

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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The Iowa coldness of -25 and wind chill factors of -80 can not take the warmth away from discovering that AHEAD has grown by 23% during 1984 making us the fastest growing division in AACD and, with 2344 members, we surpassed our old record high membership by 141 and we are 438 members bigger than one year ago. In 1984 we moved in front of ARVIC and ACES in overall size. Only AMHCA, with its 8,700 members, beat our numerical gains. AHEAD is the best thing that is happening to the parent organization (but we have been telling them that for years).

I am very excited about our membership boost because it shows that in this period of time when humanism is not as popular as it was ten years ago we have been able to attract record numbers of members and have been able to sustain the interest of our older associates.

I have always enjoyed being the membership chair because it gives me a great opportunity to meet all sorts of interesting people. The New York AHEAD people are proving to be one of the great assets in our organization. I felt a tinge of guilt everytime I write or call one of the New York colleagues because I am always asking a favor; but everytime I need something they do it better and faster than I could have imagined. The convention is eagerly anticipated so I can meet these friends in person.

CALL FOR PROGRAMS

The Twelfth Annual Humanistic Education Conference will be held on the West Georgia Colleg campus, Carrollton, Ga., April 25-28, 1985. The theme of this year's conference is "Quality The Heart of Education". For more information contact Anne C. Richards, Department of Psychology, West Georgia College, Carrollton, Ga. 30118.

AHEAD SOCIAL

The AHEAD social will take place on Tuesday, April 2, 1985 in the Penthouse of the Hilton in New York. The social is sponsored by the NEW YORK AHEAD. The time is tentatively set for 6 p.m. Stop by the AHEAD booth in the AACD Exhibit Hall for details and an invitation or stop by the AHEAD Suite in the Shearaton Hotel any time. See you in New York!

The summary following this column will show excellent movement in many states. Arizona, home of the former membership chair and our current Vice President Doug Gross, made a 14% jump in the last half of the year. Massachusetts grew by 14 in that same period and Maryland was up 15 in six months. Little states like New Hampshire showed the biggies how to be humanistic and doubled their membership in just 24 weeks. Texas grew and grew but we have gotten to expect such things from the Lone Star state—they do everything big in Texas. One would think that Texas would invite the national membership chairperson to visit their state especially when it is -25 degrees in Iowa and +83 in McAllen. I sure would like to meet those 26 new members that joined since June.

There was some leakage this year. My old home state of South Dakota has dropped a few members (I hope that's not an indication of my popularity) and their northern neighbor is down to one member but I am sure the other AHEAD member in North Dakota is planning on paying up as soon as their ink thaws.

Overall 1984 was an excellent year for AHEAD. On a personal level I have really enjoyed this year because of the opportunity to meet or hear from so many of you. It is very rewarding to receive letters from literally all over the world as AHEAD members assure me they would never let their membership in our organization lapse. Even though we are growing by leaps and bounds, we are still a small organization of friends who will continue to keep our informality and our closeness.

See you in New York!

STATE	Gain	12/84	10/84
ALASKA	-1	3	4
ALABAMA	-3	27	30
ARK	0	6	6
ARIZONA	1	57	56
CALIF	14	170	156
COLO	1	43	42
CONN	8	59	51
D.C.	-1	19	20
DEL	0	8	8
FLORIDA	0	91	91
GEORGIA	2	24	22
GUAM	0	1	1
HAWAII	2	15	13
IDAHO	1	9	8
IOWA	2	31	29
ILL	10	148	138
IND	1	35	34
KAN	-2	9	11
KY	-3	18	21
LOUIS	0	25	25
MASS	1	95	94
MD	8	75	67
MAINE	-1	21	22
MICH	7	84	77
MINN	1	40	39
MO	6	64	58
MISS	-1	10	11
MONT	0	10	10
NO CAR	4	59	55
NO DAK	-1	1	2
NEB	2	17	15
NEW HM	2	21	19
NEW JER	12	67	55
NEW MEX	-1	9	10
NEV	-3	12	15
NY	27	216	189
OHIO	3	64	61
OKL	1	17	16
ORE	4	42	38
PENN	14	122	108
PUERTO R	1	18	17
RHODE IS	2	6	4
SO CAR	-2	28	30
SO DAK	-1	5	6
TENN	3	24	21
TEXAS	4	145	141
UTAH	0	2	2
VA	5	68	63
VIR IS	1	4	3
VT	2	15	13
WASH	2	38	36
WISC	6	44	38
WST VA	2	11	9
WYOMING	-2	12	14
TOT US		2285	2145
TOT	144	2344	2200

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