

ACOSA News

Newsletter of the Association for Community Organization & Social Administration

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ACOSA Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

ACOSA celebrated its tenth anniversary with a gala party at the 1995 CSWE Annual Program Meeting in San Diego. The festivities included awards, singing, dinner and general merrymaking.



Fred Seidel and Dean Santos sing up a storm at the ACOSA tenth anniversary celebration in San Diego. (Photo by Dee Gamble)

WERNET TO HEAD ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

ACOSA President Steve Wernet has been named as the new Dean of St. Louis University School of Social Services. Wernet, who holds a Ph.D from the

University of Texas at Austin, is currently Associate Professor of Social Work at Loyola University in Chicago. He was formally head of the Ph.D program in Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Wernet began his new duties in July.

WATTENBERG, CLOWARD, SELECTED FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Esther Wattenberg and Richard Cloward were selected as recipients of the 1995 ACOSA Lifetime Achievement Awards. Marie Roberts Degenero delivered the introduction for Wattenberg, praising her years of devoted service and many contributions to the field. Wattenberg teaches at the University of Minnesota School of Social Work.

Cloward, who is well known to most ACOSA members year, teaches at Columbia University School of Social Work. He will receive his award at the 1996 APM in Washington.

Recipients of other ACOSA awards will be featured in the next edition of the ACOSA news.

NEWS NEEDED!!!!!!!

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SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOLS

This section highlights recent developments in macro social work education

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

After two decades of an MSW Curriculum devoted to Fields of Practice (Aging, Health, Mental Health and Children & Families), the School of Social Work at West Virginia University has adopted a revised curriculum requiring a requiring two specializations of all students: In addition to the fields of practice concentration, students entering the school in the 1994-95 school year and thereafter will also be required to designate a clinical or COSA (Community Organization / Social Administration choice)

Roger Lohmann

CASE - WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

The Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences was involved in developing the proposal for the City of Cleveland's Empowerment Zone. MSASS Faculty were involved in analyzing data to support the proposal, helping to plan the proposal and writing major sections of the document.

Alice Johnson

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work announced a new second year specialization in social and economic development (SED). The specialization is intended to prepare students for roles in policy, planning, research and administration in community focused organizations. The goals of the specialization are far reaching and emphasize the meaningful participation of people in socioeconomic development at all levels of social organization.

The SED specialization consists of five required courses, a year long field practicum in an appropriate SED setting, an advanced research option and two electives.

Fall Semester

SW735 Socioeconomic Development Policy
SW736 Group, Organizational and Community Dynamics
SW708 Social Work Practice in Socioeconomic Development:
Part I
Elective

Spring Semester

SW713 Social Change: Issues of Race and Gender
SW715 Professional Project in Socioeconomic Development (Optional)
SW718 Social Work Practice in Socioeconomic Development:
Part II
Electives

A wide variety of elective courses are also available.

The school of social work also has a new Web Page on social and economic development [[HTTP://www.ssw.upenn.edu/~restes/praxis/html](http://www.ssw.upenn.edu/~restes/praxis/html)].

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

UNC-CH is in the process of developing a Women in Sustainable Development Project. The project looks at a number of grassroots interventions including participatory learning, self and group empowerment, negotiation, micro enterprise development, needs assessment, fund raising and proposal development and evaluation.

Dee Gamble

HUNTER COLLEGE-CCNY

Hunter College School of Social Work's Women's Organizing Project announces the availability of the video Women, Organizing and Diversity. This video records a meeting of 50 women organizers from throughout the United States. Among the topics discussed are the politics of language, models for organizational development and Celebrating Ourselves and Our Work. A package containing the Video, a work book and two additional publications (Highlights from the Advance and References and Resources for Women Organizing) are available from: The Women's Organizing Project, Education Center for Community Organizing Hunter College SSW, 129 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10021, (212) 452-7132 or 7112.

Terry Mizrahi

MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES

Dwight Rieman, University of Missouri, was named 1995 Social Worker of the Year by the Central Unit of the Missouri Chapter of NASW.

Roger Lohmann, West Virginia University, has been named a Benedum Distinguished Scholar in Social and Behavioral Science. He was recognized for his work on nonprofit organizations and voluntary associations. The awards committee also recognized his earlier work on financial management of non-profit organizations and his current work on application of information processing technology to human services organizations.

Irene Quero-Tajalli, Indiana University, was named Associate Dean for Systems for the IU School of Social Work. She continues as Director of Undergraduate Social Work education at IUSSW.

William Whitaker, University of Maine, was elected to the CSWE Board of Directors.

Calender

Conferences

NASW's Annual Meeting of the Profession, Philadelphia, PA., October 12-14. (see Regional Meeting)

ARNOVA Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH., November 2-4, 1995

CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC, February 15-18, 1996

[Roger Lohmann and Ellen Netting will Chair this year's ACOSA Symposium]

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

March 4, 1995

President Steve Wernet opened the ACOSA Annual Membership Meeting at the Council on Social Work Education APM in San Diego, California. Formal, self introductions were made by people present at the meeting.

1. Membership Report

Terry Mizrahi reported on the marketing of ACOSA membership with the new Journal of Community Practice. For clarity, she noted that Volume I of the journal was linked to 1993 membership and Volume II was linked to 1994 membership. By Board vote, membership would be base on the calendar year in 1996. The new ACOSA membership Directory will be sent in July, 1995 and e-mail addresses will be included.

A key issue is to increase the membership of practitioners. Potential members will be contacted through the field offices at schools of social work.

2. Treasurer's Report

John Morrison reviewed the 1993 and 1994 AOCOSA Budget. He reported that the total income and expenditures almost doubled due to increased membership. Income for 1994 was \$11,322.52 and expenses were 11,849.46. Expenses included the cost of the ACOSA booth at the 1995 APM and expenses for meeting

rooms that were prepaid (\$690). Cash on hand, as of 2/25/95 was \$3,196.39. In addition, editorial expenses of \$2,200 for the new journal were paid after the board meeting earlier today. For the first time, ACOSA has run a deficit (\$526.94) because of the costs of the journal. Since the Haworth subsidy of \$500 would not be available in 1995, he recommended an ACOSA dues increase of \$15.

A motion to increase regular ACOSA membership fees to \$50 was made and seconded. During discussion, a second motion was made and seconded to amend the first motion and raise membership dues to \$45. The second motion was discussed and voted on. The substitute motion failed. The motion to raise membership fees to \$50 was discussed and brought to a vote. Motion carried. Regular ACOSA membership dues will be \$50. Student memberships will remain at \$20. Sponsoring memberships will be a minimum of \$60, with an open line for members to write in the amount of their contribution.

3. Strategic Plan

Barbara Pine and Terry Mizrahi reported on the ACOSA strategic planning process. An open meeting was held the previous evening and participants identified seven strategic issues which seemed crucial to the future of ACOSA. The issues are:

1) Enhancing ACOSA as a forum for sharing macro curriculum models, strategies, courses and field programs.

2) Enhancing ACOSA's role in promoting macro practice as a professional career in social work, e. g., recruitment of students, public awareness, etc.

3) Promoting ACOSA's relationship with practitioner groups both inside and outside of social work including the network of social work managers, the National Association of Social Workers and others.

4) Strengthening the focus on social administration in ACOSA;

5) Strengthening ACOSA's role in CSWE in relation to the ACOSA Symposium, Curriculum Standards, accreditation and elected and appointed CSWE leadership;

6) Enhancing ACOSA's ability to communicate with and serve its membership (e.g., databases, Internet, newsletter and columns in Journal); and

7) Increasing the sources and amount of ACOSA's funding base.

Although time did not permit more discussion, a brief summary of the seven issues was presented and volunteers were asked to sign up for a work group. Barbara Pine and Terry Mizrahi agreed to work with the groups, help get them organized, recruit new members and develop a work plan for the coming year. John McNutt, who is in charge of the ACOSA Newsletter, suggested that the newsletter could be used to inform the members of the strategic planning process.

4. Other Issues

Several other issues were brought to ACOSA's attention by those attending the annual membership meeting. These included: 1) ACOSA linkages to Social Work with Groups; 2) Generalist Practice Issues; and 3) the role of community organization in social work education.

Marie Weil reported that the first four issues of The Journal of

Community Practice are in print. Good manuscripts are needed. Members were asked to recruit membership submissions from social work and other disciplines.

Ray McNair reported the discussion of a research proposal on models of community organization across the country and how these are integrated and/or reflected in curricula for community practice. Anyone interested in working on the proposal should talk to him.

5. Resolutions

Three resolutions were brought before the ACOSA membership:

Naomi Silverstein asked for and endorsement of the following motion:

ACOSA will support a resolution to the CSWE Board of Directors calling on social work educators to unit in opposition to cuts in various children's services on social work in schools (Seconded by Donna Hardina)

The motion was carried by majority vote

A second motion was read by Steve Wernet having been introduced by CSWE's Women's Caucus:

ACOSA will support CSWE's Women's Caucus in calling for a national people's march protesting the assault on women. (Motion Seconded)

The motion was carried by majority vote

A third motion on voter registration was introduced by a representative from the Columbia University School of Social Work:

ACOSA will support Columbia University's efforts to get Schools of Social Work to support and promote voter registration in social services agencies.

The motion was passed by majority vote with Three abstentions.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 PST

Respectfully Submitted by Alice K. Johnson and Robert Wineburg

Regional ACOSA Meeting

OCTOBER 12, 1995 Save The Date!!!

A special Eastern Regional Meeting of ACOSA members and friends is scheduled for October 12, 1995 in Philadelphia Right before the opening of the NASW national conference. The meeting is from noon until four and is sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work under the leadership of Ram Cnaan (215-898-5523) and Jane Issacs Lowe (215-898-2507). During lunch, a panel of ACOSA leaders will discuss the strategic issues facing educators and practitioners in community and agency settings. After lunch, the seven ACOSA Task Forces will meet and afterwards, there will be an opportunity for network and the sharing of program ideas. Please call Ram or Jane to reserve a place.

The ACOSA 1994-95 Membership Directory will be ready by the end of July

YES I want to volunteer for one of ACOSA's Strategic Task Forces!!!!

Please Circle the task force you want to join and write your name and address below:

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ACOSA Strategic Planning Proceeds

ACOSA's strategic planning process is in high gear, following a meeting on March 3, 1995, at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting in San Diego. The following seven goals were identified:

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A task force is being created for each strategic issue. Volunteers are needed for all task forces.

A questionnaire is included with this issue of the ACOSA News. Please take the time to fill it out and mail it back. The task forces will also meet at the pre conference regional meeting (see story on page three) on October 12.

The strategic planning effort is being coordinated by Terry Mizrahi (Hunter) and Barbara Pine (Connecticut). Terry can be reached at (212) 452-7132 or 7112 and Barbara can be reached at (203) 241-2098.

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