

Presidents Report

A group of us went to the Midwest Regional Leadership Conference in the Chicago area. The meetings were productive and informative. The main discussions revolved around the struggles of some to the states. KCA is very healthy and a leader for many other states. As we continue to fulfill our Strategic initiatives we need to push our organization to always be aware of the internal and external environments, which will guide us in providing for the needs of our KCA stakeholders.

As an update we are in the process of arranging for a podcast of our two keynote speakers at the KCA conference. As you recall this venture will help us meet some of the programming needs of our membership. This venture also was one of the possibilities connected with our strategic initiatives for this year. Thanks to Christine Perez(KCCA President) and Carol Dellinger(Conference Local Arrangement chair and Media Chair) for their help with the podcast venture. To meet another initiative we have set aside time for this board and the next years board to meet at the KCA conference as a transition meeting. Another initiative that is in the works is Rosanne Haberman working as a mentor with our graduate student representative, William Skaggs III. She will be working with William to help him with organizing his efforts to organize the involvement of other graduate students. Also, Fred Bradley is working with his contacts with the graduate programs across the state to encourage them to get involved, which will help William in his initiatives to get more graduate student engaged with KCA. Thank you, Rosanne and Fred. Furthermore, I want to thank Nadine and Carol and the program committee for their hard work with the conference.