

# AAACE Newsletter

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## Notes from the President

### Jean Fleming, AAACE President

Happy Spring Everyone! It's been a long winter for many of us and I'm sure we're all looking forward to the days of sunshine and new growth that lie ahead. The AAACE Board has been busy and we have much to report. First, Cle Anderson, our long-time Association Manager, will be leaving us later this year. We've written more about Cle and what she means to the association below. This means, of course, that AAACE needs to undergo a transition, a process that is being led by a team of current and past board members: Steve Schmidt (Past President), Christy Rhodes and Jonathan Taylor (Directors-At-Large), Steve McCaskey (Director, Commission on Program Management), Michelle Glowicki-Dudka (past Director-At-Large), and me, Jean Fleming (President). Margaret Eggleston (President-elect) is also serving in an advisory capacity while she focuses most of her energy on this year's conference. As indicated in the letter we sent out to our membership in February, we would like to receive input from our members concerning the future of AAACE. We developed a brief survey on SurveyMonkey which was sent out in March and we are carefully reviewing your choices and comments. We look forward to learning from the diverse perspectives our membership has to offer.



**Jean Fleming**  
*2015 AAACE President*

We are also involved in the daily business of association work. We are exploring collaborative partnerships with several associations, attending their conferences and establishing relationships upon which we can build for the future. We have attended, or will attend, conferences with AHEA (Association for Higher Adult Education), ANTSHE (Association for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education), COABE (Commission on Adult Basic Education), and ICAE (International Council for Adult Education). We also hope to connect with EUCEN (European University Continuing Education Network) and other associations throughout the year. Please be sure to read the interviews below about ICAE and the IX World Assembly being held in Montreal in June.

Additionally, our website is being updated to include a Resource Page being developed by Jonathan Taylor (Director-at-Large) and we will continue to review how we can make our website more valuable for the association. We've also provided "A Brief Overview and History of AAACE," available on the website under About Us>Who We Are. Further, our membership outreach efforts are well underway with a new blog initiative under the leadership of Christy Rhodes (Director-at-Large), we are finalizing details for our 2017 conference (stay tuned!), our official organizational documents are being updated, we've begun our webinar initiative with training for SIG chairs and Commission directors, and of course our 2015 conference planning is in full swing with Margaret Eggleston (President-elect) guiding us into Oklahoma City this fall. Our SIGs and Commissions are about to begin reviewing proposals for the conference and we hope many of you have chosen to share your expertise in a concurrent session, roundtable, or poster session with colleagues at the conference. There's more conference information below!

Finally, we frequently talk about leadership succession in AAACE, and we have made solid progress in the past few years to provide opportunities for those of you who are interested in lending your abilities and talents to help lead AAACE. Please let us know of your interest at any time, by writing me at [president@aaace.org](mailto:president@aaace.org), or by contacting your SIG Chair or Commission Director, all of whom are listed on our website. Coming to and helping plan the conference are two of the best ways of becoming more involved, but we have tasks throughout the year for which we would welcome your support. As always, thank you for choosing AAACE as your "professional home." We look forward to hearing from you at any time and to seeing you in Oklahoma this fall!

## IX ICAE World Assembly: An Interview with Ronald Cameron

### Jean Fleming, AAACE President

The following interview was conducted on email between Ronald Cameron, ICAE, and Jean Fleming, AAACE. All AAACE members are encouraged to attend the World Assembly June 11-14 in Montreal Canada. To register, click [here](#).

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**AAACE:** As the local organizer for the IX World Assembly of ICAE (International Council for Adult Education), could you please describe the importance of this gathering? How can AAACE members and others register, present, and become involved in the Assembly? What kind of proposals may be submitted, on what topics should they focus, and what are the key deadlines for submission?

**RC:** The International Council for Adult Education World Assembly is the main civil society event that brings together youth and adult educators along with learners from around the world every four years. It is a celebration of the importance of adult education for the construction of just and equitable societies. We are expecting to welcome 500 participants involved in networks supporting Adult Education, 40 % coming from regions outside North America.



*Main objective and themes of the World Assembly (WA)*

The objective of the ICAE WA is to provide a collective space to strongly affirm the right to education and lifelong learning for all and its key role in enabling citizens to build more democratic, inclusive, just and environmentally sustainable world. It is also to review priorities and develop strategies for action.

In relation with the global discussion about the Sustainable Development Goal at United Nations (UN) versus the challenges of the Social Movement in each country, ICAE has defined five principal themes for the conference:

- Right to education and lifelong learning for all, beyond 2015
- Capacity building for advocacy
- Role of adult learning and education for sustainable development
- Adult learning and education, power relations and community engagement
- Quality inclusive education for all

Those five themes are strategic in the context of the actual UN Post-2015 Agenda debate on adult education. Over all, UNESCO has proposed an overarching goal for education, i.e. to "Ensure equitable and inclusive quality education and lifelong learning for all by 2030." But, even though it is understood that adult education is implied in this global goal, too often it is marginalised and left aside. Therefore, the themes of the World Assembly become a way to promote the inclusion of adult education among the priorities of the UN Post-2015 Agenda in education. This is one of the challenges of the World Assembly.

*Papers, content and workshops*

Coming to Montreal is not the only way to participate in the WA, although we welcome as many Americans who want to come. AAACE members are able to become involved with the WA in at least two ways: Upload content on the WA website, and/or submit a proposal for a workshop.

Content that could be uploaded includes reports of local activity or experiences, but could also be an academic paper, video, slide show, or photos. We manage the website as a virtual forum we call "Voices in Dialogue," meaning we hope for a virtual exchange of ideas on the five themes.

Also, until May 15th, an individual or an organisation could submit a workshop to further the discussion on the five themes during the WA. It will be possible for academics to present their papers, even if it is not an Academic Assembly. Depending on the demand, different workshop proposals may be merged after May 15th according to theme, and with the aim of sharing issues and perspectives.

**AAACE:** What are your thoughts about how Canadian and U. S. networks and groups can pull together to afford the North American Region a strong presence at the Assembly? How can we become better united?

**RC:** The decision to have the WA in Montreal is also a decision to have the event in North America. ICÉA (the Institut de Coopération pour l'Éducation des Adultes), the local partner, was founded in 1946, and serves as a hub of networks in lifelong learning. ICÉA has strong roots in the history of promoting the right of education in Quebec. One of the objectives of the IX WA is to gather a maximum of individuals and organisations in North America to be able to develop collaborations between the North American organisations.

Nowadays, the political and economic situation is becoming more difficult for the development of the right to education. The public sector is under pressure and corporations still see continuing education as an expense instead of an investment. North American Civil Society Organisations could share a lot to defend the right of education and lifelong learning.

**AAACE:** Thank you very much Ronald. We will certainly spread the word.

**RC:** To facilitate participation, we can provide individual letters of invitation, in order to provide participants support for funding. Thank you for the invitation at the AAACE annual conference.

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## About the International Council for Adult Education

**André Schläfli, Executive Director of the Swiss Federation for Adult Learning SVEB (national umbrella organisation of adult learning)**  
**Vice-President of ICAE (Delegate for Europe)**

### **Introduction to ICAE**

The International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) was established by J. Roby Kidd in 1973, with headquarters in Toronto, Ontario.

ICAE has been recognised as a global player in the field of Adult Learning and Education in the past decades. It is a key dialogue partner to various inter-governmental organisations, including at the United Nations level, representing the voice of the civil society in negotiations that influence education policies. Through its advocacy campaigns, ICAE has put adult learning high on the agenda in regions throughout the world, with a focus on human rights, social inclusion, active citizenship and personal development.

The network continues to represent specifically the interests of adult learners and adult education associations as an umbrella organisation at the global level. Simultaneously, it is the voice of adult learning providers and beneficiaries, aiming to promote adult learning and education as a necessary component for people to contribute creatively to their communities and live independently in democratic societies. In this sense, ICAE remains a unique, global organisation. Widening the focus to include vocational education and training can strengthen this role. Compared to global networks from other sectors that engage in adult learning, ICAE is, in fact, more complex and heterogeneous. ICAE has a broader variety of members who attempt to define and meet the needs of a diverse and rapidly changing reality. The adult education sector itself is also more heterogeneous and less institutionalised than many other sectors, including sectors within the field of education, but it is also less well-resourced. It has often been depicted by those working within the sector as the Cinderella of the educational world. However, like the character in the fairy tale, the lack of support and attention that the sector has received has encouraged an optimistic resourcefulness amongst its practitioners, which has nurtured a spirit of creativity, innovation and experimentation. ICAE seems to be the outcome of such an attitude.



### **Challenges**

ICAE faces a series of major challenges and issues. As a global organisation, ICAE has many members from the third world who are poor, struggle to survive, and can't lend much support to ICAE. In order to be able to fulfil its tasks, the ICAE network needs first to assure its own budget. Ten years ago, Europe and Canada supported ICAE. Now, support for ICAE comes exclusively from European State Agencies.

As an NGO (non-governmental organisation) in Adult Learning, ICAE lobbies for our issues, which are very similar to those of AAACE. Therefore, we need to cooperate with the United UNESCO and potentially the World Bank.

Advocating and influencing policies or governance are challenging tasks. A precondition to successfully influencing policies is that the ICAE network must find a common voice among regions - North, South, East, West – regarding cultural backgrounds, socio-economic factors, religions, diversity and other characteristics. The World General Assembly in June in Montreal, which we attend with high expectations, will be an opportunity to discuss the different issues between us.

To speak up and influence papers such as the Millenium Conference paper, "Education for All," which will be discussed in May in Seoul, is quite a challenging mission. ICAE will attend the NGO Preconference in Seoul and try to advocate and influence the official Conference.

### **Efforts and strategies to meet the challenges: Partners**

ICAE seeks to co-operate with all its member organisations. As a network in motion, ICAE is constantly rebuilding in response to changes in the national, regional and global contexts where it intervenes. ICAE also faces the challenge of having to integrate different and diverse realities, with sometimes contradictory policies. Fortunately, the possible re-focusing of ICAE to tackle these challenges does not need to be done in a vacuum. There is an abundant legacy of research, recommendations, thinking, guidance and good examples of practice from its 40 years of activity that can contribute to ensuring that this re-focusing is done efficiently and effectively.

### **For additional information on ICAE:**

<http://www.icae2.org/index.php/en/>

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## **Call for Nominations: Elections and Awards**

**Steven Schmidt, AAACE Past-President**

### **Call for Nominations for AAACE Board of Directors**

The Nominations and Elections Committee of the American Association for Adult & Continuing Education (AAACE) is requesting nominations for the election of one member of the Board of Directors: AAACE President elect. Board members have the opportunity to shape the future of AAACE. This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in our association. Please consider nominating yourself or encouraging a colleague to run for this

position. The deadline for all nominations is June 1, 2015. Questions and nominations should be directed to Steve Schmidt at [schmidtst@ecu.edu](mailto:schmidtst@ecu.edu).

All required application support materials from nominees are due by June 30, 2015.

[Click here](#) for descriptions and qualifications for Board of Director nominations.

#### **Call for Nominations - AAACE Annual Awards**

At the Annual Conference, AAACE presents five awards to honor exemplary contributions to adult and continuing education. These awards recognize individual and team efforts for leadership, service, knowledge, learners, and practice in the field. AAACE recognizes award recipients during its Annual Conferences, on its website and in press releases sent to recipients' institutions and/or selected news organizations.

The awards are the Cyril O. Houle Award for Outstanding Literature in Adult Education, the Imogene Okes Award for Outstanding Research in Adult Education, the Malcolm Knowles Award for Outstanding Adult Education Program of the Year, the Outstanding Service Medallion recognizing individuals who have an exceptional record of service to the profession at the state, national or international level, and the President's Award for Exceptional and Innovative Leadership in Adult and Continuing Education. These awards recognize individual and team efforts for leadership, service, knowledge, learners, and practice in the field.

Visit AAACE's website for more information about [awards](#) and the awards [process](#). Read descriptions of each awards to obtain information on, eligibility, criteria and the submission process.

Consider nominating someone you know or perhaps yourself for one of these awards! Send all nominations and required material by June 1, 2015 via email to the Association Manager at the AAACE Office ([office@aaace.org](mailto:office@aaace.org)).

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## **Association Management Transitions**

Since the last edition of our newsletter, some changes have come about with regard to our association management. Cle Anderson, our current association manager, will be leaving her position after the start of the next AAACE fiscal year in July. Cle has been with AAACE for almost 30 years, and her contributions to the organization are immeasurable. While she will be missed in her capacity as association manager, we are working with Cle on a variety of possibilities that will help her remain a valued member of AAACE and connected to the work of our association in the years ahead.

We are also examining a variety of options for association management going forward. A transition team is being developed to assist in guiding this process of management succession. They will be requesting input from a variety of stakeholders, including the AAACE membership, to help determine the role of association management in supporting future directions of AAACE. We will send regular updates as we work through this critical and timely process.

Although engaged in looking at next steps for the association, we are also mindful of the desire to express our gratitude to Cle for all she has done for AAACE. For many of us, Cle is synonymous with AAACE and the association would not be where it is now without her personalized and generous support. We greatly respect her for always wishing only the best for AAACE, for supporting the need for AAACE to move ahead in new ways, and for continuing to work with us in the future.

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## **2015 Annual Conference Update and Call for Proposals**

**Margaret Eggleston, 2015 Conference Chair and AAACE President-elect**

**2015 AAACE Annual Conference, November 17 – 20, 2015, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel and Spa

Commission on International Adult Education Pre-conference: November 15-17

Commission of Professors of Adult Education Co-conference: November 19-20

**The AAACE Call for Proposals is open now through April 27.**

Are you ready for the 64th Annual AAACE Conference in Oklahoma? It's time to start planning, and your first step can be submitting a proposal for a concurrent, roundtable, or poster session. This year's theme Evolutions and Revolutions in Adult Learning! provides an opportunity for reflections on the past, acknowledgement of the present, and promises for the future. We want to hear about the adventures, and diverse practices, by which you help adults acquire the knowledge, skills and values needed to lead productive and satisfying lives. To find out more about the conference, view the webpage at <http://www.aaace.org/2015-conference>. For more information about the Call for Proposals or to submit your proposal, click here: <http://www.aaace.org/2015-conference-call-for-proposals>. To submit a proposal for the International Pre-Conference (November 15-17) visit: <http://www.aaace.org/ciae>.

**Interested in helping plan the conference?** Are you interested in playing a role in the future of AAACE? The best place to start is by volunteering on the conference planning committee. There are still a few remaining



spots, so come lend your voice and expertise to this group of dedicated AAACE members. Contact me at [doctormargaret@gmail.com](mailto:doctormargaret@gmail.com) to get started.

Registration opening soon! Can't wait to see you all in Oklahoma!



Photo courtesy of the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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## News from the Commissions

### Commission for Workforce and Professional Development (CWPD)

Charles (Chuck) Baukal, Director

BI wanted to briefly introduce myself as the new Commission Director for CWPD. I have been a member of AAACE since 2007. I am the Director of the John Zink Institute which provides continuing education courses, mostly for operators and engineers who use a wide range of industrial combustion equipment. I have a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering and recently completed an Ed.D. where the research focused on how to improve instructional design for continuing engineering education courses. I'm following in some very big shoes (figuratively) as I am replacing Margaret Eggleston who has done a fabulous job and is the new president-elect of AAACE. I will try to keep up the momentum that she has already built. Feel free to contact me ([charles.baukal@johnzink.com](mailto:charles.baukal@johnzink.com)) with any suggestions you may have for how we can improve CWPD.

Webinar: Perspectives on MOOCs

A webinar is planned for this summer on MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses). These have gained great attention in the past few years and present significant opportunities for adult learners to enhance their knowledge and skills at little or no cost (if no credits are needed). MOOCs are typically very convenient for learners as short pre-recorded video lectures can be viewed at any time and from any place that has internet access. There has been an explosion in the available course topics, which are often taught by "superstar" instructors from top schools like MIT, Stanford, and Harvard. MOOCs make professional development easier than ever. Several top speakers are planned for this webinar. More details will be provided as they become available. Please feel free to contact Chuck Baukal ([charles.baukal@johnzink.com](mailto:charles.baukal@johnzink.com)) to share your interests and experiences with MOOCs.

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## AAACE Journals

Did you know AAACE publishes three academic journals, in conjunction with SAGE Publishing?

### Adult Education Quarterly (AEQ)

As policymakers continue to support lifelong learning to counteract rising unemployment, questions concerning who participates in (non)formal forms of adult education, and why, still need to be answered. Heidi Knipprath and Kathleen De Rick, in their new article in Adult Education Quarterly attempt to elucidate the muddy relationship between social networks, individual skills and knowledge, and engagement in lifelong learning. You may have access to this article through your AAACE membership, and you can read their abstract by clicking on the here: <http://aeq.sagepub.com/content/65/1/50.abstract>

Additionally, please connect with AEQ to stay updated about the journal. For more information, contact our Social Media Coordinator, Geleana Drew Alston at [gadalston@ncat.edu](mailto:gadalston@ncat.edu).

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### Journal of Transformative Education (JTED)

JTED is currently looking for journal reviewers. The link to the call is here: [http://jtd.sagepub.com/site/misc/JTED\\_CFR\\_Nov2014.pdf](http://jtd.sagepub.com/site/misc/JTED_CFR_Nov2014.pdf)

#### **Adult Learning (AL)**

AL is currently working on their first virtual special issue focused on adult basic education. Stay tuned for more information or visit the journal website at <http://alx.sagepub.com>

#### **Connect with AAACE Publications at AERA**

JTED and AEQ will both have spots at the AERA Journal Talks. This is an opportunity for scholars to meet the editors. AEQ's time is Saturday, April 18, 10:35am to 12:05pm, Hyatt, East Tower – Purple Level, Riverside East. JTED's time is Friday, April 17, 12:25 to 1:55pm, Hyatt, East Tower - Purple Level, Riverside East.

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## **News Briefs**

### **"AAACEd It!" Selected as the Name for the New AAACE Webinar Initiative**

AnnMarie Marlier, PhD, Dean of Graduate Programs & Faculty Development at Midland University, proposed the winning name: "AAACEd It!." According to AnnMarie, "It works with the organization name and our commitment to excellence through the continuing education of adults." AnnMarie was previously a student member of AAACE, and is renewing as a higher education professional. She will receive both an association mug and one-year individual membership for her efforts.

According to J. Bernard Bradley, subcommittee chair and director of the Commission for Distance Learning and Technology (CDLT), "procedures are now in place for AAACE leaders, including commission directors, special interest group (SIG) chairs, and board officers, to request and sponsor live educational webinars on topics relating to the broad field of adult education." The AAACE board has recently subscribed to the Go-to-Meeting webinar platform, which accommodates both electronic registration and webinar hosting functionalities. Technical assistance is provided to approved webinar sponsors for quality assurance purposes and to ensure consistency across presentations. Select recorded webinars are archived for viewing on demand by members.

The AAACE board, under the leadership of Jean Fleming, president, and Steven Schmidt, past-president, recently formed a subcommittee to create operational procedures and support mechanisms for implementation of an association-wide educational webinar initiative. All current AAACE members were invited to help name this fledgling program. A webinar subcommittee selected the winning name from among nine suggestions based on factors such as: impact as related to the AAACE's mission; creativity; and marketing potential; among other considerations.

Additional information on the new "AAACEd It!" initiative will be posted on the association website over the next few weeks. A recent webinar also informed AAACE leaders of the processes for approval and setup of future presentations. Registration information for webinars will be shared with AAACE members as they are approved. Committee members include: J. Bernard Bradley, subcommittee chair; Fred Prasuhn, technical facilitator; Nancy Fire; and Steve McCaskey.

### **The National Coalition for Literacy Presents a New Webinar Series for Advocates: Using PIAAC Data**

This two-part webinar series, Framing Effective Advocacy Messages: Using PIAAC Data, will strengthen your ability to advocate for adult education using the most recent data on U.S. adults' skills from the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC). Each webinar will combine a focused presentation on the research findings with a segment on effective messaging and a research-to-practice response by a local adult education advocate. Visit the [NCL website](#) for more information and to register.

### **Grantham University's Jeff Cropsey Named President of Council of College and Military Educators**

Cropsey was named president of CCME in Anaheim, Calif. during the academic organization's annual symposium.

ANAHEIM, Calif. — In his State of the Union address this month, President Barack Obama emphasized the importance of higher education and called for American CEOs to hire more veterans. As a leader at Grantham University and now the president of the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME), Jeff Cropsey has been working towards the president's objectives for decades.

Cropsey was named president of CCME in Anaheim, Calif. today during the academic organization's annual symposium. In his new role, he will serve as a national academic spokesperson in this unique position as a leader of this academic organization and vice president for strategic initiatives and external relations at Grantham University, a 100 percent online university with a focus on educational programming for the military.

64 years ago, Grantham University [www.grantham.edu] was founded when World War II veteran Donald Grantham conceived the idea to provide returning servicemen and women a method to better their lives through higher education. That same idea is the cornerstone of CCME's objectives and aligns with the administration's goals of getting returning veterans back to work and promoting higher education.

"It has been an honor to serve on the board of CCME for the past six years, and I'm thrilled to be in the position of president at such a critical time in our history," said Cropsey. "Just as our country closes on its longest war in

our history, we have more veterans returning to civilian life than ever before. Through the work of CCME and others, we can help provide the right education and policies to see that these returning service men and women are receiving high quality, relevant, accessible and affordable education."

CCME's mission is to promote and provide educational programs and services and to facilitate communication between the membership and the Department of Defense, the military and veterans' educational needs. With Cropsey at the helm, this is the first time CCME has been led by a school accredited by Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC).

The professional development theme for this year's symposium is "Innovative Pathways to Military Student Success." Cropsey ceremoniously took over the gavel of presidency of the board of directors today during the annual board meeting. The 26-member board consists of academic leaders from higher education as well as military and DoD positions. The 2016 CCME annual symposium scheduled for February in San Antonio, Texas will be the only national conference next year focusing on higher education and the military. The conference will be a convergence of military and higher education proponents and provide a forum for the exchange of information on topical educational issues.

Cropsey has been the vice president for strategic initiatives with Grantham University since his retirement from the Department of Defense (DoD) in 2010. Prior to his retirement, he had been the director of Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) from 2005 to 2010. Cropsey's career spanned more than 40 years of DoD service including positions in the Army, Air Force, Navy and DANTES. He served three years as an officer in the U.S. Army from 1969-72, leaving with the rank of Captain.

In 2007, he was appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Veterans Advisory Committee on Education, providing advice to the Secretary on educational issues. At the Nashville CCME Symposium in 2010, Dr. Cropsey was recognized with the CCME President's Award for his significant contributions to military education. Cropsey has a bachelor's of arts degree in history from Washington and Lee University, a master's degree in counseling from Ball State University, and a doctorate of education from the University of Southern California.

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## In Memoriam

### Dr. Ed Boone

Ed Boone, a former president of AEA and member of the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame, and passed away on February 27, 2015 in Raleigh, NC, after losing his battle with cancer.

Edgar was raised on a dairy farm in Varnado, Louisiana. He proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He received his undergraduate degree from the College of Agriculture at Louisiana State University. His first job out of college was with the Cooperative Extension Service in Louisiana as a 4-H Agent in Tangipahoa Parish. He went on to get his masters and doctor of philosophy from the University of Wisconsin in adult education. There he met the love of his life, Ethel Marie Bower, and was married to her on July 19, 1959. Shortly after graduating, he began working at the University of Arizona with Cooperative Extension Services as Associate Director. He went back to the University of Wisconsin to become a professor in the center for training cooperative extension workers.

Ed and his family came to Raleigh in 1963, where he became the Associate Director in Cooperative Extension Services, and, he also founded and became the head of the Department of Adult and Community College Education at NC State University. He developed and validated a systems-oriented programming process that is being used by adult educators around the world in planning, designing, implementing and evaluating adult education programs. The students often referred to his course as "Booneology."

Those students often went on to be Deans, Presidents and Vice Presidents of community colleges and universities nationwide. He published multiple books and other materials on adult education during his career and received numerous awards including the Order of the Longleaf Pine and the national service Ruby Award connected with the extension service from the US Department of Agriculture.

Upon retirement, he stayed on and established a pilot community college leadership program (ACCLAIM) at NC State University. Post retirement, he continued to work with many students in order to help them complete Doctoral and Masters programs in adult education. In his spare time, Ed loved to garden, travel, read history, and visit the beach. He also was a proud fan of the NC State Wolfpack. He had a strong work ethic and loved his family and students dearly. His students remember him as a professor who went to all lengths to assist them at being successful in their endeavors. Edgar is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ethel B. Boone; sons, John B. Boone and his wife, Sonya, and David W. Boone and his wife, Susan; grandchildren, Matthew D. Boone, Allison E. Boone and Sabrina M. Boone; and his brother, Hayward D. Boone and his wife, Dorothea, sister-in-law Jayne Garber, and by many loving nieces and nephews.

A visitation will take place on Sunday, March 1, 2015 from 6:00-8:00pm at Mitchell Funeral Home, 7209 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh. A funeral service will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 12:00pm at Benson Memorial United Methodist Church, 4706 Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh 27612. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Benson Memorial United Methodist Church Building Fund, or to the College of Education Edgar J. and Ethel B. Boone Adult and Community College Leadership Award

Endowment of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Edgar J. and Ethel B. Boone CES Adult Education Award Endowment at NC State University Foundation; Alumni and Donor Records; Campus Box 7474; Raleigh, NC 27695-7474. Condolences may be made online at <http://www.mitchellatmp.com/>

**Dr. Ellen Mentzer Ironside**

Ellen Mentzer Ironside was a former president of AAACE and passed away on January 30, 2015. To read more about Dr. Ironside, please visit <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newsobserver/obituary.aspx?pid=174115299>