

MEMBERSHIP PASSES 2000

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Membership Chair

If you heard the faint strains of an off-key Irish rendition of HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN, please be aware that the Iowa State Police have restored peace and tranquility in the Hawkeye State. But what would you expect from the membership chairperson when AHEAD not only reached the 2000 mark, it blossomed to a gorgeous 2035. In the words of me saintly grandmother, "Sure, and t'would warm the cockle o' me heart".

If you go back to the last INFOCHANGE, review the map, re-read the New Year's Resolutions, and compare with this article you will notice the following:

1. California continues to grow. Could whatever they are doing be bottled and sent to South Dakota? California is determined to be the largest AHEAD state.

2. And speaking of South Dakota—home of the USD Coyotes and that other school in Brookings—my ex-home state lost 3 members!

3. Iowa, residence of AHEAD's worst Irish tenor, grew steadily throughout the year from 20 to 28 members.

4. North Carolina considers itself to be the heart of AHEAD and gained 4 members since January.

5. New York remains the biggest state for us and will welcome the national convention with 165 humanistic educators.

6. Doug Gross, the former membership chair, kept Arizona in hand by adding 9 members in the past year. He quietly reminded me that that was one more than Iowa got.

7. Texas has been constantly growing.

8. Minnesota is determined to remain larger than the state to their immediate south. We'll see about that!

9. President-elect Dick Schumacher (he's now a DEAN!!) gleefully reported a couple of new members last month.

10. Congratulations are due to other states like Florida, Illinois—the greatest jump last year, Massachusetts—another AHEAD leader, Maryland—thanks to all the people in Glen Burnie and Laurel, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington.

The membership committee (which is composed of Regan, Regan, and more Regan) has an action plan to continue growth. First, we are sending you a reminder just prior to your

membership expiration date. Maybe the word reminder is a poor choice. Actually AHEAD just wants to thank you for your support, let you know what we are doing, and inviting you to continue in our efforts.

Second, we are working on AACD provisional members who have one year to join a division to check us out.

Third, AHEAD will have a booth at the convention.

Fourth, the membership chair (c'est moi) and President-elect Dick Schumacher (who does not know about it yet) are re-designing the membership handbook for the state level. It should be done by 1997.

Fifth, the membership chair will be in attendance at the AHEAD social during the New York convention. You are all welcome to sponge some goodies from our association—after all, you paid for it! If you are in New York, stop at the booth for directions and time of the social.

FINAL COMMENT. I really love being membership chair because it gives me lots of opportunities to meet a variety of interesting people who teach me all sorts of things I never knew before. For example, just last week I got a bundle of material on Psychosynthesis approaches for Talented and Gifted students because of a phone call from a member I had never met before. AHEAD is a great organization for meeting interesting people and learning interesting things. Reach out and touch someone. Make AHEAD valuable for you.

And thank you for helping AHEAD reach the 2000 mark. Stay in touch. Call me at (319) 245-1480 or write me in care of the Keystone Area Education Agency, Elkader, Iowa 52043.

Is This You?

I just sit at the bar
on an nice soft stool,
and shoot off my mouth
life a _____ fool,
and I sure criticize—
and half of what I say is lies.
I can tell you what is wrong
with this organization of ours
and go on complaining for
hours and hours.
What me help out with things?
Are you out of your mind?
Of course, I can't do those things;
I don't have the time.

In case this isn't you and you do want to make a contribution, write Pres. E.H. Mike Robinson III, Col. of Ed., U of SC, Columbia, SC 29208.

INTERESTED IN AACD Government Relations Committee?

The AACD Government Relations Committee is interested in volunteers who would be willing to serve as part of an expanded Government Relations Network—namely, people that AACD staff and the committee can call upon when assistance is needed in communicating directly with members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. The Action Network Members will be grouped by state and congressional district and periodically will be given information (legislative fact sheets and sample letters) and asked to contact their legislators in support of positions which AACD has taken. Are you interested in becoming involved in the AACD government relations effort? Sign on now! Many of the legislative thrusts that start in Washington worked their way to the state capitol and on to your work setting. You can make a difference!

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