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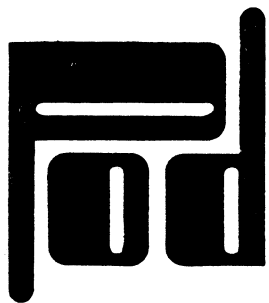
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NEWSLETTER
February, 1988

NEW CORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It's my pleasure to welcome our newly elected Core Committee members:

Howard Altman
Beverley Amick
Loren Ekroth
Sandra Holmes
Sandra Tomlinson

plus two former members who have been re-elected:

Glenn Ross Johnson
Ed Neal

and one member who is filling out the unexpired term of a former member:

Laura Border

They will receive their baptism of fire at the Core Committee meeting coming up in March at the AAHE conference. I know they look forward to serving on the Core just as we look forward to having them there. And I thank all of you who voted so promptly in the election.

AND A THANK YOU TO THE RETIRING CORE MEMBERS

It is with regret that I say goodbye to those Core members who are now completing their terms. Their efforts have been greatly appreciated, and I know they can be counted upon in future years to continue to work for POD. So a sincerely felt thank you to:

Wini Anderson
Bette Erickson
Linc. Fisch
Julie Jeffrey
Joanne Kurfiss
Sher Hruska

A NEW DIRECTORY IS COMING

At the beginning of March I will be compiling the new membership directory and networking guides for the year. If there is any change which you wish to make in your entry, please let me know by March 7 so that it can be included in the new edition. The directories will then be mailed out later in March, so be on the lookout for them along with an updated networking guide.

JOIN US AT AAHE

For any of you who will be in Washington in March at the AAHE meeting, POD will be sponsoring another POD sampler on Wednesday, March 9 from 2:00 to 4:30, followed by a reception from 4:30 to 6:00 in the Monroe Ballrooms east and west. During the sampler several of our members will be having round table discussion on topics of interest to POD members and others. The purpose of this session and the reception is to introduce what we do to others in the higher education community. It is also an opportunity to get together with old friends and visit. I hope you'll attend if you're in town.

A SECOND CHANCE FOR LITERARY NOTORIETY

Joanne Kurfiss, editor of this year's To Improve the Academy, informs me that she is still accepting manuscripts for consideration. Manuscripts submitted by the end of February will be reviewed for possible inclusion in this year's volume. She says that manuscripts need not be in perfect form since there will be time for reworking after the reviewers see them, but if you want to be considered for this volume, you must fire up your word processor soon.

CONFERENCE PROPOSALS FOR NEXT YEAR

As you can see from the last page of this newsletter, it is time to start thinking about proposing a session for next year's conference. Our Colorado site will be so lovely that you won't want to miss an opportunity to see it. The theme of the conference will be STRETCHING THE BOUNDARIES, which means exploring new areas for the profession, for higher education, and for ourselves as individuals. If we are to be on the forefront of improvement in higher education, then we cannot ignore the need to keep upgrading our own expertise in old areas and expanding into new ones; thus the organizers of this conference encourage you to explore the boundaries. For example we are going to try a new type of session designed specifically to allow you to test out some not-quite-ready ideas or activities. Called the "half-baked idea" sessions, these are an opportunity to sit with a group of colleagues and brainstorm or get feedback on new ideas on which you are working or new areas of study you are interested in pursuing. What better group to bounce ideas off of than your POD colleagues? And what group do you know that is more creative? So I'm expecting some creative sessions to go along with all that fresh mountain air. We'll leave Colorado high on both.

ONE LAST PIECE OF BUSINESS FROM KERRVILLE

At last year's conference in Kerrville, there was a suggestion made that we put together a pictorial history of the organization. Karron Lewis has volunteered to be in charge of putting our "History Book" together, but she needs your help. If you have photos of people/places from past conferences (including 1987) or conference programs which you would be willing to donate, please send them to Karron. Include the date, place, and names of persons pictured on the back of each photo. (The photos cannot be returned, so make sure you have a duplicate or negative for yourself.) Mail them to:

Karron G. Lewis
Center for Teaching Effectiveness
Main Building 2200
The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas 78712-1111

OTHER CONFERENCES/SEMINARS OF INTEREST

A National Seminar on Successful College Teaching, March 6-9, Orlando, FL, sponsored by the University of Florida Division of Continuing Education. The focus of the conference is what are the specific characteristics of good teaching. For more information, contact Al Smith, National College Teaching Seminar, Division of Continuing Education, 2207 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL, 32609.

18TH Organizational Development Institute Information Exchange, May 17-20, Williams Bay, Wisconsin - "What is Happening in O.D. and Human Resource Development" is the theme of this conference to which you are invited to submit presentation proposals. For more information contact the O.D. Institute, 11234 Walnut Ridge Road, Chesterland, OH 44026. For those of you who are world travelers, this group is also sponsoring a Team-Building conference on a cruise in the Greek Isles during June.

Smoky Mountain Seminar on College Teaching and Learning, May 31-June 5. Come join a collaborative effort to transform educational research into classroom practice. NCRIPAL (the National Center for Research to Improve Postsecondary Teaching and Learning) is organizing a week-long summer institute on research in teaching and learning to be hosted by Western Carolina State University. Critical analysis and creative application of the latest NCRIPAL research findings and materials are the aims of this seminar. Guided by leading researchers such as Wilbert McKeachie, Joan Stark, Tom Angelo and others, seminar participants will design projects to improve teaching and learning on their home campuses. The number of participants will be kept small to facilitate interaction and group cohesiveness, and costs will be kept to a minimum. There is an application procedure and a deadline of April 1. If you are interested in more information about this institute or an application form, contact Ben Ward at NCRIPAL, Suite 2400 School of Education Building, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 48109-1259, (313) 936-2744.

Improving University Teaching, June 20-23, Umea, Sweden, sponsored by the University of Maryland. Main topics include Student Learning, Approaches to Teaching, Faculty, Administration, Leadership, Governance and the Environment. For more information, contact Improving University Teaching, The University of Maryland University College, University Blvd. at Adelphi Rd., College Park, MD, 20742.

Successful College Teaching, June 20-24, Witzenhausen, Germany, sponsored by the University of Florida Institute of Higher Education and the University of Kassel. An international version of what makes for good teaching. For information contact the Division of Continuing Education, University of Florida, 2207 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL, 32609-3476.

A National Workshop on The Syracuse Experience: A Teaching Assistant Orientation Program, Nov. 20-22, Syracuse, NY, sponsored by the Center for Instructional Development, Syracuse University. An in-depth review of the TA training program currently being used at Syracuse, including concurrent sessions to allow focus on particular topics. For more information, contact The Center for Instructional Development, 111 Waverly Avenue - Suite 220, Syracuse, NY, 13244.



Call for Session Proposals

POD 13th Annual Conference
October 13-16, 1988
Keystone, Colorado

POD members are invited to submit session proposals for the 13th Annual POD Conference. (Please note: The new proposal form is more detailed than previous forms, so we are not enclosing one with this newsletter. If you wish to propose a session for the conference, you will need to write and request a copy of the form. We hope this new form will facilitate the task of describing your session and the reviewer's task as they read and evaluate the proposals.)

The conference theme this year is **Stretching the Boundaries**. Proposals on topics relating to innovations in instructional development; new ideas in faculty development, organizational development for administrators; perspectives in teaching; and issues in higher education, such as gender equity, multiculturalism, ethics, professionalizing teaching, raising the status of teaching, writing about teaching, and accountability and evaluation are encouraged.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **May 1, 1988**.

To request a POD Conference Session Proposal Form, please contact:

Laura Border
Conference Team Representative
Graduate Teacher Program
University Learning Center
University of Colorado
Boulder, CO 80309-0107
(303) 492-5474

We look forward to seeing you all in Colorful Colorado!!