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*Jefferson City, Mo. – November 12, 2013.* Karen Fink, Agriculture Division Administrative Assistant at Crowder College, was elected to the Missouri Community College Association Board of Directors at the MCCA annual convention in St. Louis, Oct. 30 – Nov. 1. Originally elected to the board as a Classified Staff Department representative in 2011, her term as board chair will run through 2015.

Karen started as a part-time switchboard operator for Crowder College in 2001, finishing an associate of arts degree and becoming a full-time Admissions Office employee in 2007. She then moved to Crowder's Agriculture Division, where she helps faculty and students and oversees the operations of the Roughrider Arena. An active MCCA member from the start, Karen always encouraged co-workers to get involved at the college and state level, and provided invaluable volunteer assistance at Annual Conventions. "I am looking forward to an exciting year with MCCA as we celebrate 50 years as an association," she said.

MCCA's Board of Directors supports association members' professional development, provides members with opportunities for networking, and advocates on behalf of community colleges. The Board is elected by the Association's general membership and includes representatives of each MCCA department: Administrative/Professional, Classified Staff, Faculty, Trustee, and Retired.

MCCA Executive Director Zora Mulligan welcomed all new and returning Board of Director members and is looking forward to a productive agenda for 2014.



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