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A Message from the President

MAACE is a professional association for practitioners providing quality and enriching adult and continuing education programs throughout the State of Michigan. Our members are characterized by their unfailing enthusiasm about the field of lifelong learning as well as their willingness to share new ideas and innovations with colleagues.

To that end, our 2004 MAACE Annual Conference, *MAACE Turns 50: Celebrate the Past / Say YES to the Future*, held March 18-19 was indeed a celebration of MAACE's fifty years as well as the talents of its members. The highlights included a spirited keynote address by Dr. Daphne Williams Ntiri, Associate Professor of Social Science, Wayne State University. Diane Duthie, State Director of Adult Education, offered a luncheon address, which updated attendees on current issues facing practitioners of lifelong education in Michigan. As usual, our sessions, presented by our own member colleagues, were excellent. A Silent Auction fundraiser and a number of Educational Product Exhibits completed the picture of a very festive birthday party for MAACE. WSU's Farmington Hills Center provided the perfect backdrop for our celebration.

Mark your calendar now for our 2005 Annual Conference, *MAACE: Celebrating Tradition, Valuing Innovation*, which will be held March 17-18, 2005 at WSU's Oakland Center in Farmington Hills. I hope you will consider submitting a proposal for presentation. **The 'Call for Proposals' for the 2005 conference will be posted on our website at www.maace.org by early August, 2005.**

If you are interested in helping to plan this conference or in being an exhibitor contact:

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Finally, don't forget to register early for the \$99 rate!

Sincerely,

Katrina VanderWoude
President

P.S. Look for our newsletter, *Topics*, and news about the organization, members, board of directors, and 2005 annual conference on this website, www.maace.org.

2004 Conference Report

The 2004 MAACE Annual Professional Development Conference Was a Success!

MAACE Turns 50: Celebrate the Past/ Say YES! to the Future

The 29th Annual Professional Development Conference for the Michigan Association of Adult and Continuing Education (MAACE) was held March 18-19, 2004 at the

Wayne State University Oakland Center, located at 33737 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

The conference was a successful and unique experience on many different levels.

The goal of the conference was to provide the highest quality professional development opportunities for adult and continuing educators. In preparing for the conference,

the planners spent months reflecting on where we had been and where we saw ourselves heading as an association. The planners identified a number of current issues common to administrators, students, and educators. These included:



- applying adult learning theories to an online environment;
- the new GED;
- computer-based instruction for adult learners;
- recruitment and retention;
- research strategies in distance education;
- integrating career planning techniques; and
- reaching non-traditional students.

To meet these goals, the planning committee invited proposals from experts in the field of adult education. The sessions chosen for the conference addressed current issues while fitting in with the larger conference theme, **MAACE** turns 50: Celebrate the Past/Say **YES!** to the Future. The conference began with the keynote address of Dr. Daphne Ntiri, Associate Professor and Director, Adult and Lifelong Learning Research, Wayne State University, College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs who spoke about adult illiteracy. Specifically, she advocated the individual role that everyone can play in eradicating literacy.

One of the major highlights was the networking and sharing that took place. To facilitate this, time was built into the program for educators to share, process, and reflect on their experiences.



Attendees were exposed to new, innovative products, programs, and ideas. On day one, exhibitors of educational materials displayed books, software, games, and other products. Some exhibitors chose to provide in-depth coverage of their products in 50-minute sessions.

Another highlight of this year's conference was our silent auction which allowed participants to bid on educational and other products.

The 29th annual professional development was a success beyond our expectations in the number of attendees, quality of sessions, the number of fresh ideas offered and the value of networking among presenters and educators. Participants were provided with a great number of ideas that can be implemented at their own institutions.

Talking about Board Members...

Charlie Baker-Clark has been promoted to the position of Chair of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Grand Valley State University.

Julie L. Brockman recently received her doctoral degree from Michigan State University's Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education Program.

Ruthie Flowers received the ASPDC Award in April, 2004. The Academic Staff Professional Development committee presented Ruthie with the Outstanding Contributor Award for the 2003-2004 academic year. The Outstanding Contributor Award is presented to two Academic Services Officers selected by the ASPDC committee who was nominated and met the following criteria: significant services to students, the university, the department and/or scholarship and has less than 7 years of Wayne State University service.

Howard Finley was inducted as an honorary membership in the David Mackenzie Honor Society on April 22, 2004. Mr. Finley is the Director of Student Services in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program in the College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs, having been a member of the staff at Wayne State University for nearly 30 years. Mr. Finley is widely known both by students as well as the faculty and staff for the care and concern which he has long shown to the students of Wayne State University.

In addition, Mr. Finley has devoted much of his time and energy to the support and growth of Wayne State. He has served on the Student Leadership Awards Committee, the University Fitness Center Board, and University Due Process Hearing Panel for Athletes and the Homecoming Committee. As a former college and professional athlete, he has been especially sensitive and supportive to our student athletes and the issues surrounding Wayne State's growing intercollegiate athletics program.

Howard virtually single-handedly reestablished tailgating at football games as enjoyable community building activity. The show of support has helped to build morale and lift spirits of our student athletes.

Mr. Finley has also taken the leading role in establishing the Staff Green and Gold Community which has promoted and carried out activities at a number of athletic events including basketball, ice hockey, softball and tennis. He is a strong believer in employees working and socializing together in support of Wayne State students and the mission of the University.

Throughout his career Howard Finley has devoted his time and efforts to making Wayne State University a better place for those who study and work there. He represents the spirit and ideals of the David Mackenzie Honor Society. These are just some of the reasons why the Honor Society selected him to be inducted as an Honorary Member.

On May 7, 2004 Howard Finley was inducted into the Minority Achiever Program (MAP) 2004-2005 as an Adult Achiever at the 24th Annual Minority Achievers Program Luncheon at Cobo Hall.

Ken Walsh has recently accepted an appointment as Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education (MACAE).

New Board Members: Dianne Duthie and Cheryl Aubuchon

Dianne Duthie, State Director for Adult Education, Department of Labor and Economic Growth, has joined MAACE as a new board member. Dianne will bring years of experience in adult and community education to assist us in maintaining MAACE as a vibrant and meaningful association for all adult educators within the state of Michigan.

Cheryl Aubuchon is a mother and wife and student. Cheryl has worked in Higher Education for 14 years full time and as an adjunct instructor for another 10 years. She is currently the Campus Center Director for EMU-Livonia and has administrative responsibilities for Detroit and Monroe. She is currently pursuing a Specialist of Arts degree in Educational Leadership at Eastern Michigan University. " I am excited to have the opportunity to work with a diverse and dynamic groups of individuals on the board. I look forward to helping us build a vibrant and active community."

Welcome, Dianne and Cheryl!

Member News

MAACE members! Please feel free to send information and material you would like to share with other MAACE members! You can send information electronically to Julie Brockman at brockma4@msu.edu or by mail to: 110 Linton Hall, The Graduate School, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI 48824.

WMU's Lansing Director to Join Cooley Law School

Gus H. Breymann, director of Western Michigan University's Lansing campus since 1981, will retire from that position in January and join Cooley Law School as the Director of International and Extended Studies.

For the last 22 years, Breymann was responsible for the planning, administration, and evaluation of all academic programs offered by WMU in Lansing. The regional campus offers 10 undergraduate and graduate curricula in their entirety at its Lansing site.

Breymann was also responsible for developing graduate and undergraduate seminars, workshops and other programs for governmental units, business, industry and the general public. He also taught in the University's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program locally.

As WMU's academic advisor for all Lansing students in the MPA program, Breymann has previously worked with Cooley. WMU and Cooley together offer a dual MPA/JD degree. In addition, Cooley offers J.D. classes in Grand Rapids, in the WMU Graduate Center until Cooley's Grand Rapids building is completed.

Breymann has been involved with a number of community organizations, including the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASAP). He is a longtime member of the national ASPA organization and was recognized for 25 years of service to the organization in 2002.

Breymann was instrumental in starting a Lansing student chapter of the American College of Health Care Executives and the Michigan Capital Area Chapter of the Project Management Institute. He is a member of the Michigan Association for Adult and Continuing Education and the Capital Area Higher Education Network.

Prior to relocating in the Lansing area in 1981, Breymann held management positions in city government and nonprofit agencies in Grand Rapids.

Ann Miller, Associate Dean of Programs, Planning and Assessment at Cooley, voiced Cooley's enthusiasm over the news of Breymann's arrival.

"Mr. Breymann provides an extraordinary role model for public service to our entire academic community," Miller said. "He brings exceptional organizational skills and a wealth of knowledge about international extended programs, particularly in geographically diverse sites. His experiences mesh perfectly with Cooley's mission – and he is a great guy!"

Breymann's public service work includes a stint as the Director of Budget and Management for the U.S. Peace Corps in the Republic of the Philippines, directing all financial and administrative services for the agency throughout the country. Breymann's

background also includes service as Executive Officer, Office of Medical Programs at the Peace Corps U.S. headquarters in Washington, D.C., and as Associate Peace Corps Director in Sabah (North Borneo), Malaysia.

Committee Reports

Options, the MAACE journal, is being reorganized as an electronic journal that has a strong research to practice orientation. Charlie Baker-Clark is currently assembling an editorial board and is seeking articles from both practitioners and scholars.

Topics, the MAACE newsletter, is seeking input from MAACE members to help this newsletter become an important site for news about adult education in Michigan. Please feel free to send information and material you would like to share with other MAACE members! You can send information electronically to Julie Brockman at brockma4@msu.edu or by mail to: 110 Linton Hall, The Graduate School, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI 48824.

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