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Conference Retrospective

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The Fifth Annual POD National Conference was held at Fairfield Glade Conference Center October 21–24. The conference evaluation report summary follows this report and once again Glenn Nyre has done a fantastic job.

The Fifth Annual POD Conference was, in my opinion, a success because of the 168 people who attended and contributed to the sessions and made the POD meeting a community. Hopefully in the future we will not have to change our plans in the middle of the planning year. It was very difficult finding a site and relocating our conference in the Spring of '79 for the Fall of '79. However, the Planning Committee and the Executive Committee of the Core Committee of POD supported me and I express to them my gratitude. A number of workshops and papers were presented covering the variety of interests represented in POD. To provide more of a sense of community there was a square dance featuring a bluegrass band called "Boothill" which performed very satisfactorily.

I wish to thank the members of the Planning Committee (Clare Rose, Luann Wilkerson, Marilla Svinicki, Glenn Erickson, Glenn Nyre, Bert Biles, Joe Clark, and Sherry Hill) and the presenters of workshops and papers, as well as the staff of Fairfield Glade for their tremendous help. Plans are now underway for planning the 1980 conference which will be held in Berkeley, California at the Claremont Hotel. I am sure that Joe Clark will provide us with a successful conference in 1980. I look forward to being there; I hope you will be there too.