time.

He was retired from South Piedmont Community College as Associate Vice-President of Facilities with 29 years of service and received an Honorary Associate of Arts Degree from South Piedmont.

Among Bubba’s favorite past-times were kayaking, shagging with friends from Lake Tiller Shag Club of which he had served as President and spending time with his son, hunting, fishing and simply being outdoors.

Surviving are his children, Mitch Truett and wife, Kristin of Wadesboro and Michelle Truett and fiancé, Paul Pratt of Morven; his grandchildren, Katelyn Ann Pratt and Henley Truett, who he considered to be life’s greatest blessings; he was also eagerly awaiting the birth of another granddaughter, Madilyn in December; his very special friend and dance partner of 8 years, Ross Huntley of Wadesboro and her children, who loved Bubba like a father, Rachael Strickland and husband, Matt of Durham and Thomas Huntley of Wadesboro.

New Community College Presidents

Source: North Carolina Community College System Office

RALEIGH, N.C. - The State Board of Community Colleges approved the appointments of three college presidents on Friday, August 16, 2019.

❖ Lew Hunnicutt was named the president of Nash Community College in Rocky Mount, succeeding Bill Carver, who will retire in October. Hunnicutt is assistant provost and campus director for the University of Georgia - Griffin Campus and previously held administrative positions at three higher education institutions in Louisiana and Texas. He holds a doctorate in animal science from the University of Wyoming. Hunnicutt will begin the job on Nov. 1.



❖ The board gave final approval to the appointment of Anthony Clarke as the next president of Guilford Technical Community College. Clarke is currently the president of Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, a position he has held since 2014, and previously served as vice president and chief academic officer at Richmond Community College in Hamlet. Clarke has a doctorate in organizational behavior from Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, Ohio. He will begin the position at Guilford Technical Community College by November 1, 2019.



❖ Also on Friday, the board approved the selection of Audre Levy as the interim president at Roanoke-Chowan Community College in Ahoskie. Levy has been in positions of leadership at community colleges in California, Texas and Florida. She recently retired after serving more than six years as president of Lone Star College-CyFair in Cypress, Texas. She earned a doctorate in institutional management at Pepperdine University. Her appointment at Roanoke-Chowan begins immediately.

WILMINGTON, N.C. - The State Board of Community Colleges approved the appointments of two college presidents on Friday, September 20, 2019.



❖ Jack Bagwell, the vice president for academic affairs at Piedmont Technical College in South Carolina since 2014, has 28 years of experience as a community college educator in the South Carolina system. He holds two degrees from Winthrop University and a doctorate from the University of Nebraska. He will begin the role at The College of The Albemarle (COA) the week of Dec. 2, 2019.



❖ Shelley White has served as vice president of economic and workforce development and continuing education at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College for five years. She has been with A-B Tech for 18 years, and is a longtime resident of Haywood County. White is a graduate of Isothermal Community College and received a doctorate in education from Western Carolina University. She will start the position at Haywood Community College on Jan. 1, 2020.



ACCFO wishes to thank all of our partners at the 2019 ACCFO Conference at Carolina Beach for their outstanding support. They helped make this a great experience for all ACCFO members in attendance, providing them facility materials, product advice, facility guidance, equipment suggestions, recommendations concerning new technologies and software, facility design, housekeeping procedures, and such much more. We had 46 partners in attendance, some of them were new partners with new ideas. They were involved throughout the entire conference, they provided door prizes, attended the dinner and breakfast, played our ACCFO Scratch Off Games, and very engaged with our members during the interfacing times.



