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The Vancouver annual conference was wonderful and informative and the success was due to the planning of **Judith Carr** and those at our host institution, University of British Columbia--especially **Margaret Landstrom**, **Libby Kay** and staff. Everyone went away with new ideas, rejuvenated for the new school year.

I recently returned from the NAASS conference in Memphis, Tenn., where I met many old friends from the other regions as well as a very good representation from WASSA. **Bill Kops** of University of Manitoba, and a member of WASSA, is NAASS president-elect and did an excellent job of planning the conference. I know that all who attended felt WASSA contributed

to this conference as much or more than any of the other regions.

Remember that the WASSA annual conference will next be held in Las Vegas, Nev., Sept. 26 to 29, 2001, hosted by **Paul Aizley** and University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The 2002 conference will be in Hawaii hosted by **Victor Kobayashi** and University of Hawaii, Manoa. Plan to attend both of these conferences.

I am very honored to have been selected as president of WASSA for this year. **Carol Switzer**, **Paul Aizley** and I are already gathering ideas to present at the planning meeting in February for our fall conference.

--David Nyman, President

2000 Distinguished Service Award Goes to Maggie Herrington

This year's Distinguished Service awardee has been an outstanding leader and role model in WASSA for more than 17 years. **Maggie Herrington**, Portland State University (PSU), has diligently promoted summer session and continually developed outstanding, award winning programs that bring recognition not only to her institution but also to the summer session profession.

For many years, Maggie WAS the WASSA newsletter, publishing issue after issue, always keeping us on our toes, nudging us with her grace and charm to submit the articles she needed to create a viable publication. Also for years she has helped keep our organizational memory alive by shooting roll after roll of film to record conference sessions, banquets and awards, special events, and moments of seriousness and playfulness.

Maggie's many accomplishments include directing PSU's nationally recognized Haystack Program in the Arts and Sciences; introducing a Children's Book Festival for writers, illustrators, and others who work in children's literature; developing a new pilot summer program on the American West; and bringing 15 visiting international summer scholars to PSU.

She has been a friend, inspiration, supporter and role model to many in WASSA over the years. Congratulations, Maggie, on a well-deserved award!

-- Contributed by **Claire Cross**



Maggie Herrington (right) beams as she receives the WASSA 2000 Distinguished Service Award plaque from **Michele Price**. The award ceremony took place recently during the annual conference in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

2000 Winners Announced

Exemplary Program Awards

Dan Wick - Chair

Credit Program Winner

University of California, Riverside

Certificate of Merit - University of Calgary

Non-Credit Program Winner

Portland State University

Certificate of Merit - Arizona State University

Administrative Program Winner

University of California, Davis

Certificate of Merit - University of California, San Diego

Marketing Awards

Bob Kopecky - Chair

External Recruitment Winner

California State University, Sacramento

Certificate of Merit - Arizona State University

Internal Recruitment Winner

University of California, Berkeley

Certificate of Merit - University of California, Davis

Certificate of Merit - University of Manitoba

Internal Administrative Winner

University of California, Davis

Certificate of Merit - Arizona State University

Certificate of Merit - California State University, Long Beach

Certificate of Merit - University of California, San Diego

Certificate of Merit - University of Calgary

External Administrative Winner

University of California, Riverside

Certificate of Merit - University of Calgary

People in WASSA

Rina DeRose-Swinscoe (California State University, Sacramento) recently took a different position within the CSUS office of Regional and Continuing Education as a program director responsible for the development of professional education programs for K-18 educators and school personnel. "I have learned so much over the years from my involvement with this wonderful organization (WASSA)," she said. "I thank you for the guidance and support. I will miss the many friendships I've made and hope our paths cross again in the future."

About the WASSA Newsletter

This publication, compiled and coordinated by the Communications Committee, is distributed quarterly to WASSA members and posted on the WASSA Web site. Submit articles or notices to the committee chair.

The Charlie Award for Best Catalog

2000 Best Overall

University of California, Berkeley

First Runner-Up - University of California, San Diego

Second Runner-Up - California State University, Northridge

Second Runner-Up - University of California, Riverside

WASSA Catalog Awards

Elise Evans - Chair

Best Four Color Cover

California State University, Chico

First Runner-Up - University of Alberta

Best Use of Theme

Boise State University - *Make Rapid Progress*

First Runner-Up - University of California, Santa Barbara
Make Time for UCSB Summer Sessions

Web Site Award

Best Web Site

University of Alaska, Fairbanks

www.uaf.edu/summer/

WASSA Listserv 101

Are you receiving transmissions periodically from WASSA membership? If not, you probably are not subscribed to the WASSA listserv. Please check first as follows:

1. Send the message "who wassa1-l" to wassa1-l@lists.pdx.edu. If you are subscribed, you will get back a roster of all current subscribers, including yourself. If you are not subscribed you will get a message to that effect.

2. To subscribe, send the message "subscribe wassa1-l" to majordomo@lists.pdx.edu.

3. If you are a WASSA listserv subscriber, you can access archives of the listserv via the web at www.lists.pdx.edu/wassa1-l. The user name is "user" and the password is "portlandstate." This allows you to refer to old messages posted to the listserv rather than saving them on your own computer.

Happy transmitting. Contact me if you get into trouble:
Maggie Herrington, 503-725-4186, herrinm@pdx.edu.

Treasury and Membership Notes

We had a very good membership year with 142 members and 84 institutions paying dues. The treasury is well in the black so we are financially sound. I am working on getting all of the committee assignments for the new year and have been following the bylaws carefully as I assign individuals to specific committees. Hope to have this finished soon.

-- David Nyman, President

Call for Research Proposals

Prepared by Howard Martin (University of Wisconsin, Madison) for the North American Association of Summer Sessions (NAASS) and for the consortium pooling research grant funds from the various summer session organizations. At the WASSA 2000 annual conference members voted to work with this consortium for a year and analyze results at the WASSA 2001 annual conference.

Theresa Neil Memorial Research Fund

The Research Consortium of Summer Session organizations, Association of University Summer Sessions (AUSS), North American Association of Summer Sessions (NAASS), North Central Conference on Summer Schools (NCCSS) and Western Association of Summer Session Administrators (WASSA) is pleased to announce the call for proposals for the above named Research Fund.

The amount available for fiscal year 2001-2002 is \$9,500 and no more than two proposals will be supported from this amount. The deadline for proposals is February 15, 2001.

The Research Consortium is interested in receiving proposals that address issues and topics as they relate to Summer Sessions at universities and colleges, such as

- Analysis of summer faculty salary issues
- Assessment of student needs
- Effects of administrative reorganization (e.g., decentralization, change from state support to self support, "responsibility-center" management)
- Factors related to student choice to attend summer (e.g., at what point in time is the decision to attend made and why?)
- The impact of technology on summer sessions (e.g., models for consortial delivery of adult education, software driven course delivery)
- Outcomes of compressed or intensive courses relative to semester-length counterparts
- Relationship of economic factors (unemployment level for example) to summer session enrollment
- Other aspects of instruction and administration related to summer sessions in general

Items that may be included for funding, which must be listed in detail, include supplies, mailing and telephone costs, the cost of data entry and statistical processing, salaries for graduate students, and general direct expenses necessary for the research such as travel. The funds may also be used for purchase of load of a researcher, released time

for a faculty/staff member, or as a summer stipend for someone employed on a nine-month basis.

A proposal should not exceed four pages. In clear and concise language it must include:

- 1) Title page--name/address of researcher, name of institution and the summer session organization(s) to which it belongs, and a paragraph-long (single-spaced) abstract;
- 2) Statement of the problem to be studied with an indication of the scope of the proposed study (for instance, state research question(s) to be addressed in the study);
- 3) An explanation of the need and justification for the study, clearly demonstrating how the study will provide insight for summer session deans/directors and other university leaders on issues vital to the continued growth and development of summer sessions;
- 4) A brief review of literature (if available) relevant to the study;
- 5) A description of the research methodology and, if appropriate, description of proposed data gathering instruments and statistical techniques;
- 6) A signed statement acknowledging that the researcher will protect human subjects' rights and confidentiality, a short vita; and an
- 7) Itemized budget.

It is not necessary for the researchers to be involved in summer sessions, but it is expected that their institution be a member of one of the Consortium associations.

The requirements of the recipients of the award(s) are that

- 1) They present the findings/results of their research at the annual meeting of one of the three organizations, NAASS, NCCSS, or WASSA and that the paper be submitted to an appropriate journal in the field of education.
- 2) A précis or abstract of the results should be sent also for publication in *Summer Academe* or the entire findings/results to that journal if the researcher so chooses.
- 3) The sponsoring associations reserve the rights to include a shortened version of the findings/results on their web pages.

The selection committee for the allocation of the funds will consist of the Research chairs of the member organizations and it is the intent to have a decision made upon the approval of one or two proposals no later than mid-May of 2001.

Proposals must be postmarked or submitted electronically to hmartin@dcs.wisc.edu by February 15, 2001. Mailing address: Associate Vice Chancellor Howard Martin; Chair, Research Consortium; Division of Continuing Studies; University of Wisconsin-Madison; 905 University Avenue; Madison, WI 53715-1005.