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Letter from the President

Registration for Summer Sessions 2002 is currently taking place and Arizona State University's numbers are up. Consequently, after the scheduling, bulletin and distribution activities, the WASSA 2002 Planning Committee meeting held on the Garden Isle was a welcome brief shift in priorities.

While the Planning Committee was not "picture perfect," one of the outstanding features of Kauai, Hawaii, is that many motion pictures have featured scenic spots on the island. Getting to Kauai is challenging and well worth every minute.

The Radisson Kauai Beach Resort Hotel that our hosts selected for our annual

conference is a great site. **Loy Lytle**, president-elect, energized us all with his forward-looking plan for conference sessions. **Harriet Abe**, local arrangements chair, guided us with suggestions on things to do and places to see.

Most recently I returned from a conference with new ideas and renewed energy just from interacting with colleagues. Colleagues are a special part of our lives. The best part of WASSA is you and your participation. Help the planning committee make the WASSA 2002 conference a rewarding experience.

- Carol Switzer, President

Explore Winds of Change

Garden Isle Is Site of Yearly Meeting

Come join us for fellowship and fun! The 2002 WASSA annual conference will be held Wednesday through Sunday, Sept. 4-8, on the island of Kaua'i. Currently United Airlines and American Airlines have direct flights to Kaua'i. If you do not take a direct flight, the island of Kaua'i is a 25 minute plane ride from the
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Loy Lytle (left), WASSA president-elect, and **David Nyman**, past president, take a breather from on-site conference planning chores on Kauai in February.

Explore Change

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Honolulu International Airport on Oahu. Hawaiian Airlines, a Hawai'i based carrier that departs from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Las Vegas, will be offering special rates for WASSA conference participants. Information will be provided as it becomes available.

The conference will be held at the Radisson Kaua'i Beach Resort in Lihue, a hotel which is located about 5 minutes from the airport. Complimentary shuttle buses are available to hotel guests to and from the airport. To make reservations at the hotel, call 1-888-805-3843. The conference room rate is \$109 per night with a room tax of 11.42%. If you plan to rent a car while on Kaua'i, we suggest making your reservations early because the conference begins right after the Labor Day weekend.

Additional conference information and a registration booklet will be mailed to WASSA members in May but if you have any questions prior to that, please call **Harriet Abe** at 808-956-2027 or e-mail habe@outreach.hawaii.edu. We look forward to seeing you in Hawai'i during September!

- **Loy Lytle** and **Harriet Abe**

Membership and Treasurer's Report

In February, all WASSA institutions received membership dues notices as well as a reminder in March, according to **Michele Price**, treasurer. To date, 44 institutions have paid their dues for a total of 93 members. If you haven't yet renewed, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your membership in WASSA is very important to the success of the organization.

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. To submit articles or notices, contact the Communications Committee chair or newsletter editor **Connie Wildfang** at wildfac@wou.edu.



Your WASSA 2002 Conference Planning Committee

Nominate Distinguished Colleagues for Highest WASSA Honor This Year

Carol Switzer, WASSA president, is calling for nominations for this year's Distinguished Service Award. It is given to individuals who have:

1. provided leadership in Summer Session administration and organization, and encouraged high academic standards;
2. demonstrated responsiveness to students in academic programming, to faculty in encouraging creativity and nurturing positive relationships, and to staff in promoting optimum working conditions and opportunities for professional development;
3. contributed meaningfully to WASSA's growth and development through active participation and leadership; and
4. contributed measurably to their institutions' recognition of Summer Sessions as an integral part of the university by offering high quality, financially successful summer programs.

One who receives WASSA's Distinguished Service Award is widely recognized by a willingness to share information with colleagues in Summer Session administration and other professionals in higher education. This individual is considered a role model, setting standards to which other Summer Session administrators can aspire.

By July 1, 2002, please forward nominations to: **Carol Switzer**, Director, Arizona State University, P.O. Box 3003, Tempe, AZ 85287-3003 for consideration by the Executive Committee.