Hello Everyone! Fall is just around the corner, as is our 64th Annual AAACE Conference! Margaret Eggleston, our president-elect and conference chair, has provided a tremendously informative report on what she and her “village” (i.e., conference planning team) have been working on for this year’s event in Oklahoma City. When you register for the conference, please also consider our other dynamic and focused professional development opportunities, the International Pre-Conference from the Commission on International Adult Education (CIAE) and the Co-Conference of the Commission of Professors of Adult Education (CPAE). There is even another exciting opportunity for learning this year, the 34th Annual Research-to-Practice Conference. This pre-conference, organized and hosted by the University of Central Oklahoma, will be held November 15-17th. More information can be found at http://researchtopracticeconference.com/.

In addition to all of these options, we are also very pleased to be hosting the 20th International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame Induction at the conference. You can read about the special dinner, induction ceremony and reception on our home page, http://www.aaace.org, and learn about the Hall of Fame itself, housed at nearby University of Oklahoma at http://www.halloffame.outreach.ou.edu/index.html. All AAACE attendees are invited to attend the Induction Ceremony and Reception on Wednesday evening, and if you wish to register for the Special Event dinner, you may do so on the AAACE conference registration form, or email president@aaace.org for assistance.
As we prepare for these gatherings with our friends and colleagues, we recognize the opportunity to once again reflect on our past and look forward to our future. In honoring our past, we would like to sincerely thank our long-term association manager, Cle Anderson, for her years of service to AAACE. AAACE is where it is today due in large part to Cle’s personal and professional dedication, and we recognize the strong foundation she helped build for our organization. In looking to the future, we are excited to announce that Nardone Consulting Group (NCG) is our new association management company, and that Sarah Berke, Certified Association Executive (CAE), will be our new Managing Director. NCG and Sarah were selected by the AAACE Transition Team and approved by the AAACE Board of Directors in July, after an almost seven-month long search process. Sarah has been with NCG since 2009, and has become known for her strategic thinking abilities while also balancing management of operational details. Please read Sarah’s article below to learn about her and the other talented staff she brings to our association. We look forward to working with Sarah and her team to build on AAACE’s strong history and create an even stronger future in service of our membership and the field of adult and continuing education.

Finally, we are looking for individuals interested in helping to create that future by becoming part of our association leadership. We encourage you to vote in the 2015 AAACE elections and information on how to do so is provided below. We also encourage you to attend AAACE leadership overview sessions held at the conference, or just email any Board member to let us know of your interest. You can find our contact information on the AAACE website under About Us.

Thank you to everyone for your continuing commitment to our field and to adult learners everywhere. We look forward to providing you with the professional support you deserve and to seeing you at our conference in Oklahoma City!

Introducing AAACE’s New Association Management Team
Sarah Berke, CAE, AAACE Managing Directory

Dear AAACE Members,

It is with great pleasure that I write to introduce myself and my exceptional team, some of whom you may have already had the pleasure of interacting with. We are thrilled and honored to have been selected as your management firm, and look forward to building mutual trust and respect, and finding enjoyment in collaboration.

I will be serving as your Managing Director, working directly with the Board to further our strategic and operational goals, as well as working closely with the AAACE team - both staff and volunteers - to ensure smooth execution of operations. On a personal note, I feel passionately about the AAACE mission and vision, and feel so satisfied that I am able to work to advance them with you. My bio and headshot can be found here. I can be contacted at sarah@aaace.org.

Jessica Atkinson will be AAACE’s Community Engagement Coordinator, serving as the front-line to the membership, executing our marketing and communications plans, acting as our webmaster, cultivating social media, managing conference registration, and supporting the work of the Commissions and SIGs. A link to Jessica’s bio and headshot can be found here. Jessica can be contacted at jessica@aaace.org.

Ellen Shea, CMP, will be AAACE’s Conference Manager, coordinating the efforts of volunteers and staff, and executing all conference logistic tasks. A link to Ellen’s bio and headshot can be found here. Ellen can be contacted at ellen@aaace.org.

Karen Lowe, CPA, will be AAACE’s Accountant, fulfilling all our accounting needs. A link to Karen’s bio and headshot can be found here. Karen can be contacted at accounting@aaace.org.

You’ll be hearing a lot from us in the future, and we would love to hear from you. Your thoughts, ideas, or a simple “hello” are always welcome and appreciated.

We look forward to integrating into AAACE’s organization and culture, becoming AAACE staff. We’re proud to be part of the AAACE community.

Warmly,
Sarah

Vote in the AAACE Elections

Elections for the AAACE Board of Directors are currently open. We have one open position on this year’s ballot, president-elect. Steve Frye, who currently serves as Director of the Commission of Affiliated Organizations (CAO), is running for president-elect. Read Steve’s biography and vision statement on the AAACE Elections website.

To learn more about Steve, and to vote, log in as a member. Then choose the 2015 Election Ballot. Voting will be open through September, and will close on October 1.
2015 Annual Conference Update
Margaret Eggleston, 2015 Conference Chair and AAACE President-elect

This article provides several reminders and exciting updates for our AAACE 64th Annual Conference, November 17-20, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

First and foremost, when this issue of the AAACE newsletter hits your inbox, there will be approximately one week left for Early Bird conference registration, which ends on September 14th. Check out the registration section on the AAACE 2015 Conference webpage to see just how much you can save by registering early.

Next, a reminder to reserve your overnight accommodations at our host hotel, the Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel and Spa. AAACE has secured a special rate for non-government and government conference attendees. Be sure to mention you are attending the conference, in order to receive the special rate. Rooms fill up fast, so you will want to book yours ASAP!

This is a great time to mention our four illustrious keynote speakers: Drs. Michael Fire, Steve Gillon, Alan Knox, and Katarina Popović. We are excited to have these dynamic and distinguished speakers at our conference this year. Visit the conference website to see their bios and photos. Each has agreed to provide us with their presentation for uploading to the website post-conference.

Surely you want to know more about featured sessions we have scheduled this year! Within the next few weeks, you will find descriptions on the conference website for sessions sponsored by the:

- Commission for Distance Learning and Technology (CDLT)
- Cooperative Extension SIG
- Military Education SIG
- Sustainability SIG
- Undergraduate Adult Learner SIG

New this year, is a collaborative Featured Session, which includes the Commission for Community, Minority, and Non-Formal Education (CCMNFE), and the Popular Education; Minority and Human Rights; Sustainability; and the Undergraduate Adult Learner SIGs, among others.

As a teaser, you can expect the featured sessions to include a variety of interesting panelists, and workshop-style activities!

As you know, a key part of our AAACE conference consists of concurrent sessions, roundtables, and poster presentations. It will be exciting to see and hear about how presenters linked to our conference theme: Evolutions and Revolutions in Adult Learning! The list of sessions and presentations, including dates, times, and presenters, will be posted to our conference website by mid-September. In addition to presenting at the conference, we encourage submission of your slides and handouts for uploading to the AAACE conference website. Acceptable formats include Word, Excel, PDF, and PowerPoint (maximum size for any submission is 25MB). Contact conference@aaace.org for additional information or to submit slides and handouts. Submissions will be accepted for upload from now through November 6th.

Are you familiar with Guidebook, our conference app? If not, there will be lots of
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Nancy Fire, Director, Commission for Community, Minority and Non-Formal Education

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As part of this process, the Religious Education SIG will be hosting two general Business Meetings at the AAACE Conference in November in Oklahoma City. These sessions will be on Wednesday and on Thursday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. You are also invited to the concurrent session “The AAACE Religious Education SIG: Beginning a New Dialogue” on Thursday morning. Please take time to stop by and let the co-chairs know how the Religious Education SIG would be of benefit to your work as an adult educator. If you’d like more information prior to the conference, please feel free to contact either co-chair.

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**AAACE Journals**

**Adult Education Quarterly (AEQ)**
AEQ’s inaugural podcast is now online! The journal’s social media coordinator, Dr. Geleana Drew Alston, interviewed Dr. Susan Yelich Biniecki about adult learning and world affairs programs. You can listen to the podcast for free here: [http://sageeducation.sage-publications.libsynpro.com/webpage/category/AEQ](http://sageeducation.sage-publications.libsynpro.com/webpage/category/AEQ)

AEQ’s latest virtual special issue focuses on adult education and feminism. It groups together ten articles, published from 1992 to 2015, that demonstrate the breadth and depth of feminist perspectives in the realm of adult learning. You can read the issue here: [http://aeq.sagepub.com/site/misc/Virtual%20Issues/FemPersp.xhtml](http://aeq.sagepub.com/site/misc/Virtual%20Issues/FemPersp.xhtml)

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