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President's Message

An Invitation from Our President



Steve McDonnell
 President, N4A

Dear N4A Members:

On behalf of the N4A Executive Board, I am pleased to invite you to our 30th Annual National Convention to be held in Raleigh, June 10-13, 2005. We will meet at the Embassy Suites Hotel in the Raleigh-Durham Research Triangle for our lodging and all convention events. Since our convention attendance is estimated at approximately 350 participants, we will have the entire hotel exclusively for our convention!

This year's theme, "Creating a Balance," focuses on maintaining some of the great traditions of being a people-oriented, friendly, personal association while we also develop more as a professional association that has a strong voice about student-athletes and our colleagues. The theme is also about a balance among the veterans and new members, ideas and ways of doing things.

Since this is the 30th Anniversary of the N4A, we have some special events planned for the convention. From the **past**, we have invited the two co-founders of the N4A, Dr. Clarence Underwood and Dr. Frank Downing to be our featured speakers. We also have asked many of our past presidents to attend and participate in a Past-Presidents' Forum where we will have the opportunity to hear from many of the great leaders who have helped to shape the N4A during the past 30 years. We will also enjoy a special 30th Anniversary celebration with our opening social event – Sports in 1975. Be sure to bring your bell-bottoms and tie dyed shirts!

The **present** will include a presentation by Carla Gary, J.D. Carla Gary is back by popular demand. Some of you may recall that she gave an excellent presentation at our convention in Reno in 2002. This year, the NBA is sponsoring our Basketball Tournament which will be held right on the Embassy Suites property. We should have great uniforms, prizes and a whole lot of fun – March Madness in June!

Our **future** will be focused on the new members with our new member orientation and reception plus a special presentation by Dr. Chip Anderson focusing on our strengths. We will also be hosting a Presidents' Breakfast for new members and graduate students. Another new feature, which is actually from an old tradition, is to sponsor the N4A Open Forum where members will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas with the Executive Board.

There will also be many excellent concurrent workshops, the NCAA Update and town meetings. Another highlight of the convention, of course, will be the N4A Awards Luncheon where we will present the Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Awards.

As you can see, we have a balance of programs designed to meet the needs of old and new alike. I certainly look forward to seeing you in Raleigh this June.

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Election 2005: Candidate Statements



Kerry Howland President-Elect

I am honored to have been nominated to run for President of the N4A. This is my 20th year in the profession, and 18th as an active member of the organization. I have served in varied capacities, and have been personally and professionally enriched in many ways through my association with the membership, old and new.

Through these many years, I have been particularly inspired by many strong leaders of the N4A, and my goal is to continue and strengthen the path we are on now.

I am struck by the fact that our 30th anniversary is upon us. Our founding colleagues did not have APRs and published graduation rates staring them in the face, and now those are at the forefront in the national media.

The N4A must have a new way of doing business to fulfill its responsibility to the membership being faced with mounting pressures. We need to establish, through professional development, added support to member needs by making clear and public with President, FAR's and AD's what those needs are.

So how do we get to the table? Thanks to our recent leadership, we have opened an avenue to the NCAA previously only imagined. We have also fostered collaboration with NACADA, and there are several other organizations that have the expertise from which we can benefit. We are now thinking in terms of networking regarding best practice for tutor programs, advising, the 1st year experience, etc.

When I was first approached about embracing this challenge, I immediately thought about the leadership in place now and during the last years. I realized I was fortunate in the area of timing because of the tremendous forward momentum we are experiencing.

I have a passion for this profession and this organization that moves me to want to serve and lead.

Thank you for the honor of this nomination, and I look forward to seeing you in Raleigh.

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OLD PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED!!

Calling all you shutter bugs out there!
For our 30th anniversary we are putting together a photo montage by the decades. Please look through those photo albums and send me those memories. If you would be so kind to put your name and the date on the back of the photo, I'll see that it is returned to you (unless you don't mind that I keep it)

Send them to:
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For you computer aficionados, e-mail them but please provide a caption and/or a name and date.

Questions: Call me at 617-552-8533 or e-mail to phillips@bc.edu

The Research Committee Welcomes Your Voice

Hello everyone. It is hard to believe that North Carolina is just around the corner. We look forward to meeting with and learning from you in Raleigh.

Please come and listen to the research award winner's presentation on **Sunday, June 12** from **2:45 – 3:45 pm**. The Research Committee reviewed several applicants and chose a recipient who completed research that we felt the membership would really enjoy.

Please also join us for a Town Meeting on **Saturday, June 11** from **4:30 – 5:30 pm**. We will be discussing the results from our annual survey at this meeting, reviewing implications of the demographic information and asking for your input on what topics you would like to see researched in the future. We value your voice and want to serve you, so please share ideas for next year's annual survey.

If you would like to be a member of the Research Committee, please plan to attend our committee meeting in Raleigh on **Monday, June 13** from **10:00 – 11:30 AM**. We have a great team and would love others to join in and help us to accomplish our very important goals. If you are interested in joining the committee but can't attend the meeting in Raleigh, please e-mail Adrienne (atoogood@ksu.edu) or Cayce (crenshcr@jmu.edu).

Finally, please take time to review the poster presentations that will be displayed throughout the conference. Although we were only able to honor one applicant with the research award, we had several deserving applications. We know that you will learn a lot from their work.

We look forward to seeing you in Raleigh.

Memorial Moment

Please send your Memorial Moment submissions to Karen Schiferl at kshif@olemiss.edu. As many of you know, the Memorial Moment is an annual part of our national convention when we take the time to remember the student-athletes, coaches and administrators we have lost during the past year.

Here is what I need:

- Name
- School
- Sport or position
- Photo (headshots are usually best)

Please email submissions by Friday, June 3rd.

Thanks,
Karen

Absentee Ballots

This year we will be sending copies of absentee ballots, via the listserv, to all current professional members of the N4A. The absentee ballots will be sent to voting members within a week after you receive this newsletter. If you are a current professional member, who will not be attending the national convention in June, you must submit your absentee ballot to the national office by Thursday, May 26, 2005.

JOB FAIR – RALEIGH CONVENTION

If your institution is interested in posting a job opening at the convention, please email the description to Megan Taliaferro at NC State University (megan_taliaferro@ncsu.edu). The deadline is June 1st if you want the job posted in Raleigh.

Election 2005: Candidate Statements



John Allen
Treasurer

We know that being involved enhances the college experience for our students. Being an active participant in the campus culture helps the student feel more connected, committed, and valued.

I've found that this concept is no different in my professional life. I have been an academic counselor at the University of Iowa for nearly ten years. In that time, the N4A has been a vital part of my professional development. I've forged many friendships as a committee member, Region III rep, and hospitality suite regular. I've always found that I get more out of my membership when I get involved. So when I was asked to be a candidate for N4A Treasurer, I looked at it as a way to reconnect by serving an organization that has given me so much.

So what qualifications could an English major possibly have for being a treasurer? That is a very valid question. My best qualities are my organizational skills and my commitment to clear communication. An informed membership is an involved membership. I have N4A Executive Board experience as a former region rep. Also, I have at my disposal several resources to mentor and assist me in this office. My director at Iowa, Fred Mims, is a past N4A Treasurer. Also, the N4A's accountant is located in Iowa City. With their help and under President Sandy Meyer's direction, I will do my best to make a smooth transition into the office of Treasurer.

If elected, it would be my honor and pleasure to serve the N4A as it moves toward the future.



Hope D. Williams
Treasurer

Dear Colleagues,

The N4A is the premiere professional organizational committed advocating for and providing support to college student-athletes. Our goal is to see these young people develop into productive citizens while attaining their chosen degree. I joined this organization in the late 90's and have enjoyed personally and benefited professionally from getting to know some of the best student development professionals in the business. My previous work in this organization has included presenting at two national conferences, serving as a mentor, working on committees, and helping out during conferences as needed. I am committed to our organization and to that end want to increase my commitment by running and serving as your next N4A Treasurer.

My fiscal experience includes servings as treasurer in local and national organizations including, Association of Academic Affairs Administrators, National Association of Women in Education, Inner City Development Corporation, Quad Cities Women's Conference, and the University of Iowa African American Staff Council. Additional financial experience comes from managing department budgets of non-profit community based organizations as well as managing the budget for my current position as Director of Student-Athlete Support Services at the University of New Orleans. In addition to my previous experience as treasurer, I have served on the executive board of such national organizations as NACADA and NAWA.

As your next treasurer I will be a good steward of organization funds and keep the membership informed regarding financial matters. I will carry out all duties of the treasurer such as paying bills and reimbursements in a timely manner. I will operate within generally accepted accounting principles while implementing the decisions of the membership and executive board. My goal is to serve the organization and help N4A continue to be a viable organization committee to student-athletes growth and development.

CONVENTION AGENDA
30th Anniversary N4A Annual Convention
Raleigh, NC
June 9-13, 2005

Wednesday, June 8

2:00 pm – 8:00 pm Leadership Institute- Embassy Suites Hotel/ NC State facilities

Thursday, June 9

8:00 am – 3:00 pm Leadership Institute- Embassy Suites Hotel/ NC State Facilities

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

7:00 pm New Member/Executive Board Reception(By invitation only)

Friday, June 10

7:00 am **N4A Golf Tournament**

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Convention Registration

10:00 am – 6:00 pm Idea Mart Open

9:00 am – 11:30 am New Member Orientation/Registration

Noon – 1:45 pm Region Meetings (Lunch provided)

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Featured Speakers:**

Founders of N4A- Dr. Frank Downing, Dr. Clarence Underwood

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm **Opening General Session**

Reports, Proposals, Candidate's Speeches

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm Committee Meetings

7:00 pm 30th Anniversary Social- "Sports in 1975"

Saturday, June 11

8:30 am – 9:30 am Concurrent Workshops

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Idea Mart Open

9:45 am – 11:00 am **Keynote Speaker:**

Carla Gary, J.D. University of Oregon- Asst. Vice Provost for Inst. Equity and Diversity

11:15 am – 12:15 pm Concurrent Workshops

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm Mentor/Mentee Lunch

Lunch on your own

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm Past Presidents' Forum

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm NCAA Update

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Town Meetings

NCAA Legislation Concepts (follow-up to 3:00 update)

Code of Ethics/Fraud Allegations

Leadership Institute Participants

Research Committee

Tutor Coordinators

Unit Directors

LGBT Concerns

Learning Specialists

Sunday, June 12

8:00 am – 9:00 am Ecumenical Worship

9:15 am – 9:30 am Memorial Moments

9:30 am – 10:45 am **Featured Speaker:**

Dr. Edward "Chip" Anderson

Center for Strengths-Based Education

10:45 am – 11:00 am Community Service Presentation/ Election Results

11:15 am – 1:00 pm N4A Awards Luncheon

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Concurrent Workshops

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Concurrent Workshops

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm N4A Open Forum

6:30 pm Basketball Tournament- Embassy Suites Courts

8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Social/ N4A Hospitality

Monday, June 13

8:30 am – 9:45 am Website/Intranet Update

10:00 am – 11:30 am Committee Meetings

11:30 am – 12:45 pm Lunch On Your Own

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Region Meetings

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Closing General Session

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm N4A New Leadership Information Sharing

Tuesday, June 14

9:00 am – 3:00 pm New Executive Board Meeting

Region IV Annual Conference

The Region IV Annual Conference was held February 27-March 1 in Norman, OK, hosted by the University of Oklahoma. Nearly 50 members attended this year's fun and informative event, highlighted by an excellent keynote address by Coach Sherri Coale, head coach for the University of Oklahoma women's basketball team. Coach Coale inspired the attendees with wit and wisdom to help us in or day to day jobs, but most importantly, she thanked us for doing what we do and encouraged us to continue helping student-athletes. Our other guest was Julie Cromer, NCAA Membership Director, who talked to us about how the NCAA and the N4A can and will work together in the future. She also fielded the many questions from our members about APR.

We had 3 informative presentations from our members. Ann Pool from Texas A&M presented on ways to use Career Services to help students choose a major. Liane Fowler from Kansas State University and Teresa Eastman and Amber Stewart from Butler Community College presented on alternative ways to work with learning disabled and at-risk students. Finally, Dr. Nicki Moore and Dr. Gerald Gurney (University of Oklahoma) presented on the benefits of "in-house" Psychologists within athletics departments.

All work and no play makes for a boring conference, so we incorporated plenty of time for fun including a happy hour, and a luncheon both sponsored by the N4A and a reception on the University of Oklahoma campus sponsored by the University of Oklahoma along with a tour of Oklahoma's beautiful Prentice Gautt Academic Center.

Business accomplished at the meeting included nominating locations for the next regional and locations for the 2008 national, which Region IV is hosting. We also took nominations for region secretary

and the Professional Promise Award. Voting for the next regional site, region secretary and Professional Promise will take place on-line. Region members will be notified via e-mail of when voting will take place. Here are the nominees:

2006 Region IV meeting (we will only use a site if the nominated host school agrees to hosting duties):

Lawrence, KS (hosted by University of Kansas and Kansas State University)

Boulder, CO (hosted by University of Colorado)

Lubbock, TX (hosted by Texas Tech University)

Austin, TX (hosted by University of Texas)

San Antonio, TX (hosted by University of Texas

San Antonio)

Region Secretary:

Liane Fowler – Kansas State

Sarah Kuennen – Wyoming

Professional Promise:

Adrienne Leslie-Toogood – Kansas State

Shanna O'Gilvie – Texas A&M

Dana Green – Oral Roberts University

2008 National location suggestions:

Denver, CO

San Antonio, TX

Kansas City, MO

Finally, Region IV would like to welcome Jill Shield (Kansas State) to the post of Region Representative. She will take over from Sherrice King (Texas A&M) at the end of this year's National Conference. She takes over a Region that is growing and becoming more enthusiastic every year. We wish her well.

Come back to the LCEC meeting!

The Learning Concerns and Enhancement Committee would like to invite everyone back to its town meeting at our national conference. This year, we will supply a packet of resource materials as collected from various athletic academic programs throughout the country. We also will be sending a request over the listserv to see what the hot topics are and address those in our meeting. Our committee wants to grow as a resource for our members. Many schools have begun or are in the midst of developing a Learning Specialist program, and many newcomers are entering the field, in which there is not time to sit on the bench! We would like to provide the support and experience that they might need, so let us know what we can provide. Please contact Christine Scheets (cscheets@miami.edu), Jeanne Hieronimus (jeanneh@lsu.edu), or Shawn Jenkins (shawnjenkins@psu.edu).