The 2010-2011 year was another busy year for this committee. We participated at the Pacific and Central meetings. Besides ongoing work with job placement at the community college, the Committee made definite progress on the credentialing issue for two-year schools.

At the Pacific, sponsored by The Committee on The Teaching of Philosophy, our committee member Marc Bobro chaired the session, “Teaching the History of Philosophy: History or Philosophy”. Panelist members were Alan Nelson (U North Carolina), Nicholas Jolley (UC Irvine), Dan Kaufman (U Colorado), Patricia Easton (Claremont), and Nils Rauhut (Coastal Carolina). By all accounts it was lively during and after. It had twenty five attendees.

At the Central, “How to Obtain a Position at the Community College” was chaired by Bill Hartmann and involved Thomas Urban, Brian Huschle, Nanchi Umennachi, Donna Werner and Scott Sinclair. We provide a forum for graduate students and job candidates to learn about academic life at two-year colleges and get practical job advice. This service is some of the most important work the Committee has done during my four years of membership. About 20 attended including George Rainbolt who incorporated many of our suggestions into the APA Handbook and Placement Practices. Over the past fours, 8 graduate students have reported that by attending our session, they were able to obtain a community college position with our help.

Also, the Central Division meeting saw our second formal discussion of the credential issue. Our session, “Credentialing” was chaired by Bill Hartmann and involved Thomas Urban, Brian Huschle and Nanchi Umennachi. It was a smallish group but the discussion was lively and we certainly used all the time allotted to us. (We produced a draft credentials policy and submitted this summer to the APA Committee on The Teaching of Philosophy for input. In light of the Teaching Committee’s input, The Two Year Committee will revise and produce a more rigorous draft for resubmission next summer). Thomas Urban will continue to take the lead on this subject. After the session adjourned, we proceeded to lunch and extended the conversations further.

The Committee began this tradition a number of years back and it is one of our more important functions. Since most communication is done long-distance via internet, it is important to maximize face-to-face interactions when we can. This lunch gathering is an ideal context for members to get to know each other.

We want to welcome our new members, whose terms began this July: Antonio Ramirez, Mark A. Thorsby and Anthony E. Thomas. The committee would like to thank the following outgoing members for their service: Harold Weiss, Donna Werner, and Thomas Urban.
I am grateful to serve as chair.

Humbly Submitted,

Bill Hartmann, Chair

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