

AAACE Newsletter

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Welcome to the *new AAACE Newsletter*

As I write my first article for the AAACE newsletter, I am aware of a collaborative spirit that is the foundation of AAACE this year. There will be two new pre-conferences for the 2011 AAACE Conference. One will feature the Adult Higher Education Alliance who is partnering with the AAACE conference. The other, The Workplace Learning Pre-Conference: Training for a Green Economy, is sponsored by two new Special Interest Groups (SIGS), Labor/Union Education and Sustainable Environmental Adult Education, together with the Commission for Workforce and Professional Development (CWPD). In other collaborative efforts, Gary Eyre, Director of the Commission for Adult Basic Education and Literacy (CABEL), and Joanne Kantner, AAACE Treasurer, represented AAACE at the congressional hearing for the WIA bill, and the National Partnership Adult Education Meeting in Washington, D.C. organized by Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Vocational and Adult Education. Gary will also represent AAACE at the U.S. Conference of Adult Literacy (USCAL). We are an active member in the Coalition of Lifelong Learning Organizations (COLLO) and the International Council of Adult Education (ICAE). Marcie Boucouvalas represented AAACE at the ICIE conference in Sweden this summer. I will represent AAACE at the COLLO meeting in September and at the annual conference of the Association for Continuing Higher Education (ACHE). AAACE was well represented at the Adult Education Research Conference in Ontario, Canada in June by several Board members and members of the Commission of Professors of Adult Education (CPAE).



Our goal with the newsletter is to communicate the many activities in which our members and the Board are involved. We will also feature areas where we need volunteers. Please send me any ideas you have for the newsletter or any other AAACE activities (President@aaace.org).

60th Annual Conference and Exposition Registrations are Open

Henry S. Merrill, Ed. D.
2011 Conference Chair and AAACE President-elect 2011

I invite you to join me at the 60th International Conference of the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, Oct. 30-Nov. 4, 2011, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our keynote speakers feature internationally recognized leaders in higher education:

- Alan Tuckett, president of the International Council for Adult Education, is Tuesday's keynote speaker. Tuckett is recognized internationally for leadership and involvement in adult and continuing education.
- Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO of Lumina Foundation, is the keynote speaker on Nov. 2. Merisotis is recognized as an authority on college and university financing and higher-education access
- Dr. Lois J. Zachary, an internationally recognized expert in mentoring and leadership development and president of Leadership Development Services, LLC., a consulting firm located in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. She has earned a significant reputation for her innovative work in mentoring and particularly in elevating the practice of mentoring excellence in organizations. Zachary is author of *The Mentor's Guide* (Jossey-Bass, 2000) and *Creating a Mentoring Culture: The Organization's Guide* (Jossey-Bass, 2005). Both books are comprehensive resources filled with step-by-step guidance, practical advice, and engaging stories.

This year's conference is being held in partnership with the Adult Higher Education Alliance, an association for alternative and external degree programs for adults. The conference offers more than 200 concurrent, roundtable and poster sessions in addition to special networking events. For more information and to register, visit www.aaace.org.

The [Online Registration](#) process for the 60th Annual AAACE International Conference is now live! The Early Registration deadline is September 30, 2011.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Indianapolis!



NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONS

Management (CPM)

Linda E. Morris
Commission for Workforce
and Professional
Development (CWPD)

Directors-At-Large

Linda Sayre

Jean Fleming

CABEL: Commission for Adult Basic Education & Literacy

Gary Eyre, Director and Joanne Kantner

Our focus on Adult Basic Education and Literacy to include GED, national transition project, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is aligned with the national agenda advocated by the Department of Education/Office of Vocational Adult Education (OVAE). We will represent AAACE at Department of Education Partnership Meeting, Sept 29th. This is a meeting of 26 organizations with missions and goals for adult continuing education, literacy, adult basic education and the workforce. Gary will also represent AAACE at the U. S. Conference on Adult Literacy (USCAL) in Houston, TX. Stop by at the AAACE booth if you are attending USCAL.

We continue to monitor and advocate key legislation-WIA Reauthorization, FY2012 Appropriations, OVAE Directions, Transitions Project, and College and Career Readiness Standards. Note on WIA: There is a continuing resolution that allows states to submit updated state plans. This will be the 13th year without new/modified WIA legislation. The House of Representatives claims they have staff working on a write-up of a WIA Bill.

The national transition project with 8 states is ongoing and will be complete by July next year. The Policy to Performance states are Alabama, California, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New York, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Gary, one of four national coaches, is coaching Louisiana and Wisconsin.

We invite all to join us with our Conference Session on Wednesday afternoon, November 2. A state leader of National Transitions Project: Promising Practices in Transitioning will join us in an open dialogue on transitioning and impact of college and career readiness standards to 21st Century GED Framework.

CAO: Commission of Affiliate Organizations

Steve Frye, Director

Networking: if there is any real "buzzword" among those who work with adult learners, this has to be near the top of the list. AAACE offers networking opportunities to individuals through the annual conference, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), commissions, publications, our website, LinkedIn and Ning discussion groups, Facebook and Twitter. We also offer a great opportunity for organizations to network with AAACE through Affiliate Memberships and the Commission of Affiliate Organizations. Affiliate members include state/provincial affiliate associations; educational institutions, e.g., colleges, universities, and community colleges; community-based organizations; public entities; e.g., state departments of education, military organizations; private, for-profit organizations and private, non-profit organizations/institutions.

By joining as an affiliate member, organizations can add their voices to a collection of adult education advocates/providers/partnerships. There are also a number of benefits for being an affiliate member:

1. Two additional Special Interest Groups (SIGs)(for a total of three SIGs).
2. Eligible to be an annual conference presenter.
3. Committee membership.
4. Subscription to *Adult Education Quarterly* and *Adult Learning*.
5. Revenue sharing for conference hosting.
6. Participation in the Affiliate meeting at the annual conference.
7. For every three persons registered for the AAACE conference, one additional person can register with no charge.
8. AAACE officer will speak at annual affiliate meeting.
9. Discounted Directors & Officers Liability Insurance.
10. Discounted General Liability Insurance.

This may be one of the "best kept secrets" in our organization. Let's get this word out!

CCMNFE: Commission for Community, Minority, and Non-Formal Education

Deborah LeBlanc, Director

Our major activities based on the goals and objectives for 2011 include opportunities to increase dialogue and awareness of proactive and productive approaches useful in strengthening educational outcomes and results in urban communities. On June 4, 2011 CCMNFE co-hosted a luncheon for high school valedictorians in the greater Los Angeles urban community which encouraged continuing educational efforts and professional development. The 2nd Annual Summit was hosted by the African American California Community College Trustees (AACCT) and CCMNFE at National University, Los Angeles, CA, on July 21, 2011. We also hosted the second community based conference on 'Best Practices: Retaining and graduating African American males in community colleges.' Deborah met with community leaders around topics of literacy and adult learning to advocate for adult learners in urban communities. She also represented CCMNFE in educational programs, commissions, and services that addressed minority and non-formal adult learners at community and regional conferences and meetings.

CIAE: Commission for International Adult Education

Marcie Boucouvalas, Director

We have been busily working and are gearing up for our International Pre-Conference, scheduled for Sunday evening and Monday all day (30 and 31 October) and a half day on Tuesday (1 November).

We have 20 accepted paper proposals. Currently, authors are busy working on their papers. We hope to have their abstracts posted to the AAACE website prior to the 2011 conference. Please note that the abstracts from the past three conferences are still posted on the AAACE website along with contact information for the authors.

We are pleased to announce that Alan Tuckett (newly inducted President of the International Council for Adult Education) will make a guest appearance at our International Pre-Conference and will also be keynote speaker for the opening of the main conference on Tuesday November 1. In addition, he will be a key figure at a "conversations" session on Thursday afternoon (November 3) regarding civil society involvement in the international adult education movement locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. We are hoping that long-time activist as well as academic, Budd Hall, will also be joining us. We hope to see many of you there!

CMET: Commission for Military Education and Training

Randy Plunkett, Director

We are preparing for our annual meeting which will be a pre-conference for the AAACE Conference, Tuesday, November 1st.

There have been lots of changes on the military and veterans' education front with updates of the Post 9/11 GI Bill and there are lots of rumors circulating that Tuition Assistance will be cut by 25%. In addition to providing the latest information on these topics, we are also expecting an update on Student Veterans and the Risk of Suicide.

One of the little known facts about Indianapolis is that it is the home of the American Legion. The Legion was instrumental in writing the first GI Bill of Rights, which was enacted in June of 1944. We expect a presentation on the history of the bill from someone who lived it and used it to get an education. Also, we encourage CMET attendees to walk a few blocks to Legion Headquarters and to visit the museum, which contains the original, hand written version of the GI Bill.

While we face deep cuts in funding in the Department of Defense, the reality is we have more people taking college courses than any other time in history. Each day we have new universities seeking military students for online programs. In spite of this, the number of DOD education counselors is being reduced because of budget. I advocate we need more professional education staff to guide military members and their families in seeking higher education.

CWPD: Commission for Workforce and Professional Development

Linda Morris, Director, and Margaret Eggleston, Members Helping Members (MHM) Advocate

Greetings fellow AAACE members! Whether you are a new member or renewing your membership, we have wonderful news for you. If you have ever experienced:

- Wanting to talk with someone who could relate to your scholarly pursuits.
- Working on a project and needing guidance or help.
- Arriving at a good idea for an article, but not knowing where to go from there.

Then, you will absolutely love AAACE's latest venture.

As an added feature of the AAACE website, we are offering you a new networking tool: Members Helping Members (MHM). MHM, is a searchable resource databank comprised of members willing to share their knowledge, skill, talent, expertise, or guidance with fellow members. It is voluntary to join, sharing with fellow members is at your convenience, and opting in or out is a snap.

We hope you will add your name to the MHM databank, and enjoy using this new feature. Find out more by visiting the AAACE website (www.aaace.org); then click on the Membership tab, then Members Helping Members in the pull down menu.

Special Interest Groups

Linda D. Sayre, Director at Large

Amy Rose and I facilitated a concurrent session at the 2010 Conference focusing on current topics of interest. Two interest groups were formed, Labor/Union Education and Sustainable Environmental Adult Education. Be sure to stop by Connection Central during the conference and learn more about the many SIGs AAACE has.

As a result of requests for AAACE support of Adult Education policy and issues, a revised advocacy statement was posted on the AAACE website with recommendations for the selection process of advocacy issues and types of actions.

On a personal note, I am very happy to announce I have accepted a visiting instructorship at the University of South Florida in the ACHE dept. Bill Young calls it "paradise," and from what I see it is. Much as I hate to differ with Magnum, PI about Hawaii.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you want to be more involved with AAACE? Do you have experience as editor of a newsletter? Do you have experience in web site design/management? If you answered yes to two of these questions, consider volunteering to be editor of the AAACE newsletter or website manager.

Email questions, contact information and resume/experience to Clare at President@aaace.org.

AAACE Elections

The American Association for Adult & Community Education (AAACE) Board of Directors (BOD) has 15 members, consisting of the four elected officers (President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary), and an appointed officer (Treasurer), eight Commission Directors, and two Directors-at-Large. The AAACE Board of Directors is responsible for the overall organizational planning, fiscal accountability, and overseeing the operations of AAACE.

Each year, AAACE holds elections for open positions on the Board of Directors. Earlier this year, seven AAACE members were nominated for two BOD positions, President-Elect and Member-at-Large. As a member of AAACE, you will soon be sent information about the candidate and their visions for AAACE's future. During September you will be given the opportunity to vote for your choice of candidates. Please be on the lookout in the next month for the AAACE election materials as well as information concerning how to vote for your choice on the [AAACE website](http://www.aaace.org).

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