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CONGRATULATIONS – YOU’VE MADE HISTORY!

By Rosemary M. Karr, NADE President

This year’s NADE elections marked an important milestone as the organization’s first electronic voting process was a terrific success. This was due, in large part, to the efforts of the Executive Assistant Dr. Carol O’Shea. Members cast their ballots for next year’s officers and Issue #1, which proposed the merging of the current NADE Constitution and Bylaws. I want to personally thank Marguerite MacDonald, who served as Elections Committee Chair, and all of the candidates. Your willingness to serve in a leadership position is appreciated. As a result of the election, I am pleased to announce the 2009 – 2010 NADE Executive Board:

President:	Karen Patty-Graham
President-Elect:	Marcella Davis
Vice President:	Joyce Brasfield Adams
Treasurer:	Jeanine Lewis
Secretary:	Betty Black

Having worked with most of these board members over the last year, I know this new board will do an excellent job serving the membership in the coming year. **Incoming President Dr. Karen Patty-Graham** has spent a significant amount of time coordinating the NADE Chapters and serving as liaison to Certification Council this past year. She will have the support of the entire membership as she embarks on a professionally exciting and challenging year.

Incoming President-Elect Marcella A. Davis earned her M.A. degree in Education at Murray State University and currently serves as Humanities Professor and Coordinator of the Learning Center at Madisonville Community College in Madisonville, Kentucky. She has been an English Instructor for 32 years. Marcella was actively involved in NADE as a 2001 Conference Program Committee member and as Kentucky Association for Developmental Education (KADE) President, 2003-2004 and 2007-2008. She received the KADE Award for Distinguished Service to the Field of Developmental Education in 2006. She is also a graduate of the Kellogg Institute, class of 2004.

Vice President Joyce Brasfield Adams has been active this year: facilitating conference preparations; communicating with exhibitors; selecting future conference sites, and participating actively on the Board. She will continue her 2-year term. Welcome back, Joyce!

Newly re-elected **Treasurer Jeanine Lewis** is Professor and Chair of the Developmental Mathematics Department at Aims Community College in Greeley, Colorado. She received her Accounting Certificate at Aims in 1998 and her M.A.T. Degree in Mathematics & Statistics from the University of Nebraska in 1983. She also has other treasurer duties, since she serves in that role for the Aims College Education Association. She was honored as Aims Community College Faculty of the Year in 2006, received the Bell of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching award, and the NISOD Excellence Award. In addition to currently serving as NADE Treasurer, Jeanine also served as Colorado Associa-

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tion for Developmental Education (CoADE) President and Treasurer, and as NADE Conference Committee Chair for the 1997 NADE conference in Denver.

Newly elected **Secretary Betty Black** recently retired from her position as Lecturer and Developmental Reading & Supplemental Instruction Coordinator at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) in Kingsville, Texas. She holds B.S. and M.S. Degrees in Education. Betty has served as interim NADE Secretary since mid-2008. She served NADE in the past as Concurrent Session Presenter and Moderator, and as Texas Association for Developmental Education (TADE) President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Past President. Betty has also been actively involved in College Academic Support Programs (CASP) as Conference Co-Chair and Concurrent Session Presenter.

The final item on this year’s ballot was “Issue #1,” which proposed that the *NADE Constitution and Bylaws* be combined into one document called *Bylaws*. This issue was approved by the membership. The Constitution Committee (Dell Enecks, Chair) spent considerable time merging and streamlining the documents, and with your approval of the nine proposed changes, NADE’s newly revised *Bylaws* will serve us well into the future.

Please join me in congratulating the 2009-2010 NADE Executive Board. I hope you will be able to extend your personal congratulations to each Board member at the 33rd Annual Conference in Greensboro, N.C., February 25 – 28, 2009. I look forward to seeing you there!

2011 Conference Will Be In D.C.!

By Joyce B. Adams, NADE Vice President

The NADE Board is happy to announce another Board-sponsored conference for 2011 at the Wardman Park Marriott in Washington, D.C. The co-chairs, Vickie Kelly and Dessie Williams, long-time NADE members, former NADE Board members, and enthusiastic conference planners, will bring a plethora of new ideas while maintaining NADE traditions. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with the conference, please contact Vickie at Hinds Community College (Office Telephone: 601-857-3541; email: vakelly@hindscc.edu) or Dessie Williams (Office Telephone: 318-473-6473; email: dessiew@lsua.edu).

Secretary's Report

By Betty Black, NADE Secretary

The NADE Executive Board has had a very productive few months. The Board has had monthly, sometimes bi-monthly conference calls, and one face-to-face meeting in the past several months.

During the conference calls the Board accomplishes a great deal of business. Each conference call consists of two to two and one-half hours of nonstop discussion of various items. Minutes are approved, officer reports are given, motions presented and approved, annual conference discussions are held, and future items of interest are brought forward.

We accomplished much during the face-to-face meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina in September. The Board reviewed the goals and strategies that had been set forth earlier in the year. We also had an opportunity to meet with the Co-Chairs of the upcoming annual NADE Conference in February. After touring the conference hotel and visiting with the staff, it is certain that all attendees will have a very enriching experience. By the end of the face-to-face meeting, the Board was able to complete important business and begin discussing future items of interest.

After the completion of each conference call and face-to-face meeting, minutes are prepared and sent to the Board for review. After the Board approves the minutes, they are sent to the NADE Executive Assistant for placement on the NADE website.

It is the responsibility of the NADE Secretary to communicate with the NADE Executive Assistant. The NADE Secretary relates all requests from the Board to the NADE Executive Assistant through a weekly communication.

Since being on the NADE Executive Board, I have discovered that it is challenging, time consuming, and a rewarding experience. Meeting new people and experiencing new circumstances has been a wonderful endeavor. I hope in the coming year to continue to serve the membership and continue the learning experience. Thank you for the opportunity!

Treasurer's Report

By Jeanine Lewis, NADE Treasurer
December 16, 2008

S&T Checking	\$ 84,975.97
S&T Cash Management Acct (1.10 %)	\$ 74,370.54
2009 Scholarship (4.94 %)	\$ 50,000.00
2010 Reserves (4.60 %)	\$ 58,066.67
2011 Reserves (5.05 %)	\$ 100,000.00
2012 Reserves (4.94 %)	\$ 100,000.00
S&T Bank Research 1 CD (3.76 %)	\$ 1,139.20
NADE 2009 Checking	\$ 15,723.07
Chase NADE Checking	\$ 88,581.67
Chase NADE Savings	\$ 20,041.03
Chase 2010 Conference Checking	\$ 20,010.00
Total Assets	\$ 589,147.99



NADE 2009 Where Excellence Blooms!

33rd Annual Conference

February 25-28, 2009
Greensboro, North Carolina

For the latest details on the conference,
go to www.nade.net

Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Carriuolo!

By Rosemary Karr, NADE President

On behalf of the Executive Board of the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE), we congratulate Dr. Nancy Carriuolo on becoming the ninth President of Rhode Island College. The entire NADE organization rejoices in this momentous achievement and wishes Nancy great success as President.



We fondly recall the years 1982 – 1986 when she served in official leadership capacities for NADE. Our organization today is much stronger as a result of her leadership and continued involvement. She has helped bring clarity to the issues facing Developmental Education and has served as a beacon of light through her many publications that have provided leadership for education in both Rhode Island and across the country.

On a personal note, I wish to express my appreciation to Nancy for taking the time to continue to help influence the current NADE organization with her video comments, which were used in my inaugural speech as the 2008 NADE President. Nancy's inspiration has influenced me and helped serve as a "guiding hand" for the last few months. We look forward to your continued leadership in the field of Developmental Education in your new role as college president.

We encourage Nancy to call on NADE if we may ever be of service to her or Rhode Island College. We all need to work together to help influence the national discussion on education in this country and the role of Developmental Education within that discussion. She is well positioned to provide ongoing leadership to this dialog.

NADE is eager to watch Dr. Carriuolo's progress as Rhode Island College President and stands ready to support her.

[Picture from <http://www.ric.edu/officePresident/>]

NADE Directors Attend CAS Meeting

By Margaret "Mickey" Hay, NADE CAS Director

NADE Director, Dr. Mickey Hay, and NADE Alternate Director, Dr. Karen Patty-Graham, attended the semi-annual meeting of the Council for the Advancement of Standards (CAS) October 19-21, 2008 in Washington, D.C. The Council consists of representatives from approximately 37 professional associations that are committed to providing quality services to students in higher education. Each association's director serves on committees that develop and review standards; during the meetings, these standards are reviewed by the Council as a whole with approval required by a majority of association members present. During the meeting, the Council approved the newly revised learning outcomes that were based on Learning Reconsidered 2 (2004). These outcomes will be incorporated as each standard is revised in the future. In addition, the Council approved the following revised standards: Adult Learner, International Student Program, Graduate and Professional Student Standards, TRIO, and Assessment.

Karen Patty-Graham, Alternate Director, successfully presented the revised TRIO standards. Her long service to CAS as a representative of NADE was noted and celebrated.

Upcoming CAS activities include

- Seventh edition of The Book of Professional Standards for Higher Education, due in 2009. The Learning Assistance Programs standards will appear as revised for this edition.
- A new standards committee representing family and parent programs was initiated and will be chaired by Mickey Hay, NADE Director.

If you or someone from your institution has used CAS Standards and Guidelines for program self-evaluation, please contact Mickey so that information can be included in an anticipated database of such program efforts. If you would like to recommend additional professional standards that should be considered by CAS, pass that information along to Mickey (mhay@swmich.edu). For additional information about CAS, go to the NADE web site at www.nade.net or go directly to the CAS web site at www.CAS.edu.



Has your contact information changed?

NADE needs to ensure that members receive their benefits. To do that, NADE needs current contact information for every member.

Q: How can I tell if NADE has my current contact information?

A: Go to <http://www.nade.net/membersonly/index.aspx>, enter your membership number and expiration date, and you'll be taken to a screen that shows you the contact information NADE currently has for you.

Q: Am I able to update my contact information online?

A: Yes. Simply replace any incorrect information on the screen with correct information and select "update." The information in the online database will change immediately. The information in the NADE offline database will change within a week.

Q: Is there any other way to update my contact information?

A: Yes. Send an email to office@nade.net and provide your new contact information.

NADE Chapter News

Karen Patty-Graham, NADE President-Elect

NADE is pleased to announce the return of two recently reinstated chapters, New Jersey Association for Developmental Education (NJADE) and West Virginia Association for Developmental Education (WVADE), to good standing as NADE chapters. The reinstatement of NJADE and WVADE brings the number of NADE chapters to thirty. In both states, NADE members had remained committed to developmental education even as their chapters went through difficult times. Angela Moody Robinson, past NJADE officer, brought together an interested group of NADE members to reactivate their chapter. In West Virginia, the chapter continued to operate independently of NADE, but officers Michael McComas and Steve Woodburn worked to bring the chapter back to good standing with NADE. Both chapters will be recognized in Greensboro during NADE 2009.

Chapters remain in good standing as long as they maintain communication with NADE. Chapters must complete Fall and Spring Chapter Activity Reports, have at least twenty-five chapter members who are also NADE members, hold elections of officers and conferences according to their constitutions and bylaws, and communicate regularly with their chapter members.

In states and regions where there are NADE members but no chapters, those interested in creating new chapters may contact the NADE President-Elect about procedures for starting chapters. At NADE 2009 in Greensboro, chapter meeting times will be Friday, 3:45-4:30. During that time, NADE officers will be available to speak with persons interested in starting new NADE chapters.

In other chapter news, the 2008-09 Executive Board awarded seven Type A grants of up to \$500.00 each to bring current officers or past NADE Presidents to chapter conferences. In addition, the Board awarded eight Type B grants of up to \$500.00 each for special projects and other keynote speakers for chapter conferences. These grants assist chapters to meet their members' professional needs and aid in their efforts to maintain their chapters in good standing with NADE.

For additional grant information or information regarding starting a new NADE chapter, please contact 2008-09 NADE President-Elect, Karen Patty-Graham, at kpattyg@siue.edu.

NADE SPIN News

A new SPIN, Brain Compatible Learning, has been formed. Goals of the SPIN are to increase knowledge of how the brain learns, apply this knowledge to curricula and instructional standards, and to use this knowledge to engage students. Co-chairs are Rita Smilkstein, Ph.D., Janet Zandina, Ph.D., and Janet Elder, Ph.D. The SPIN is open to all, regardless of specialty.

News from Affiliate Associations

The Association for the Tutoring Profession (ATP) will hold its 5th Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM on April 5-8, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque. The theme of this conference is Tutoring: Research + Practice = Retention. For further information, contact Anastasia "Sissy" Campbell at scampbell@wtamu.edu.



Reflections of a Conference Co-Chair ---THE BAGS

Roberta Schotka, Wellesley College, co-chair of NADE 2008 Conference

Editor's note: reading this article should make us all appreciate the service that volunteers provide to NADE. I would encourage everyone at NADE 2009 to thank the volunteers who organized the conference and congratulate them on a job well done. -CB

I remember arriving at the hotel, thinking that three long years of work had finally paid off --- now it was time to rest up and enjoy the conference. I could bask in the luxury of our three-room suite, maybe swim a little, definitely enjoy a long soak in the Jacuzzi, and revel as hundreds of strangers would soon gather round to congratulate us on "the best conference ever." Boy was I mistaken!

When Margaret and I checked into the Marriott, days before the conference, we soon found out that the real work had only just begun.

It was early Saturday morning when we realized that we were facing a mountain of boxes, several hundred at least, that had to be retrieved from various locations throughout the hotel, moved, inventoried, sorted and unpacked, all in preparation for the "bag stuffing." It seemed like an insurmountable task; volunteers who were committed to help us were snowed in somewhere and no one else seemed to be available. The Board members, who we assumed would have nothing to do but lend a hand, were knee deep in meeting, training, and transitioning. Local volunteers were desperately trying to wrap up work in their offices so they could get away to attend NADE, and even our loving spouses were nowhere to be found. Later that afternoon, after a grueling morning of counting cartons, we were almost in tears. This was a bigger task than we ever imagined. We called on Karen McKetchnie, our treasurer who, with boyfriend Mike in tow, drove over an hour into Boston to lend a hand. And so we continued to unpack boxes. At some point during the night, the NADE Certification Council members Karen Patty-Graham, Gladys Shaw and her daughter Kia, Jenny Ferguson, Jane Neuburger, and Val Hampson --- magically appeared just when we needed them most. With their expert recommendations, we spent the rest of the night organizing, stacking, collating, and prepping the materials that we would eventually empty onto the double rows of banquet tables stretched end to end across the huge banquet hall for the inevitable task that lay ahead. A day and a half gone, and not a single stuffed bag to show for it.

The next day, Margaret and I, along with two more volunteers, Becca Fiore and Whitney Wilkinson, began stuffing the bags. We were rested, enthusiastic, excited, and oh so naïve. We worked hours and hours, constantly encouraging each other with words like, "it's not that bad," and "we'll be done before we know it." Again, we were wrong! After all our efforts, by lunch time on Monday we counted up our quarry and had completed only 249 bags. Gee, that left only 1,451 to go. We soon realized that we were in deep trouble. We were so desperate for help that even the hotel conference management team took pity on us. Tom Keeves and Melissa Wenczkowski rolled up their sleeves and helped us for a while (definitely not in their contract!), and they even sent four of their top-notch office staff to pitch in. We must have really been a miserable spectacle to garner that much support. Even so, as Monday night drew to a close, we had barely made a dent in the mountain of stuff for bag stuffing.

Ever the optimists, we assembled bright and early the next day, nine hours before the opening of the registration windows. Some new blood joined us, unsuspecting volunteers Sarah Bedingfield, Diane Bootland, Regina McCarthy, Joanne Conrad, and Annie Donahue. Our crew, along with Hilda Barrow and the gang from the Carolinas, plowed away slowly, tackling the mountain of material that would eventually end up on the shoulders of every attendee. Laughter and

jokes gave way to good-natured cursing and complaining (my family doesn't call me "Sailor mouth" for nothing!). By lunch time, we passed the 1/3 point with 550 bags completed. Someone calculated that, at our rate of progress, it would take 36 more hours to complete a job that had to be done in less than a day. We were so exhausted that it was hard to choke down our sandwiches.

We went right back to Salon H and started again. Even Jeanine Lewis from the Board spent her stretch break stuffing bags with us. Now we were up to almost 700. Only 1,000 to go! By 4:00 that afternoon we were exhausted; only two hours until attendees started to arrive, and registration was less than a day away. We were supposed to vacate the banquet hall so that it could be set up for the conference. The only good news was that we could have the hall for the rest of the day, so we had a fighting chance of finishing the task.

Clearly, we needed more help. Margaret called her former colleagues from Suffolk University, and before the day was over, three strapping young men, Ed Morgan, Brian Moore, and Greg Freed, arrived to lend a hand (I know they were work weary learning specialists, counselors, and middle managers, but to me they looked like knights in shining armor riding to the rescue). Boxes began flying, stacks of assorted papers dwindling, and cartons of mugs and pens disappearing, all before my eyes. Then things got even better as Joyce Adams and Nwachi Tafiri of the incoming NADE Board, along with Gerry McBroom, Jeanine Lewis, Mickey Hay, Susan Ertel, and Rosemary Karr of the (then) current Board, jumped in to lend a hand. We had tripled our work force, doubled our assembly line speed, and before I could blink, another cart laden with bags was rolling out of the room to the Registration area down the hall, then another, and then another. This went on for hours until, lo and behold, we started running out of items.

I looked up and saw a new mountain, one of empty boxes of all shapes and sizes. It seemed to extend the length of the hall. And the other mountain was nowhere in sight. Then came the moment that we thought would never arrive, when we wheeled out the last cart of bags, surveyed the new-found landscape, turned out the lights, and left the room.

In the end it was all worth it. I can't describe the satisfaction I got the next day, waiting for the elevator, looking around and seeing dozens of people carrying OUR bags, with the logo WE helped design, filled with the goodies WE so carefully selected, organized, collated, printed, photocopied, purchased --- and stuffed.

So next time you attend a conference, be it big or small, take a moment to think about the people who made it happen --- those tired souls standing near the elevators, grinning like fools --- and gather round to congratulate them on the "best conference ever."

(And here ends a valuable lesson in what it takes to make a conference happen and the care and feeding of conference volunteers-Ed.)

The NADE Newsletter is published electronically three times each year with this mission:

- Publish timely information about NADE activities, e.g., the annual conference, professional development workshops, Executive Board meetings, and Committee, SPIN, and Certification Council activities.
- Publish information about Developmental Education activities across the country.
- Publish short articles and book reviews (500-1000 words) which provide information about the "state-of-the-art" in the field of Developmental Education.
- Publish general information about news of interest to NADE members.

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