



Fall 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lance Alexis

The smiling faces are my favorite part of being in NCAHEAD. Greeting everyone as they entered the building for our Fall conference at ASU was a terrific experience because there was not a single person who did not enter with a smile on his/her face. Once people left the registration desk, conversations broke out throughout the main conference room as people found familiar faces and also took the time to welcome any new faces. Quietly observing that activity was my favorite part of the entire event, and me enjoying something that involves being quiet is saying something.

The conference in Boone was a phenomenal event, and we all thank Maranda and her crew for their efforts. We now anxiously anticipate our Spring get together March 9th, 2012 at Wake Forest University. In the meantime, the NCAHEAD board will be working diligently to bolster the inner workings of our organization. We will hold a board meeting on December 19th to discuss possible changes to the bylaws and

membership process. The hope is to strengthen the foundation of the organization, which will lead to new and interesting ventures. Any changes to core elements of the organization will be up for a vote at the business meeting in Wake Forest, but we would like to hear from you before that point so please send any suggestions my way.

Since Monica will become the president in March, this is my last chance to use the newsletter as a platform to express my deepest gratitude to each member of this organization. Leading an organization that is genuinely dedicated to improving its field through the development of personal relationships within the profession is an experience that I enjoy tremendously. I cannot wait to see more smiling faces in March!

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BOARD NOMINATIONS

There will be three vacant positions on our board next year: President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations are encouraged and may be submitted to: Brian Totten at: tottenb@piedmontcc.edu

NC AHEAD – A HOMECOMING

Jim Kessler; UNC-CH

Driving up to the mountain is always a treat. I like Boone. I like King Street. I like the University. Nice people. Certainly felt welcomed where we went.

This is the third time we have been to Boone, and in the past we were at the Broyhill Conference Center on top of the hill. Because the center had a residential component, we slept, dined (does one actually dine at breakfast?) and had our meetings in the same place and that fostered togetherness. But the Broyhill is no more, going to miss that place, so we have to thank Maranda and crew for doing a good job - good facilities, program, presenters, and hotel accommodations – just great!

One of the ‘reasons’ (note plural) I really like NCAHEAD gatherings is what Liz Johnston at East Carolina University (who was unable to attend but sent her best wishes) refers to as those other concurrent sessions known as “Hallways, Restaurants and Bars” where one learns a lot about what is going on in our offices and how we just handle things. The general set-up this year just seemed to facilitate that and the togetherness.

Both mornings at breakfast, we seemed to kind of take over the dining area, sharing tables and catching up. At lunch we sort of broke up into groups and headed up-town. Bruce Pomeroy (UNC-Greensboro) and I have been friends for many years and this was his first NCAHEAD meeting, so we headed out and decided to stop in the Boone Drug Store – Burgers, fries/onion rings, malt or float – how can you go wrong. We were seated in a booth but had

to move as Maranda and Courtney (AppState) joined us, then Rebecca and Thomas (NC State) and then Janet and Regina (Wake Tech). Some “shop-talk”, but more catching up. The expectation for really good drugstore counter food was met, but that pumpkin cake with maple syrup drizzle icing. Oh my! And just in case no one is aware – Maranda has this most wonderful baby, just ask once and watch her eyes light up. Married to a really nice guy, in case you didn’t meet him.

I can’t remember having a planned ‘social’ evening activity for a while, and just like at lunch, there were a couple of us at a table, then more, (add another table) then a few more come in (add another table), and the same thing happened next to us. How cool is this. Beside the common interest and goal of making education accessible, there were a lot a friends sitting around, with a lot of sharing, laughing and knowing we are there for each other. Although there was enough ‘light’ munchies to get us through the next two meals, the group split up into dinner groups, and I joined up with a few (about six or seven) that ended up being eleven with a really incredible great waiter – separate check for eleven – thank you very, very much. Food was OK but, again, it was the company, sharing and laughing.

Then there was lunch on Friday – again, enough to cover a couple of meals – the cookies were a meal in themselves, but then the task of a 3 ½ hour drive back home.

I like what I do for a living, I like people who do what I do, I like food and to put them all together for a couple of days in Boone – how cool is that. See you at Wake Forest in March!

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Nominations for the Pat Bailey and Laura Thomas awards are now being accepted and should be submitted to Kesha Lee at: klee@nccu.edu

If you would like to check out presentation materials from NC AHEAD past conferences (Fall 2010, Spring 2011, and Fall 2011) please visit our website link at: <http://www.wcu.edu/28716.asp>

To view bylaws and other information about NCAHEAD, please visit our website at: <http://www.ahead.org/affiliates/north-carolina>. Please send any suggested changes to Lance Alexis at: lalexis@wcu.edu.

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