

## MAACE E-Newsletter Format for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2007

Greetings MAACE members- there are several bulleted items below which you may find interesting! Visit [www.maace.org](http://www.maace.org) website for additional information about each item:

- 1) First Quarter legislative information regarding State funds for adult education
- 2) The 2007 MAACE Conference scheduled for November 15 &16, 2007
- 3) Dorothy Kosovac, former MAACE president (1978-79) has passed away.
- 4) A note from our national organization, AAACE

State funds for adult education though the State School Aid Act are expected to remain at \$24 million despite the dreadful state economy, at least which is the recommendation of the Governor for the 07-08 school year. After being reduced by 75% a few years ago, \$4 million has been restored over the past two years but with the Michigan budget situation, it is very unlikely it will be increased. These are the funds, along with federal funds from the Workforce Investment Act of approximately \$16 million that drives the adult education programs offered by local school districts.

The 2007 MAACE conference will be held on November 15 &16, 2007 at the Soaring Eagle Conference Center and Casino. If you would like to present at the conference, click here for the visit [www.maace.org](http://www.maace.org) and complete the Call for Proposals. To register for the conference, click here. See you in November! Up-to-date information will be posted on the MAACE website, [www.maace.org](http://www.maace.org).

We have received word that a pillar of Adult and Community Education has passed on. Dorothy A. Kosovac died in Florida on January 23, 2007. Dorothy was long time Director and champion of Community Education in Ferndale. Dorothy initiated programs for all ages and needs and helped to developed leaders to expand programs throughout the State. Her leadership was instrumental in establishing key organizations and shaping the field. She was President of the Michigan Association of Public School Adult Education 1974-75, President of the Adult Education Association of Michigan 1978-79 and President of MACAE 1984-85. Dorothy was inducted into the Michigan Education Hall of Fame in 1988, was a lifetime member of MACAE and was recognized for Lifetime Achievement by MACAE in 2004.

A good friend whose contributions have been been an inspiration for lifelong learning for many, many people.

AAACE is entering a new period of growth and activity and we are very interested in reaching out to state and regional adult education associations. This year 2007 we are planning two conferences that might be of interest to your members. The first will be held June 15, 2007 in College Park, Maryland. This one day conference will explore current and future policies that influence transitions such as occupational entry, multiple changes

during work life, and retirement and volunteer leadership. During the conference, policy makers from foundations and state and federal legislative and executive roles will explore with adult and continuing education scholars and practitioners ways in which education and work connections should be strengthened.

We would also like you to know that the annual conference will take place, October 30-November 2, 2007 in Norfolk Virginia. We would like to invite you and your members to attend.