

ANNUAL AKCCOP CONFERENCE

Members of the Association of Kansas Community College Occupational Professionals look forward each year to the annual conference. The conference is held on the campus of one of the community colleges in Kansas, giving members a chance to see the facilities, operations, and atmosphere under which fellow members work. Invitations to host the annual conference are issued one or two years in advance, giving plenty of time for planning, preparation, and fundraising. The conference registration fee paid by each member, also goes to the host location to help offset expenses. Continuing education units (CEUs) are given in the form of a certificate to those who attend the conference sessions, based on one CEU per ten contact hours of training provided as determined by the executive board. Conference sessions cover a wide variety of topics, such as:

- Human relations
- Self awareness/improvement
- Personal relations
- Stress management
- Job skill improvement
- Health care
- Motivation
- Self defense
- Time management
- Teamwork
- Diversity
- Conflict management
- Technology updates
- Coping with change

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ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OCCUPATIONAL PROFESSIONALS (AKCCOP)

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the standards of the office professionals within the community colleges of Kansas, and to provide a finer understanding of the relationship between our colleges and communities, so that we may better serve our institution.

<http://www.akccop.org>

WHAT IS AKCCOP?

AKCCOP is the Association of Kansas Community College Occupational Professionals, a group of hard working people from campuses across the state. The association includes members from two-year colleges in Kansas, and it can trace its history back two decades. It's not a union or a trade organization. It's a group of people who provide the quality and enjoyment of work for all who are involved.

Secretaries of the junior colleges of Kansas met for the first time in 1968 in Great Bend. The result was the formation, in 1969, of the Kansas Community College Education Secretaries Association.

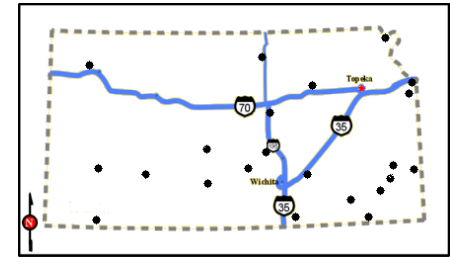
By April of 1970, the group had written a constitution and bylaws, which were distributed and gained approval. A year of growth followed that paralleled the development of community colleges throughout the state. As the association expanded it began to draw involvement from people handling varied office positions. At the 1981 meeting, members voted to adopt the name Association of Kansas Community College Office Personnel to better reflect the range of fields represented in AKCCOP. The bylaws have been updated and revised in order to adapt to continued development and copies are available on the AKCCOP website. In 1982, AKCCOP adopted a new logo composed of three overlapping shafts of Kansas wheat set in a cameo representing the concept of administration, faculty

and staff working together in a common effort to enhance education. The logo wasn't the only improvement of the 80's. During 1982 the association also began to publish the "Kansas Kollator," a newsletter that helps members keep up on professional advancement and accomplishments, growth and changes at campuses across Kansas, and activities each individual chapter is involved in. In March of 1984 AKCCOP also established a series of mini-grants—scholarships available for active, dues-paying members interested in advancing their education.

In April of 1991, the name of the organization was changed to Association of Kansas Community College Office Professionals. In 2012 at the annual business meeting a motion was made and carried to change the O in AKCCOP from Office to Occupational. This decision was made due to job changes and titles over the years to reflect that all support staff within the College Community can be members of AKCCOP. Today the AKCCOP continues its traditions of growth and service—traditions that can involve you. Over the years, an official AKCCOP website has been created, as well as a Facebook page.



PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY COLLEGES



Allen Community College

Barton Community College

Butler Community College

Cloud County Community College

Coffeyville Community College

Colby Community College

Cowley College

Dodge City Community College

Fort Scott Community College

Garden City Community College

Highland Community College

Hutchinson Community College

Independence Community College

Johnson County Community College

Kansas City KS Community College

Labette Community College

Manhattan Area Technical School

Neosho County Community College

Pratt Community College

Seward County Community College

(Area Technical Schools are welcome)