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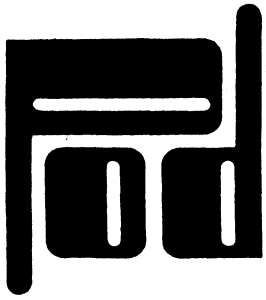


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# NETWORK

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PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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Dear POD Colleagues:

This is the newsletter with Conference Information you've been waiting for -- so here it is!

## 1990 POD CONFERENCE

Information, Registration, Housing, Transportation Forms

Joanne Kurfiss, Conference Chair, is hard at work planning a great conference *November 1-4, 1990*, at the Granlibakkan Conference Center, Tahoe City, California. It looks like the perfect "POD kind of place!"

Marilyn Leach is organizing your program proposals for an informing and renewing theme of "Developing Our Profession and Ourselves: Faculty, Instructional and Institutional Development in the Education Decade." Remember proposals are due Tuesday, May 1, 1990 so get them in to Marilyn at the Center for Faculty Development, Allwine Hall #419, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182-0050, (402) 554-2427, FAX (402) 554-2244. (Call for proposals was mailed in March).

Winnie Anderson is handling registration for the conference and the pre-conference workshops. You may want to take advantage of the July 15, 1990 "Early Bird" discount deadline. Notice that on-site housing is limited to 200 so get your registrations in early! For more details, see enclosures in this mailing, get out your pen, and send in your registration. You'll want to attend this fifteenth anniversary POD Conference!!

If you have ideas for the Conference, or would volunteer to help in some way, contact Joanne, Marilyn or Winnie. POD can use your help!

## Changes in the CORE Committee

**Completed Terms:** We all owe great appreciation to five people who have given much time, energy and concern to the work of the POD Network, and have fulfilled their term of office on the CORE. They include:

Art Crawley, University of Georgia  
Susan Holton, Bridgewater State College  
Ann Lucas, Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Diane Morrison, Centre for Curriculum Development, Victoria, B.C.  
Dan Wheeler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

When you see them this fall at our Conference, thank them for the work done on your behalf. They are committed members who will continue to be an important part of POD!!

**New Terms:** A newly elected group of CORE members have already begun their contributions to the well being of POD. The following were elected in January and are welcomed additions to the CORE:

Judy Bailey, University of Delaware  
Suzanne Brown, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education  
Kay Herr, Colorado State University  
Richard Nichols, Kean College of New Jersey  
Tom Pasternak, Randolph-Macon Woman's College  
Larry Quinsland, Rochester Institute of Technology

**Ongoing Terms:** Howard Altman, University of Louisville (89-91)  
Beverly Amick, Kean College of New Jersey (89-91)  
Laura Border, University of Colorado (88-92)  
Nancy Chism, The Ohio State University (89-92)  
James Eison, Southeast Missouri State University (89-92)  
Loren Ekroth, University of Hawaii (88-91)  
Linda Rae Hilsen, University of Minnesota-Duluth (89-92)  
Sandra Holmes, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (88-91)  
Glenn Ross Johnson, Texas A&M University (88-91)  
Marilyn Leach, University of Nebraska at Omaha (89-92)  
Ed Neal, University of North Carolina (88-91)  
Mary Deane Sorcinelli, University of Massachusetts-Amherst (89-92)  
Sandra Tomlinson, Galveston College (88-91)  
Emily (Rusty) Wadsworth, Northeastern Illinois University (87-92)  
Delivee Wright, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (87-92)  
Donald Wulff, University of Washington (89-92)

Now that you have a list, when you have an idea, suggestion, or question about POD, be sure to talk with one of your representatives on the CORE so we can respond appropriately.

**Nominees:** For those who were willing to nominate themselves, but didn't get elected this round; don't be discouraged! Try again!! Many CORE members weren't elected the first time or even the second, but each year the chances change. Thank you for offering your talents!

## **“Donahue Show” comes to POD**

“Donahue” will be hosting a special edition of his show during the POD conference on November 1-4 at Granlibakken, an Alpine-style resort on the shore of Lake Tahoe. The show’s topic will be “hot issues” in faculty development.

“Donahue’s” guests will be POD veteran and former Executive Director, Marilla Svinicki, along with other surprise guests to be announced later.

“Donahue,” true to form, will run around the audience to get your opinions on the topic.

POD’s “Donahue,” is Martin Nemko, popular speaker and consultant to instructional and faculty development programs, and author of How to Get an Ivy League Education at a State University (the only college guide to receive an “A” rating from Changing Times Magazine). Marty also produces and hosts “School Talk,” a weekly show on national public radio in the Bay Area. Marty will “emcee” a POD version of the Donahue show, so don’t miss your chance to be in the audience for this unique event!

And that’s not all. We have two outstanding keynote speakers and a distinguished guest, Professor Wilbert (Bill) McKeachie, lined up to stimulate our conversation.

> **Jack Schuster** is head of the Graduate Program in Higher Education at the Claremont Graduate School and editor with Dan Wheeler and Associates of the recently published Jossey-Bass collection, Enhancing Faculty Careers. Jack co-authored (with Howard R. Bowen) of American Professors: A National Resource Imperiled, and is well known for his work in education and public policy. His diverse background includes degrees in history, law, political science, and higher education. Jack will keynote our Friday sessions on the theme “Developing Our Profession.”

> **Joan North**, was POD’s first “coordinator” and is currently Dean of Professional Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Joan spent five years as organizational and professional development consultant to the Small College Consortium (a group of 50 colleges) and is now in her fifth year as Dean. A self-described “recovering Type-A personality,” Joan will talk with us about wellness. Her undergraduate course in stress management has increased her awareness of the role stress plays in our daily lives, and is just how addictive it is. Joan will keynote our Saturday sessions on the theme “Developing Ourselves.”

> **Bill McKeachie**, is Director of the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching at the University of Michigan, and Associate Director of Michigan’s national Center for Research to Improve Postsecondary Teaching and Learning (NCRIPAL). Bill is the sage and practical author of Teaching Tips: A Guidebook for the Beginning College Teacher (now in its eighth edition). He has served as President of the American Psychological Association and the American Association for Higher Education. Bill is our special guest at the conference, and will conduct a workshop on the “Motivated Student Learning Questionnaire.” He will also be available for informal conversations and will help us wrap up the conference Sunday morning.

Our theme is **Developing Our Profession and Ourselves**. Our setting, choice of speakers and preconference workshops, request for proposals and new presentation formats combine growth with a renewed commitment to the traditional POD values of networking, mutual support, and interactive learning.

**Our five preconference workshops** are described in the enclosed registration materials. Register early and be sure to line up a roommate since on-site lodging is scarcer than usual this year. **Questions on registration or lodging?** Call **Winnie Anderson** at (916) 752-6050.

For more on the **conference theme**, take a look at **Marilyn Leach's** earthy and elegant request for proposals which explains our vision of the conference. We'll mail you a preliminary conference program this summer with more details.

**Want to help with the conference?** Call conference coordinator **Joanne Kurfiss**, (408) 554-4769 to volunteer. And register early!

## **Executive Directors**

As you recall from Rusty Wadsworth's newsletter last Spring, Executive Director duties will continue to be shared by Rusty and me until spring of 1991. Rusty will continue to have responsibility for programs and publications, while I (Delivee Wright) will still deal with membership and financial responsibilities. The main change at this half-way point in our two-year term, will be that I will do the newsletters for 1990-91 and serve as spokesperson for the organization for this year.

As former Executive Director, Marilla Svinicki has continued, this year, to provide us with the benefit of her experience and guidance. We will miss her direct participation in CORE, but she will always be an important person in the dedicated support she continues to provide! Thank you, from all of us, Marilla!!!!

## **AAHE/Reception/POD Sampler**

POD was visible and involved at the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) meeting in San Francisco in April. In addition to the usual CORE meeting which preceded the Conference, POD had a booth in the Exhibit area, and hosted a reception which followed our POD Sampler.

Dan Wheeler organized a three-part sampler of some of the work being done by members of POD. Dee Fink, Jody Nyquist, Jack Schuster, Mary Deane Sorcinelli and Don Wulff led concurrent discussions related to "Preparing Faculty and Future Faculty to be Successful."

A program session, "Faculty and Instructional Development Centers: A New Look," was also organized by POD. Gene Rice moderated a panel including Bob Diamond, Maryellen Gleason Weimer, Ken Zahorski, Michael Kerwin and Marilla Svinicki. They made an excellent case for the support of faculty/instructional development in a variety of institution types. They made us all look good! Many thanks to these POD representatives!!

Numerous other sessions featured POD members, so we were well represented.

## **Membership Update**

As you know, the membership year is September 1 through August 31. Since many of us renew membership along with Conference registration, we are beginning to receive renewals for the September 1, 1990 through August 31, 1991 membership year. Usually, renewal notices are sent in November to those not attending the Conference. A final notice is sent March 1st as people are moved to an inactive file. All those receiving this newsletter are in the currently active list. If you know people who didn't receive this mailing and want to, have them contact me about their membership status. Computers and people operating them do make mistakes!!! We are trying to get errors out of the list, so send changes or errors to me. We have passed the 600 member mark with current membership at 604!

## **Membership Directory and Bright Ideas**

You will receive the updated *1989-1990 Membership Directory* along with the new *Bright Ideas Booklet* by bulk mail in May. Larry Quinsland, past recipient of the Bright Ideas Award (you remember his heart circulation simulation we enjoyed so much at Jekyll Island) is compiling all the great ideas from the 1989 Conference in this booklet. If you missed that edition, start thinking about "bright ideas" you could contribute in 1990-91 and bring them to the Conference.

## POD History

At this Fall's Conference, POD will be celebrating fifteen years of professional networking in our field. Because our institutional memory is only as long as the memory of those who are active, the CORE has been concerned about the loss of perspectives and information that constitute our history as an organization. Enclosed is a Call for a Proposal for a grant to support the writing of the first fifteen years of POD history. If this task is appealing to you, by all means apply. We need your help.

## Summer POD Think-Tank Seminar on Teaching Excellence

Recently, you received a mailing with details for registering for this Smoky Mountain Seminar, May 29-June 3, 1990, at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina. This is designed to address issues central to improvement of teaching in our institutions. For registration information, contact Ben Ward, Faculty Center for Teaching Excellence, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723, (704) 227-7196.

## TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Our essay series, which is suitable for local newsletters has been extremely successful! It apparently fills a need for a great many people! With the able leadership of Loren Ekroth as Editor, and Marilla Svinicki and Sandy Tomlinson as Associate Editors, eight excellent issues have been distributed to subscribers in 1989-90! The 124 institutional and 64 individual subscribers provide a tremendous potential for reaching a great many faculty! For the 1990-91 essay series, subscriptions should be sent directly to me (address at the end of this newsletter). Last year's series will still be available at the same rate, as long as topics are timely.

Individual Member Subscriptions	\$ 10.00
Institutional Member Subscriptions [With distribution rights]	80.00
Institutional Non-Member Subscriptions [With distribution rights]	100.00

## Reminders

Please return your "POD Mission Review Study," if you haven't already to: Dr. Emily (Rusty) Wadsworth, C-522, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 North St. Louis, Chicago, IL 60625.

With the rolling submissions policy, you can still submit manuscripts for *To Improve The Academy* to Linda Hilsen, Editor, Instructional Development, 1000 River Road, Library #134, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN 55812.

An "Informative Brochure About Instructional, Faculty, Organizational Development" prepared for faculty and administrators who are not familiar with what we do has been written by Marilla Svinicki. These have already been used to respond to inquiries and in our AAHE Booth. This is a welcomed addition to resources available to our membership and others! Well done, Marilla!!

## Job Opportunities

Director for Center for Teaching, University of California, Santa Cruz. (FY Salary \$34,992-47,436.) Closing May 7, 1990. Apply to: Professor M. Eugenia Matute-Bianchi, Academic Senate Office, Position #T89-43, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, William Paterson College of New Jersey. Deadline May 15, 1990. For information, contact Mr. Raj-Singh, Director of Faculty and Staff Relations, President's Office, William Paterson College, Wayne, NJ 07470.

Director, Center for Teaching Excellence and Instructional Support, South Florida University, Tampa, Florida. (FY Salary \$55,000). Apply to: Professor John Lawrence, CTE Search Committee, Department of Biology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

## Meetings of Interest

National Council Staff Program and Organizational Development (NCSPOD) 13th Annual Conference [Call for Proposals deadline May 14, 1990] - "A Look Ahead to the 90's," November 3-7, 1990, Red Lion Inn, Orange County, CA. Rita Burleigh, Associate Dean, Citrus College, 1000 W. Foothill Blvd., Gendora, CA 91740-1899, (818) 914-8880.

Association for General and Liberal Studies [Call for Proposals deadline April 30, 1990] - "Learning Communities and the Nature of the Liberal Conversation," October 25-27, 1990, Clarinda Hariss Lott, English Department, Towson State University, Towson, MD 21204, (301) 830-2863, Ext. 2178.

The International Society for Exploring Teaching Alternatives 20th Annual Conference - "Teaching as a Creative Activity," October 11-13, 1990, Dr. Bonnie Johnson, ISETA-90 Program Chair, Department of Education, California State University-Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0222, (916) 895-6402.

Center for Faculty Evaluation and Development, Kansas State University [Call for Presentations due June 15, 1990 for 8th Annual "Academic Chairpersons: Improving Effectiveness and Efficiency."] - February 6-8, 1991, Orlando, FL, Dr. William E. Cashin, Kansas State University, 1615 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502-1604, (800) 255-2757 or (913) 532-5970.

Videodisc Design Workshop, June 24-28, 1990, Nebraska Telecommunications Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0747, (402) 472-3611.

## Checklist: Things To Do

- \_\_\_\_\_ Send 1990 Conference Proposals to Marilyn Leach.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for 1990 POD Conference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Send in Housing Reservations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make travel arrangements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer to help with the Conference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Return "Mission Review Study" to Emily (Rusty) Wadsworth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Send *To Improve The Academy* Manuscripts to Linda Hilsen or begin to think about one for 1991.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for the Summer POD Think-Tank Seminar.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Subscribe to "Teaching Excellence" for 1990-91.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Send your membership renewal for 1990-1991 to Del Wright or with your Conference Registration to Winnie Anderson.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider whether historical documentation/narrative appeals to you for applying for the POD History Grant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thank members of the CORE for the work done on your behalf.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Send directory changes to Del Wright.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have a restful, reflective, regenerative summer!

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# CALL FOR A PROPOSAL

The POD CORE Committee is seeking proposals for a History of POD. Before our past gets lost, we need accounts (from members, former executive directors, and core members) of the development of our organization. The project should include gathering information; synthesizing and distributing materials for review; cataloging our written materials (*To Improve The Academy*, newsletters, minutes, brochures, *Handbook for New Practitioners*, *Bright Ideas*, *Teaching Excellence*, etc.); and preparing for publication a narrative historical account of the organization.

Interested applicants should submit a budget, an account of the methodology, and the time table s/he would adopt.

**BUDGET:** Maximum \$3,000

**DUE DATE FOR PROPOSAL:** July 1, 1990

**STARTING DATE FOR PROJECT:** September 1, 1990  
[In time for our November meeting at Lake Tahoe]

Submit materials, including budget, methodology and curriculum vita to:

Sandra Tomlinson, Grants Committee  
Assistant Dean of Instruction/Humanities  
Galveston College  
4015 Avenue Q  
Galveston, TX 77550