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REPORT OF JULY 1983 AACD MEETING

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Several important developments occurred during the July 1983 AACD Board Meeting. First and foremost is the name change from APCA to AACD (American Association for Counseling and Development) which is already in effect. The Board also received the recommendation of the Search Committee and approved the appointment of Dr. Patrick J. "Joe" McDonough as the new Executive Vice President of AACD. Dr. McDonough has been serving as associate to Dr. Lewis for several years and is well known by most of the membership. I also represented AHEAD at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new AACD Building located at 5999 Stevenson Ave. in Alexandria, Virginia. The AACD staff has already moved in and are now working from that address.

Over strong objections from smaller divisions a dues increase of \$5.00 per member was approved with a rebate of 50 cents to regions per member and the elimination of the membership processing fee for divisions. This will have little effect on AHEAD budget for 83-84, but will need to be included in our consideration for the 84-85 budget. The six smaller divisions (AHEAD ARVIC, AMEG, ANWIG, POCA, NECA) met in a non-official group referred to as COSD (Coalition of Small Divisions) and requested two services from AACD to offset an expected decrease in membership because of the increased dues. These requests were

- 1) 3000 promotional brochures to be developed in cooperation with AACD for AHEAD at no cost to AHEAD, and
- 2) A A mailout of 300 packets of material by AACD for AHEAD to prospective members. Contents to be selected by AHEAD.

Topics of Concern for AHEAD Members

This past year marked a new beginning for AHEAD in leadership in Education and Counseling as it relates to the interest of AHEAD members. The position paper "Humanistically Oriented Education and Counseling Practices: Position Paper Regarding the Controversy" was published by AHEAD in INFOCHANGE "Humanistic Education: An appropriate part of public education," a monograph, was published by the National Coalition for Democracy in Education. AHEAD is a member of the coalition and supported the publication of this needed aid dealing with misinformation about Humanistic Education. AHEAD sponsored the Falwell-Kirschenbaum dialogue on Humanistic Education now available on video tape through AACD. These and many more activities represent a new level of activity and leadership. These accomplishments have been possible only through the support and interest of members of AHEAD. Without the continuing growth of AHEAD's membership and without the participation and ideas of the members nothing would be accomplished.

These requests were approved by the AACD Board.

Another critical issue for AHEAD is the new governance structure. Dr. Nancy Scott (ACES) is the divisional representative to the Executive Board who will be studying the governance issue this year. AHEAD members need to communicate feelings about representation to Dr. Scott.

The Board went on record encouraging CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs) to move from 45 semester hour to sixty semester hour programs for accreditation. I feel strongly that AHEAD needs to review this move and determine our role in the accreditation process; we have been very quiet to date on this issue.

Most other matters were routine in nature. Dr. Ed Herr, President of AACD is a real leader and AACD seems to be in good hands for 1983-84.

Please let your ideas be known! At the current times at least four general areas need your input.

1. Long Range Planning. Nels Gould has taken over the long range planning committee for this year. Please write him and let him know major issues and concerns you have for the direction of AHEAD.
 2. Standards for Humanistic Education. One of the major thrusts of the current AHEAD President Ted Wilson is to establish guidelines for standards in Humanistic Education. Please write if you have concerns or ideas in this area.
 3. Two position papers are being contemplated for the next year. The first addresses the roles of Developing Humanistic Education. The second addresses the student athlete. If you are concerned about either of these areas and wish to input ideas please write Mike Robinson. Also if you have any ideas you would like AHEAD to address in a position paper please write.
 4. In Houston in March 84 a major AHEAD sponsored program will include a dialogue similar to that of the Falwell-Kirschenbaum program. Censorship is the general theme. Mel Gabler who has been active in Texas and throughout the U.S. in his efforts to have school material reflect what he and his organization consider appropriate will speak. On the same program Edward Jenkinson, author of *Censors in the Classroom* will also present. Please write Dick Schumacher, who has put together this program the last two years, with your ideas for major programs with issues that need to be addressed by AHEAD in New York for '85 and Los Angeles for '86.
- AHEAD's goal is to act in the future, not react. Please help!