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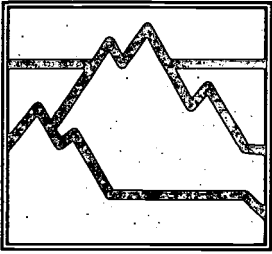
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ABSTRACT

This document presents the history of the last five years (1996-2000) of the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA) through summaries and photos of the yearly conferences held between 1996 and 2000. The MPAEA, which includes adult education leaders from the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, strives to ensure that every adult is prepared for a lifetime of learning and to foster cooperation among the persons and organizations practicing or researching adult education throughout the region. Appendixes to the document include the MPAEA constitution; and lists of winners of MPAEA Award of Merit, President's Award, Award of Commendation, Lay Leader Awards, Outstanding Educator Awards, Outstanding Adult Learner Awards, Scholarships for Innovation, and Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Studies; lists of past presidents; and emeritus members. (KC)



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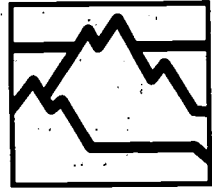
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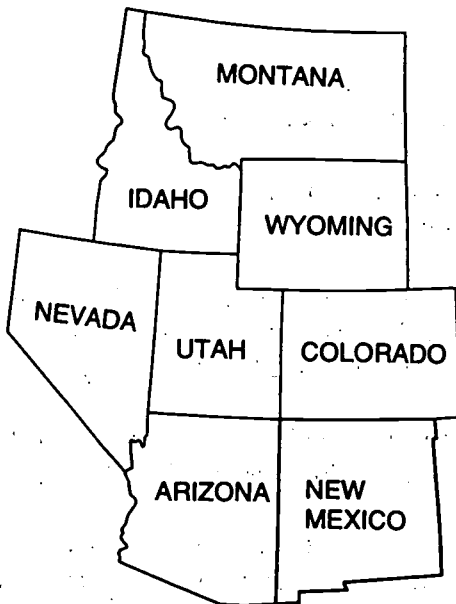
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Mission Statement

The mission of Mountain Plains Adult Education Association is to support and promote lifelong learning in the Mountain Plains Region.

In order to achieve this mission, the association:

- ✓ Promotes and provides professional development opportunities for adult educators,
- ✓ Publishes and distributes relevant information about lifelong learning,
- ✓ Supports and strengthens member associations within the region,
- ✓ Seeks and fosters realistic and innovative approaches to lifelong learning,
- ✓ Creates and facilitates a forum for futuristic planning.

Vision Statement

In the belief that only an informed, vigorous, and vigilant people sustain and perpetuate our democratic way of life—

In the recognition that lifelong learning is essential for the optimum development of each individual's capacity to perfect skills, to increase social understanding and effectiveness, and to enrich living; and—

In the knowledge that lifelong learning affords the means for seeking new and improved methods of achieving these ideals and objectives—

Now, therefore, we who subscribe to these concepts seek to develop improved programs of adult education through the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association.

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Dedication

This update to the MPAEA History is dedicated to those individuals who are committed to the field of adult education. These are persons who believe that every human should have the opportunity to participate in and achieve the education of their choice. Adult education is a key to success that only needs to be slipped into the keyslot and turned to open the door to a whole new world.

So... To those of you in the MPAEA region who instruct, administrate, lobby, and/or legislate in favor of adult education, THANK YOU.

President's Message

It is with pleasure that I write this introduction to the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA) history. One of the assignments of the Archivist is to publish the history every five (5) years and present it to the

membership and then place it in the storage archives located at Arizona State University.

On behalf of the membership, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, we would like to extend a resounding *Thank You* to Kathy Vickerman for her commitment to the organization and for gathering all the information compiled in this booklet.

I hope you will take a few minutes to read through the history and note the accomplishments that MPAEA has experienced during the past five years. We, as members, can be pleased with the growth and development of the organization. Be mindful also, of the successes our members have made in providing leadership, not only in their areas of employment, but with local, regional, and national adult education organizations.

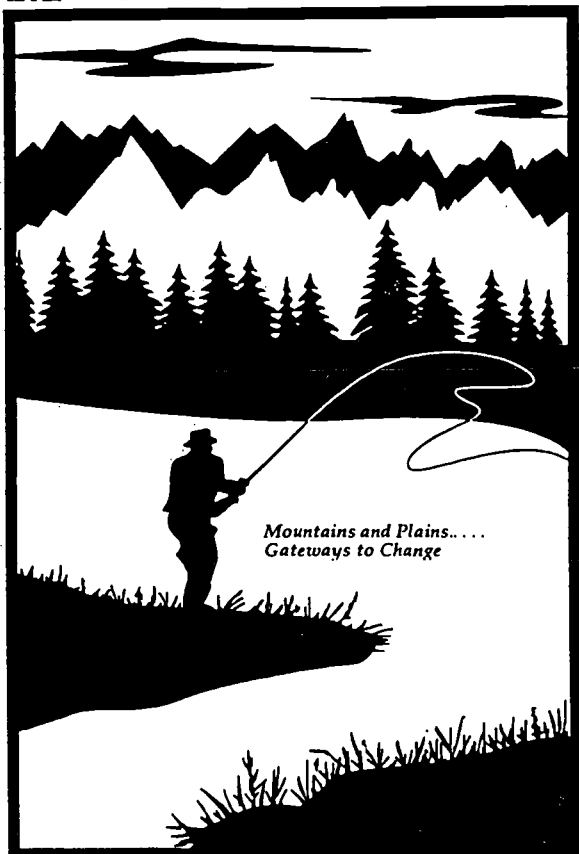
MPAEA currently is fifty-nine years old and according to the records it is the second oldest organization of its kind in the nation. MPAEA has a long tradition in the area of adult education and, as a result, has become known as a leader in adult education throughout the United States and worldwide.

This edition of the history brings us to the close of the 19th century with all its wonderful development in technology. It also prepares us for the future with new ideas and trains of thought. How exciting it will be to read the history of the next five years and see how much we have grown as an organization and as a society.

May you find success in all your endeavors.

Larry B. Wickham, President

MONTANA



1996 51st Year
Mountains and Plains
Gateways to Change
Helena, Montana

President: Judy Harrison
Secretary: Karen Mills
Treasurer: Larry

Wickham

Conference Chair: Bill
Shupe

Speaker: Jennifer James
Jennifer James, Inc.
Tim Gaard, Comic

Visions

Judy Koloski,
Executive Director,
NAEPCD

Terry Radcliffe,
Transformation
Consulting and
Seminars

Dale Jordan,
Arkansas Governor's
Taskforce on
Literacy

M P A E A

Because the Montana Conference Committee worked exceptionally hard and secured extra grant money, this conference was spectacular. James, a cultural anthropologist, used metaphors, humor, and her broad sense of vision to present the need for technological advanced learning in our society. Jennifer's reputation around the world includes her innovative ideas that help people meet the challenges of transition. Her latest book, Thinking In Future Tense, gives practical application to the ideas she presented at the conference. Gaard lightened the mood during lunch on

Friday with a mixture of humor and creative activities.

Dale Jordan, widely known for his work with adults with learning disabilities, presented challenges of working with those adults. Judy Koloski covered human services and politics on the Washington scene. And Terry Radcliffe focused on the benefits of a team approach and how to go about putting together an effective team.

Thursday night's reception sponsored by the Montana Historical Society Museum featured refreshments, music by a trio from the Helena Symphony, and a chance to take a hayride around the Capital. The Museum displayed many exhibits on Montana history and artwork by Charlie Russell.

Conferees were entertained after the banquet on Friday by the Montana Logging and Ballet Company, which was NOT four men dressed in tutus cutting down trees. With original music and song, this group delighted the audience with their social commentary and satire.



Mike Joyce talks to a vender

Kay Sanders from Nevada was the recipient of the Award of Merit.

MPAEA initiated two new awards in 1996: Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Adult Learner. The recipients of these awards, chosen from the host state by members of their organization, receive a plaque along with a small honorarium. This year Bill Shupe received the Outstanding Educator Award and Billy Jameson was named the Outstanding Adult Learner.

The recipient of the Scholarship for Innovation, nominated by Rita Collins, was Sunburst Community Service Foundation, Inc. from Libby, Montana. Sunburst initiated the Work Exploration Month Project as a

way to saturate the community with information, ideas and resources concerning job exploration and career research through a series of workshops, presentations and newspaper articles.

Jeb Schenck from Wyoming received the Memorial Scholarship. Professional Development Scholarship recipients were Jo Anne Salome, New Mexico, and Bud Drago, Arizona.

The title for the Award of Commendation was changed to The Award of Excellence to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of adult education on the local or state level.

Recommendations from the Presidents' Think Tank were:

- ✓ mail all state Presidents the MPAEA newsletter
- ✓ strengthen the political arena
- ✓ offer more noncredit programs to combat privatization of education
- ✓ develop ways to be more entrepreneurial
- ✓ include emeritus members in the Think Tank
- ✓ create a handbook for conference planning
- ✓ provide promotional information to encourage conference attendance
- ✓ include MPAEA membership applications with state membership applications
- ✓ provide an opportunity at conferences for individual state meetings
- ✓ the Board and the Executive Committee correspond more frequently

An MPAEA listserv at *MPAEA-L@brigham.usu.edu* was created to allow members to share information. This service for the membership was developed by Lou Workman, Utah.

MPAEA gained international recognition once again as John Bobell, Idaho, presented a paper in Puerto Rico on school-to-work and Chuck Humphrey, Idaho, taught a graduate course in curriculum planning and supervision in Beer Sheva, Israel.

MPAEA's Role in Adult Education Between 1945-1995, written as a

MPAEA's Role in Adult Education Between 1945-1995, written as a Master's Paper by Kathy Vickerman , was published in Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC), number ED 396 144.

Three Mountain Plains programs were among the winners of The Secretary's Awards for Outstanding Adult Education and Literacy Programs. This award was established to recognize programs and practices that serve as models for educators assisting adult learners in achieving their educational, personal and professional goals. This year's award recipients were:

Regional Adult Learning Centers, Eastern Idaho Technical College, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Missoula Adult Basic Education, Willard Adult Learning Center, Missoula, Montana

Adult Basic Education, Santa Fe College, Santa Fe, New Mexico



Montanans



1997 52nd Year

Lifelong Learning: The Human Component
Jackson, Wyoming

President: Jean Fleming

Secretary: Valarie Martinez

Treasurer: Larry Wickham

Conference Chair: John Tollakson

Speaker: Murray Banks, Peak Performance Presentations

The conference in 1997 focused on reestablishing the *human component in adult education*. Banks used his Richter Scale of Stress to inspire, humor, and cajole members into keeping their lives in balance. His challenge was to incorporate the skills and techniques that outstanding professionals use each day to keep their balance in a challenging environment, while maintaining their vitality, creativity, stamina, and enthusiasm. Sessions at this conference covered: how to encourage students to lifelong learning, counseling in the classroom, performance under pressure, enhanced learning, and many



Murry Banks

more.

An outstanding reception/buffet at the new National Wildlife Museum gave participants an opportunity to network while they enjoyed a variety of goodies from cheese and crackers to buffalo meat. The Museum has a marvelous display of wildlife and Wyoming history.

The Award of Merit recipient was Burton Sisco, Wyoming. Sisco was one of the founders of the Mountain Folk School, a one-week residential program for students, professors, and other adult learners. He served as coeditor of the MPAEA Journal of Adult Education for more than eight years. Burt has consistently worked to enhance the ideals of lifelong learning.



Burt Sisco accepts award from
Jean Fleming

The Lay Leader Award recipient was Eddie Busha, Arizona Board of Regents. Busha donated his time and financial support to community projects of all types for the past 25 years. He served on the Chandler School Board for 13 years. Eddie was appointed by Governor Bruce Babbitt to the State Board of Education where he served two consecutive terms. In 1992, Busha incorporated a School in the Workplace Program in his family-owned supermarkets, allowing employees to continue their education from the convenience of their job site, thus encouraging them to obtain their General Education Development (GED).

The Outstanding Educator Award recipient was Marilyn Faber from Cody, Wyoming, and the Outstanding Adult Learner Award recipient was Vicky Brown from Sheridan, Wyoming.

The Memorial Scholarship recipient was Rich Fleming from Colorado and Professional Development Scholarships were awarded to:

Lucy Smith - Montana
Cecilia Robbins - Colorado
Evelyn Cheney - Nevada
Jim Lipson - Arizona
Kathy Vickerman - Idaho

There were no applications for the Scholarship for Innovation.

Recommendations from the Presidents' Think Tank include:

- ✓ emphasize current hot issues related to lifelong learning
- ✓ provide more technical/distance learning and higher education/ continuing education at conferences
- ✓ provide continuing education credit for conference attendees
- ✓ provide more opportunity to graduate students
- ✓ create a website with links to state organizations, legislative information, and job information.

MPAEA Board of Directors will miss the leadership qualities and skillful objective record keeping of Karen Mills from Arizona who, due to personal commitments, resigned the position of secretary for the organization. Karen's many years of dedicated service to MPAEA reflect her strong commitment to the field of adult education.

Longtime treasurer Larry Wickham has stepped down from that position. Gary Wixom from Utah has been appointed to "walk in Larry's shoes," a monumental task.

At the request of President Fleming, a Master Committee Notebook was created with individual folders for each committee chair describing the duties and commitment of each committee. A Conference Handbook was created by Judy Harrison, Utah, as a guide to conference chairs. A Conference History Book was developed by historian Kathy Vickerman, Idaho, to be used as a reference by conference chairs as well. One copy of the Conference History Book will stay with the historian and one copy will be available for the host state conference chair.

The MPAEA Board of Directors approved the development of an official MPAEA website by Gary Wixom and Robert Ward, both from Utah.

The Voice of Our History, compiled and written by MPAEA historian Kathy Vickerman, Idaho, was distributed to the membership at the conference. This book records events from the beginning of the organization through the 50th year. The Board of Directors voted that an update to this history should be published every five years.

Jean Fleming accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor of Adult, Community and Continuing Education at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, but she continued in her term as Past-President of MPAEA for the year.

In a show of support for affiliate states, MPAEA contributed \$1,000 to the John Christopher Memorial Endowment for Scholarships, Wyoming, and also contributed \$1,000 to the Colorado Advisory Council for commission members who travel to the governor's office to work on the Governor's Business Commission on Adult Basic Learning.

Wyoming Adult, Continuing, and Community Education Association (WACCEA) voted to change their name to the Wyoming Lifelong Learning Association (WLLA).

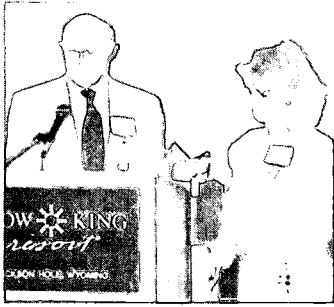
The field of adult education lost a longtime advocate this year, Malcolm Knowles, who died at the age of 84 on Thanksgiving Day. Knowles was Professor Emeritus of Adult and Community College Education at North Carolina State University and a former member of MPAEA. He was known worldwide for his leadership, scholarship, learning facilitation, educational consulting, training workshops, and as author of many articles and books. Knowles is credited with the beginning of androgogy as a term meaning the teaching of adults.



Outgoing Board Members— Anita Raynor, New Mexico-Steve Knight, Nevada-Mimi Frenette, Colorado-Paul Larson, Wyoming



John and Ruth Tollakson



Jim Fassler and Valerie Ward



Award of Excellence recipients



Working Board of Directors:

**Vilda Theobald, Arizona Judy Harrison, Suzanne Mikishi, Utah
at Thorpe, Colorado**



Here's trouble—Paul Larson, Mary Turner-Marble
Bert Sisco, John Tollakson

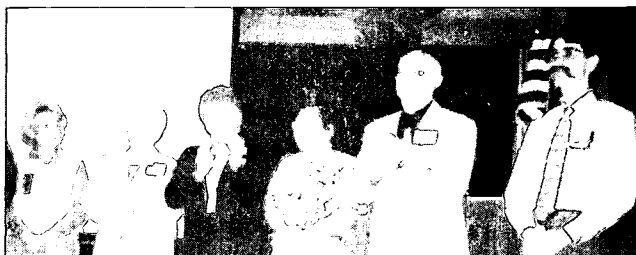


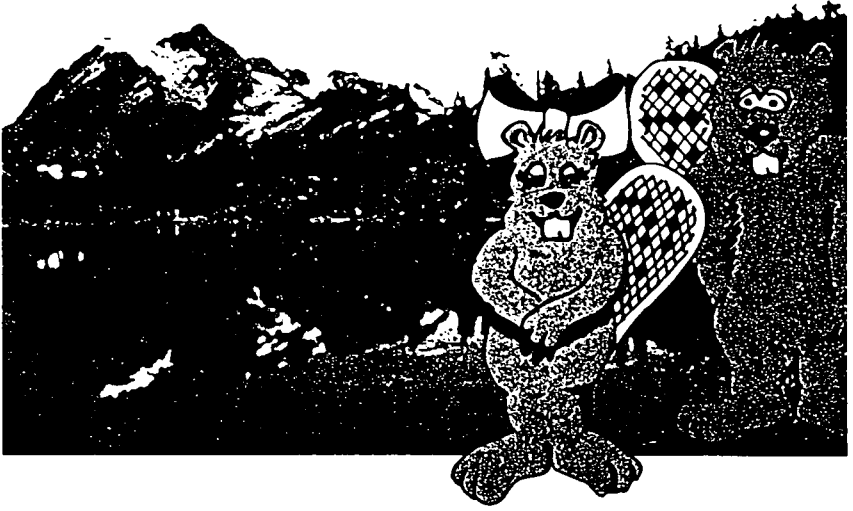
Kristin Kulongoski and Lori Austill
Wyoming



John Anthony, Wyoming
Beverly Klausner, Nevada

Left to right
Lenora Plothow, Utah
Marilyn Jackson, NewMexico
Pat Thorpe, Colorado
Suzanne Makishi, Utah
Jim Fassler, Wyoming
Blair Liddicoat, Arizona





1998

53rd Year

**The Rendezvous at Beaver Creek:
A Renewal of Mind, Body, and Spirit**
Beaver Creek, Colorado

President: Wilda Theobald

Secretary: Valarie Ward

Treasurer: Gary Wixom

Conference Chair: Jean Fleming

Speakers: Terrence E. Deal, Peabody College of
Vanderbilt University
Jerold W. Apps, Emeritus, University of
Wisconsin-Madison
Jim Keelan, Communication Unlimited

The concept of this conference was different. The idea was to let the tranquil mountains of Colorado and the luxury of the Hyatt Regency at Beaver Creek relax the minds, bodies, and spirits of participants. Once relaxed, the speakers and programs were designed to help the individual learn, stretch, and grow professionally and personally. Terrence Deal talked about *leading with soul*, adding new perspectives on the value of ceremony and the ritual of celebration in the workplace. Apps shared ideas from his most recent book, Teaching from the Heart, which focuses on learning for the whole person, involving the spiritual, biological,



Jerold Apps in discussion with members

intellectual and emotional dimensions that are part of all of us.

Dr. Keelan ended the conference on a light note giving participants a road map for healthier and happier life-styles. The audience was equipped with new ways of coping with the overloads and changes in daily lives.

Michael Tomlin from Idaho was the recipient of the Award of Merit. Tomlin is an Associate Professor of Adult Education and Education Administration at the University of Idaho's Center in Boise. Trudy Anderson, Director of Professional Development for the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, Idaho, received the Lay Leader Award. The Albertson Foundation is the second largest donor to education, listed just behind Ted Turner. Anderson is a writer and speaker on education and an advocate for public school improvement, reform, and continuous quality.

The Outstanding Educator for 1998 was Julie Clancy. Her student evaluations reflect her effectiveness as a dedicated teacher. The Outstanding Adult Learner was Andrea Martinez. She was selected as an adult learner to represent Colorado in Washington D.C., where she spoke to members of Congress. After Andrea earned her GED she continued to develop her skills to seek new opportunities.

The Scholarship for Innovation recipient was Johanna (Jodi) Decker for her program, Survival Questions, Survival



English for Speakers of English as a Second or Other Languages. Decker's innovative workbook using questions to develop the skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking emphasizes the need for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students to ask and answer questions using correct grammar and pronunciation. The workbook could be reproduced and used as a curriculum base.

There were three Professional Development Scholarships awarded this year to:

Evelyn Cheney, Nevada
Patricia Chaves, New Mexico
Joanne Rolfes, Montana

The Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Susan Polster, Utah.

MPAEA received the AAACE Award for Outstanding Affiliate. This award recognizes the long history and the commitment to lifelong learning exhibited by members of MPAEA for the last 50 plus years. Additionally, this award touts MPAEA as a leader in the field of professional development for adult education practitioners. The nomination was submitted to AAACE by Jean Fleming, Colorado.

Lenora Plothow, the first and only chairperson of the Utah Adult Education Advisory Committee since its establishment in 1993, ended her service to the committee this year to assume the presidency for MPAEA. Lenora's position was filled by Senator David Steele of Davis County.



Board Members at work

Phyllis "Teggi" Safman became the Vice-president for Accreditation Services for the Council for Higher Education Accreditation in Washington, DC.

Darrel Hammon accepted a position as Vice-president at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston. Some of Darrel's duties include coordination of academic outreach for the college.

Valarie Ward accepted a position in Oregon and resigned as secretary for MPAEA. Valarie's contributions to MPAEA and the field of adult education are numerous.

Vicky Ramakka, Nevada, bade her colleagues good-bye when she accepted a position in Oregon. And, Wyoming will miss the expertise of Burton Sisco who accepted a position in Pennsylvania.

Longtime adult education advocate Gary Eyre retired from his position of Deputy Superintendent in the Arizona Department of Education. Most of his career was dedicated to adult education with stints in Utah, Colorado, Washington D.C., and Arizona. Gary's accomplishments in adult education throughout the years and his many years of service to MPAEA have helped create a greater recognition of the field of adult education, both regionally and nationally.

Michael Tomlin, Idaho, achieved national fame when his column titled *The Professor: On Education* became syndicated.

Pamela Etre-Perez, Adult Basic Education Director at the University of New Mexico-Valencia at Los Lunas, was chosen as Citizen of the Year by her community's newspaper, the Valencia County News-Bulletin. Pam was ABE director for 12 years and also was the founder of the Valencia County Literacy Council.

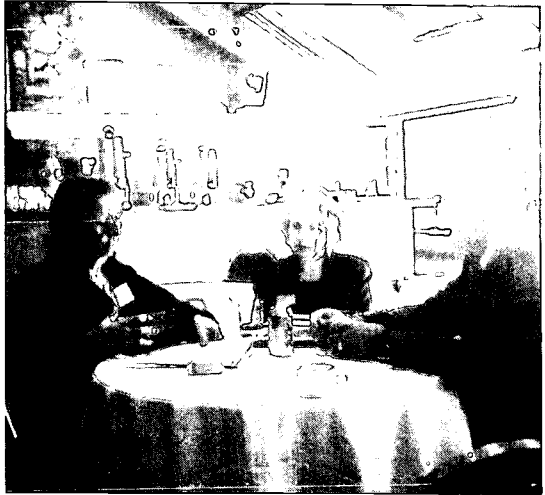


Jacquelyn Power and the Gila River Indian Community, Arizona were awarded a *Twenty-First Century Community Learning Grant*.

Eloisa Phelps, a former ESL student in the Adult Basic Education Program at Truckee Meadows Community College, served as Nevada's ambassador to the National Forum on Adult Literacy.

And Dr. James J. Jelinek was the first recipient of the Gary A. Eyre Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Jelinek's contributions to the field of lifelong learning reach from the state and national levels to international levels. This award was created in Arizona at the direction of Gary Eyre. Both Eyre and Jelinek have been longtime members of MPAEA.

Colorado Governor Roy Romer appointed a 23 member Business Commission of Adult Basic Learning, creating a long-term plan to finance and promote adult basic education.



Terry Teigeler, Utah State University, received a 353 Grant from the USDE to write an Olympic Education Idea Book.

Roundtable discussion:
Kathy Vickerman, Idaho
Lenora Plothow, Gary Wixom, Utah

Olympism Adult Education Curriculum Guide contained 25 value-oriented adult education lessons developed by adult educators from the eight Mountain Plains states.

Throughout the history of the organization, keeping up with current



Passing of the gavel
Wilda Theobald, Arizona
Lenora Plothow, Utah

trends in educational media have been part of its success. So, in 1998, MPAEA went online, thanks to the efforts of Gary Wixom, Utah. The website address was: <www.uvsc.edu/mpaea>.

In addition, Lou Workman, Utah, improved the listserv for all members of MPAEA at: mpaea-l@brigham.usu.edu.

According to the Legisletter written by Ray Peterson, Colorado, the congressional

Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill gave the best treatment to American education in more than a generation. Overall, the Department of Education's budget increase over the 1997 level was \$3.1B or nearly 12% , creating an expansion for the Even Start Family Literacy program and increasing Adult Basic Education state grants. Pell grants were also increased 24% and after-school learning centers' funds were increased 39%. These and other increases in education funding allowed many programs to continue and many more new programs a starting point.

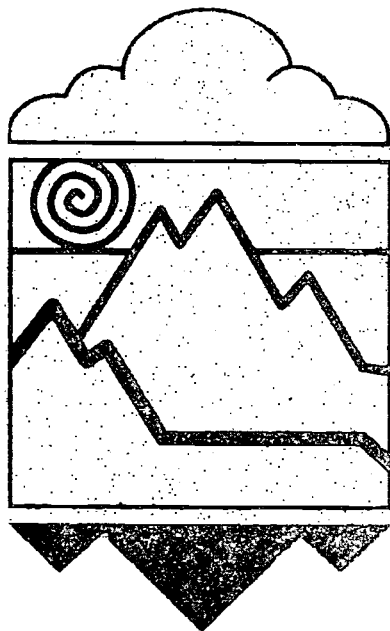


Award of Commendation Recipients

Nevada implemented the Life Skills portion of Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS), a competency-based system that links curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

President Clinton signed the Workforce Investment Act which placed adult education within a block grant, combining it with a number of workforce related programs. Under the Workforce Investment Act, adult education became the *Adult Education and Family Literacy Act*, Title II.

During 1998 the Board of Directors, lead by President-elect Lenora Plothow, created a Strategic Plan for MPAEA. Seven objectives of future planning were identified that complied with recommendations made by the attendees of the Past-Presidents' Invitational Roundtable and represent the list of current issues researched by the Board. The following lists the seven objectives:



- (1) MPAEA will provide professional development opportunities for its members.
- (2) MPAEA will create an awareness of the benefits of organizational membership that will result in increased membership and benefits to members.
- (3) MPAEA will become a visible, effective influence addressing issues related to adult and continuing education.
- (4) MPAEA will enhance and improve processes and mechanisms relative to information sharing and publications.
- (5) MPAEA will enhance its image.
- (6) MPAEA will improve services to member states.
- (7) MPAEA will take a leadership role regionally and nationally.



1999 54th Year
1,999 Reasons for Lifelong Learning in
the 21st Century
Boise, Idaho

- President: Lenora Plothow
Secretary: Kathy Vickerman
Treasurer: Gary Wixom
Conference Chair: Chuck Humphrey
Speakers: Bridget Gothberg, Search Institute
Marsha Bankirer, Western Governors'
University
Judy Koloski, Adult Education Consultant

This conference attempted to bring participants out of the past, when the Oregon Trail was the main route to travel across Idaho, into the present, and then project a futuristic virtual world for the next century. It began with music provided by an Idaho native, Muzzie Braun, and a trip into the past as Grammaw Maudie Miller walked the Oregon Trail. Bridget Gothberg introduced conference attendees to 40 developmental assets for lifelong learning.

Judy Koloski reminded everybody how important adult education is now and how much more important it will be in the next century. She noted several demographic and economic trends which will have a

infinite impact on the future of adult education.



Grammam Maudie Miller
portrayed by Mary Inman

Along with many wonderful presentations, participants learned more about the Western Governors' University which began in Colorado. Marsha Bankirer enthusiastically brought participants up-to-date on the status of web-based education opportunities.

Participants were bused to the Birds of Prey Refuge Center where they could view osprey, golden and bald eagles, and a California condor. The observatory sported the peregrine falcon sitting on the arm of a volunteer and many other birds native to the west.

Saturday morning's breakfast was enhanced by a performance from the Oinkari Basque Dancers from Boise who nimbly pranced through many traditional dances which introduced their culture to conferees.

The Award of Merit recipient was Blair Liddicoat, Arizona. Blair is co-director of the Adult Basic Education Program at Rio Salado Community College. According to his co-workers, *he walks the walk and talks the talk*. Blair has been a longtime member of his state association, AAACE, and served on the Board of Directors of MPAEA. Co-director Mary Hannaman stated, "Blair has kept the needs of the learner as his primary focus. He is an advocate for professional development, knowing that through a more informed and professional staff, students will be better served."

Leslie Anderson, Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC), received the Outstanding Educator award. Leslie worked with both traditional and nontraditional students and served as the EITC Student Council Advisor. Outstanding Adult Learner Award recipient was Julie Fee, Twin Falls. Julie's determination to achieve an education encompassed not only several different schools, but different countries. Her education began under duress in China and progressed to Guam, Australia, Montana and

finally to Idaho State University.

Allen "Doc" Harkins received the Outstanding Lay Leader Award for his work with prison education. Commander Harkins worked through the years to initiate programs for inmates' spiritual, educational, and physical well-being.

Recipient of the Memorial Scholarship was Amy Hyams from Nevada. Professional Development Scholarship recipients were Kathleen Holmes, Colorado; Jodi Decker, Arizona; Bruce Craig, Nevada; Yvonne Hauwiler, Montana; and Jeb Schenck, Wyoming.

The Outstanding Legislator Award was developed this year to honor a legislator who has proven to be a close friend to adult education and lifelong learning. The recipient must be from the hosting state of the annual conference and be nominated by members from that state.

At the recommendation of the



Conference Chair, Chuck Humphrey
Keynoter, Marcia Bankirer

Idaho's Muzzie Braun



finance committee, \$500 grants were made available to each state to promote an increase in professional development. The MPAEA State Professional Development Fund sponsored the opening ceremony and keynote speaker for the Nevada Adult Education Association's Annual Conference.

After considerable work by the Board of Directors, The Strategic Plan Booklet was published and included in the conference packet.

In Wyoming, the Wyoming Lifelong Learning Association (WLLA) and the Wyoming Alliance for Literacy (WAL) merged into one organization.

Grace Blossom, a teacher for 72 years in Arizona, received the Gary P. Tang Award shortly before passing away.



Award of Commendation
Recipient, Shirley Spencer

Longtime MPAEA member Jim Fassler retired from the University of Wyoming where he was employed as the administrator of an outreach office in Riverton. Jim served as a member of the MPAEA Board of Directors for 3 years.

Jim Reno retired from the position of Director of Adult Education for Billings School District, Montana, to become a Yellowstone County Commissioner. Taking his place as Director was Woodrow Jensen.

The MPAEA Administrative Board proposed that the Executive Committee, consisting of the president, past-president, president-elect, secretary and treasurer be added to the constitution of MPAEA, along with the committee's responsibilities and duties to the Board. The changes in Article VI (Committees) were presented to the membership during the business meeting at the annual conference and were approved.

After extensive research by Blair Liddicoat, Arizona, the Board of

Directors approved an investment of \$15,000 in an Equity Income Fund managed by T. Rowe Price. Interest income from this investment will be advanced to the host state each year to be used to enhance the conference or as scholarships.

The Blackwater Community School's Family and Child Education (FACE) Program under the direction of Jacquelyn Power, was selected as one of the top twenty "Best Practices" in the United States.



Recommendations from the Presidents' Invitational Roundtable were that MPAEA:

- ✓ make additional use of the listserv for communication
- ✓ publish a booklet identifying all that the organization has to offer
- ✓ update and keep the Strategic Plan current
- ✓ "stump" the states to increase publicity for the organization
- ✓ keep the emeritus list more current
- ✓ continue to meet for specific needs and issues
- ✓ strengthen internally by increasing membership
- ✓ develop good ideas and make sure they are implemented.



MPAEA General Session



2000 55th Year
Where We've Never Gone Before
Salt Lake City, Utah

President: Ray Peterson
Secretary: Kathy Vickerman
Treasurer: Lou Workman
Conference Chair: Gaylin Rollins
Speakers: Margaret Wheatley, Berkana Institute
Carl Boyd, Urban Education for National School
Conference Institute
Tom Jackson, Active Learning Foundation, Utah

President Ray Peterson opened this conference of star-studded performances amid an unrivaled light show that was designed to get the participants attention. Keynoter Margaret Wheatley emphasized change as a mode to the future for organizations and/or individuals. She urged educators to get out of the "boxes" of education and move into the modern age of computers/websites. She said that a relationship must exist between educator and student for quality learning to occur.

Boyd emphasized cultural commonalities as opposed to cultural diversity. He asked educators to emphasize long-range goals and keep the romance



President Larry Wickham

in life. Carl discussed the impact of teacher expectations on students' performance. Jackson ended the conference on a high note with an interactive presentation asking educators to discover teaching strategies that would help students retain up to 90% of what they learn.

Conference participants were treated to a reception and a show sponsored at the Hansen Planetarium by the Utah Adult Association of Community and Continuing Education.

Friday night's award banquet, Broadway Night and Dancing, featured wonderful food, friends and entertainment by Steve James and Company.

The Memorial Scholarship Award was renamed The Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Studies. This year's recipient was Lily Beth Brazones, Arizona. Onetime Y2K Special Assistance Awards were given to:

Nancy Thorman, Montana
Pamela Dupin, Utah
Mylissa Burnett, Colorado
Melissa Carpenter, Arizona
Samuel Kline, Nevada
Robert Lohrmeyer, Washington (attending University of Idaho). This onetime award was to be used toward graduate studies in adult education.

Professional Development Scholarships went to Dianne Marquez, New Mexico and Kimberly Heist, Montana.



Arizona Bid Basket—Scholarship Fund Raiser

Professional Development Scholarships can be used to attend conferences throughout the following year or to conduct research in adult education.

The Award of Merit was presented to Yvonne Hauwiller from Montana for her contributions to lifelong learning as an administrator, community agency member, and a state adult education organization member.



Award of Merit Recipient

The Outstanding Educator Award recipient, LaRue Gurr, started her educational career in the Granite School District, Utah. Her philosophy has been to always place the student needs first and she has defended the rights and needs of adult learners before the legislature, school boards, principals, faculties, and her peers. The Outstanding Adult Learner recipient was Lipina Lolohea. “Pina” triumphed over many adverse situations to receive her GED and complete high school.

The Outstanding Lay Leader Award was presented to Bert Marley, Idaho, for his efforts to increase educational funding. As a teacher, farmer and legislator, Bert’s support of School to Work, Adult Basic Education and all of lifelong learning has brought tremendous results.

Legislator Gary F. Cox received the Outstanding Legislator Award for his vision that all Utah citizens are entitled to lifelong educational opportunities. Gary was named the 1997 Freshman Legislator of the Year by the American Federation of Teachers and the 1998 Legislator of the Year by Y.W.C.A.

A new website was developed for MPAEA by John Tollakson, Wyoming. Check it out at www.mpaea.org. New features added to the website include a *What’s New* section along with *Information* about the organization plus a list of the membership. A list of the governing body of MPAEA can be found in the *Officers* section. The MPAEA Newsletter is

reproduced for member convenience along with the history of the organization under *Publications*. Additionally, members can *Link* to their state associations and find *MPAEA Conference Information*.

Several editorial changes in the MPAEA Constitution were presented to the membership for approval. Also, the membership was asked to approve a new position on the board of directors. The person in this position, Electronics Communication Officer, would be appointed at large by the President. If approved by the Board, the Electronics Communication Officer would serve a one year term. The Electronics Communication Officer's duties include maintaining the Website, assist in facilitating electronic communication among the membership and communicate electronic information to the membership.

Marcia Hopp Newman, Founding Executive Director of the Downtown Neighborhood Learning Center in Phoenix, Arizona, was the winner in the Education category of the Tribute to Women 2000 Award. This award was presented by the YWCA of Maricopa County to honor accomplishments which empower women and eliminate racism.



Award of Excellence Recipients

The printing of the MPAEA Journal of Adult Education moved to Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. Darrel Hammon, Associate Vice-President for Extended Programs is the new editor, taking over from Michael Tomlin, University of Idaho-Boise Center.

Vicky Ramakka, former MPAEA Board Member from Nevada, became Dean of Math, Science and Health Careers at San Juan College,

Vicky Ramakka, former MPAEA Board Member from Nevada, became Dean of Math, Science and Health Careers at San Juan College, Farmington, New Mexico. And, longtime members Jean and Rich Fleming returned to the MPAEA region to reside in Hobbs, New Mexico. Jean accepted a position as Visiting Assistant Professor at the College of the Southwest and Rich became Vice-president of Instruction at New Mexico Junior College.

President Clinton signed a Bill that included appropriations for adult education. State education agencies received \$85 million more for adult education, some of which was intended for local adult education.



Learning and relaxation sessions



One president to another—
Ray Peterson, Colorado, receives the
outgoing president plaque from Larry
Peterson, Idaho



Tom Jackson



Lou Workman, Treasurer

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**CONSTITUTION OF THE
MOUNTAIN PLAINS ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
(REVISED April 29,1999)**

PREAMBLE

In the belief that only an informed, vigorous, and vigilant people sustain and perpetuate our democratic way of life —

In the recognition that “lifelong learning” is essential for the optimum development of each individual’s capacity to perfect skills, to increase social understanding and effectiveness, and to enrich living; and —

In the knowledge that continuing education affords the means for seeking new and improved methods of achieving these ideals and objectives —

Now, therefore, we who subscribe to these concepts seek to develop improved programs of adult education through this Association.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this association shall be the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Association shall be:

To serve as an instrument of cooperation among the persons and organizations engaged or interested in adult education in the Mountain Plains region.

To further the concept of education as a process continuing throughout life.

To promote and develop adult education in the region by affording opportunities to professional and nonprofessional adult educators to increase their competencies.

To encourage and assist organizations and agencies concerned with adult education to develop appropriate adult activities and to effectively coordinate their services in adult education.

To gather and disseminate pertinent information about adult education.

To do any other lawful things appropriate to the promotion and development of adult education in the Mountain Plains Region that are feasible within recognized time, financial, and personal limitations.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. The membership shall include any individual who submits a membership application and pays such dues as may be established by the membership, subject to the approval of the Administrative Board.
- Section 2. The membership shall include, as sustaining members, any organization or institution which submits a membership application and pays such dues as may be established by the membership, subject to the approval of the Administrative Board.
- Section 3. Any decision regarding membership made by the Board of Directors may be appealed to/by the membership.
- Section 4. Individual members may cast one vote on each item of business submitted to a vote of the membership.

- Section 5. Each institutional and organizational member may designate a representative to exercise the same rights and privileges as an individual member.
- Section 6. The date on which membership begins is the date on which the Association accepts payment of the first year's dues. The anniversary date for renewal of membership shall be the first day of the annual conference of the Association. The membership year shall be from the first day of the annual conference to the first day of the next annual conference.
- Section 7. Upon professional retirement, a person who has been an active member of the Association for five (5) consecutive years may request, or be recommended for, emeritus membership status (pays no Association dues). Emeritus status will carry with it all the rights and privileges of a member in good standing.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

- Section 1. Officers and Directors of this Association shall constitute the Administrative Board (the Board).
- Section 2. Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Past-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- Section 3. The President-Elect shall be elected for a term of one (1) year according to the procedures established in the Standing Rules, succeed to the Presidency and then to the Past-Presidency.
- Section 4. The Secretary shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board at the post-conference board meeting. The term of the Secretary shall be for one (1) year, and that person may be reappointed.

- Section 5.** The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board at the post-conference board meeting. The term of the Treasurer shall be for one (1) year, and that person may be reappointed.
- Section 6.** Directors. There shall be two Directors from each of the affiliated states. The Directors are elected for a period of three (3) years according to the procedures established in the Standing Rules and a rotation schedule established by the Board. Directors may serve only two consecutive terms.
- Section 7.** Qualifications. To be elected as an Officer or a Director, the individual shall have been a member of the Association for at least one (1) year prior to election to office and meet the requirements stipulated in the Standing Rules.
- Section 8.** Terms of Office. The elected Officers and Directors shall take office at the close of the annual meeting following their election for the terms specified in Article IV, Sections 3 and 7 above, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Any director absent from three (3) consecutive Board meetings will be contacted by the President for the purpose of determining that Board member's intent and ability to serve the remainder of his/her term. If it is mutually determined that the individual cannot fulfill his/her director responsibilities, a new director will be appointed by the Board for the unexpired term.
- Section 9.** The duties of the Administrative Board shall be as follows:
- a. The President shall serve as principal officer of the Association and its representative to the public. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and over the Board.
 - b. The President-Elect shall serve in the absence of the President and perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board.
 - c. The Past-President shall serve as the chairperson of the

Nominations and Elections Committee and shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board.

d. The Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution of the minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Board. The distribution of the minutes shall be no later than thirty (30) days after the close of each conference. The Secretary shall be responsible for the correspondence of the Association as directed by the Officers and the Board.

e. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget for consideration by the Board. The Treasurer shall present financial statements at each meeting of the Association and of the Board. Further, the Treasurer shall maintain accurate records of the membership and distribute a current roster to any member in good standing of the Association and/or to the Officers and the Administrative Board upon request.

f. The Board, between elections, shall fill vacancies (for the unexpired term) which may occur in any office. However, in the event that the office of President becomes vacant, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of this office. The President-Elect shall then serve a full year term as President beginning at the close of the next annual conference.

The Board shall manage the general affairs, property, and administrative operations of the Association; interpret and implement its policies; adopt an annual budget and authorize expenditures within its limitations; assign duties and responsibilities among the Officers and members as it may from time to time determine; and carry out instructions of the membership agreed upon at the annual business meeting.

The Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Association, and shall perform such other duties as are

specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Association, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Association.

- Section 10.** Between meetings of the Board, the President may canvas the members of the Board by mail, phone or electronically for the purpose of voting on administrative issues. Any action authorized through these procedures shall be ratified and included in the minutes at the next regular meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- Section 1.** The Association shall meet annually for the transaction of business and to perform such other functions as are consistent with the purposes of this Association. The Association may meet at other times upon the vote of a majority of the Board and with at least thirty days (30) written notice to the membership.
- Section 2.** The Board shall hold three (3) regular meetings — one during June, July, or August, one immediately preceding the annual conference of the Association, and one immediately following the annual conference of the Association. The Board shall hold special meetings at the request of the President or on petition of five (5) Board members.
- Section 3.** According to the availability of funds, the Board will allow reimbursement as stipulated in the Standing Rules to Board Members for travel expenses to attend the summer Board Meeting.
- Section 4.** A quorum at any meeting of the Association shall consist of those members present.
- Section 5.** A quorum at any meeting of the Board of the Association shall consist of a majority of the officers and a Director from at least five (5) of the member states.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

- Section 1.** Committees shall include Audit, Membership, Awards, Nominations, Elections, Executive, and such other ad hoc and/or special committees as shall be created by the President, Board, or Association as needed. These Committees shall have such powers as determined by this Constitution or by the resolution creating the Committee or those powers later delegated to it.
- Section 2.** The President shall appoint the members of all committees with the concurrence of the Board.
- Section 3.** The chairperson for each committee shall be appointed for a term corresponding with the term of the President. Each committee shall report to the President and to the group creating it.
- Section 4.** The Audit Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members, who shall audit the financial records and procedures of the Treasurer at least once a year and shall report its findings to the membership and the Board during the annual meeting.
- Section 5.** The Membership Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members who represent a minimum of three (3) affiliated states. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members. The committee shall work to encourage continuing membership of individuals, institutions and organizations and shall develop such other projects, programs, and/or activities needed to encourage new membership who subscribe to the objectives of this Association.
- Section 6.** The Awards Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members who represent three (3) states. This committee shall seek nominations for and select, with the

approval of the Board, recipients for the Awards that are presented annually by the Association.

Section 7. The Nominations Committee shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members: the immediate Past-President, two (2) association members in good standing who represent two (2) different affiliated states and the Treasurer. These members may or may not be members of the Board. The chairperson of this committee shall be the immediate Past-President. In case the immediate Past-President is unable to serve, the previous Past-President shall serve as the chairperson. This committee shall function as specified in the Standing Rules.

Section 8. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Past-President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association. The chairperson of this committee shall be the Association President. This committee functions as an advisory group to provide counsel to the President and to make recommendations to the Board and the membership regarding the affairs of the Association. This committee will meet at the discretion of the Association President.

ARTICLE VII RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of the official business meetings of this Association and its Board unless otherwise specified in this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Section 1. The membership must be notified at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the intent to amend the Constitution.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Association shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Association shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

STANDING RULES

AFFILIATE STATES

The affiliate states of the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association are Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

COMMITTEES

Committees of the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association include Archivist, Audit, Awards, Constitution, Executive, Finance, Past-presidents' Roundtable, Legislative, Listserv, Marketing, Membership, Newsletter, Nominations and Elections, Professional Development, Scholarship for Innovation, Strategic Plan, and Website.

NOMINATIONS

The chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee shall contact the senior director of each affiliated state in the MPAEA at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting to secure nominations for President-Elect of the Association and Directors (if appropriate) from their respective states.

The senior director, after consultation with the junior director of each state and the President of the state adult education association or one (1) other MPAEA member in good standing, shall review nominations from that state's membership and shall submit to the Chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee, at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, the name of no more than one (1) candidate for President-Elect and no more than two (2) names for each authorized open director position.

Persons nominated to represent a state on the Board must be from that respective state. A person nominated for President-Elect need not be from the state from which the nominations came. Persons nominated for office must be members in good standing in the Association and have been a member for at least one (1) year prior to their nomination. Candidates for office must agree to run for that office prior to having their name submitted as a candidate for election.

No person shall be nominated for President-Elect from a given state until at least two (2) years shall have elapsed since a representative of that state served as President of the Association.

The chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee shall provide the Treasurer with a list of nominations for President-Elect and Director from the appropriate states at least fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting.

ELECTIONS

The Treasurer shall prepare separate mail-in ballots for the election of the President-Elect and the Director (when appropriate) for each affiliated state. Provision shall be included on the ballot for the write-in vote for

other qualified candidates. These ballots shall be mailed to the qualified voting members (members in good standing) at least forty (40) days prior to the annual meeting.

All members shall be entitled to cast a ballot for the President-Elect; however; members shall be entitled to cast a ballot only for the individuals nominated for Director from his/her state.

Voting members shall be directed to return the mail-in ballots to the chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

The candidate who receives a plurality of the ballots cast for an elective office shall be declared the winner. The chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee shall be responsible for tabulating the ballots and notifying the election winners in a timely fashion so that they may make appropriate plans to attend the annual conference and its associated Board Meetings.

DUES

Annual dues for the four membership classifications shall be as follows:

Individual	\$20.00
Student	\$10.00
Libraries	\$20.00
*Colleges and Universities	\$45.00
*State Education Agencies, Public Schools, Corporate	\$45.00
*Other	\$45.00

*Will receive a certificate of appreciation, 2 copies of Journal and newsletter publication (1 for file, 1 for distribution), and acknowledgment in program booklet for MPAEA conference.

AMENDING STANDING RULES

The Standing Rules of this Association may be amended by a majority vote of the quorum at any meeting of the Association and/or Board.

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association Award of Merit

Year	Recipient	Home State	Conference City and State
1970	Stella Oaks	Utah	Roswell, NM
1971	Avard Rigby	Utah	Salt Lake City, UT
1972	Glenn Jensen	Wyoming	Tempe, AZ
1973	Roy Minnis	Colorado	Reno, NV
1974	None Awarded		
1975	Roy Rice	Arizona	Boise, ID
1976	Sig Johnson	Colorado	Colorado Springs, CO
1977	James Kincaid	Colorado	Scottsdale, AZ
1978	Marvin Glasscock	Idaho	Snowbird, UT
1979	Paul Kipper	Wyoming	Albuquerque, NM
1980	Donald Eden	Colorado	Las Vegas, NV
1981	Charles Cooper	Wyoming	Jackson, WY
1982	Warren Noland	New Mexico	Scottsdale, AZ
1983	Joyce Boswell	Idaho	Colorado Springs, CO
1984	Frances Saxton	Nevada	Boise, ID
1985	Sr. Cecilia Linenbrinck	Colorado	Salt Lake City, UT
1986	Mary Vanis (Johnson)	Arizona	Albuquerque, NM
1987	Greg Bowes	New Mexico	Reno, NV
1988	Phyllis Safman	Utah	Jackson, WY
1989	James Jelinek	Arizona	Phoenix, AZ
1990	Jack Mauch	Idaho	Boulder, CO
1991	None Awarded		
1992	Thomas Ralls	Arizona	Salt Lake City, UT
1993	Richard Henstrom	Utah	Albuquerque, NM
1994	Larry Wickham	Idaho	Phoenix, AZ
1995	John Wilson	Arizona	Las Vegas, NV
1996	Kay Sanders	Nevada	Helena, MT
1997	Burton Sisco	Wyoming	Jackson, WY
1998	Michael Tomlin	Idaho	Beaver Creek, CO
1999	Blair Liddicoat	Arizona	Boise, ID
2000	Yvonne Hauwiler	Montana	Salt Lake City, UT

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association President's Award

Year	Recipient	State
1988	Paul Kipper	Wyoming
1990	Karen Mills	Arizona
1997	Larry Wickham	Idaho

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association Award of Commendation

Year	Recipient	Home State	Conference City and State
1986	Ed Johnson	Arizona	Albuquerque, NM
	Marvin Eld	Idaho	
	Breda Bova	New Mexico	
	Phyllis Safman	Utah	
	Jeanne Castberg	Wyoming	
	Bill Marsh	Wyoming	
1987	Arvin Palmer	Arizona	Reno, NV
	Lorraine Zinn	Colorado	
	Larry Wickham	Idaho	
	M.L. "Suzie" Doran	New Mexico	
	Leslie Dunn	Utah	
	Paul Larson	Wyoming	
1988	Dottie Barrons	Colorado	Jackson, WY
	Patricia Andrew	Nevada	
	Rita Apodaca	New Mexico	
	Zada Haws	Utah	
	John Christopher	Wyoming	
1989	Laura Atwell	Arizona	Phoenix, AZ
	Virginia Ricard	Colorado	
	Marjorie Slotten	Idaho	
	Gloria Greg	Montana	
	John Caserta	Nevada	
	Phyllis Dillard	New Mexico	
	Terry Teigeler	Utah	
	Meredith Millard	Wyoming	

1990	Greg Hart	Arizona	Boulder, CO
	Jean Anderson	Colorado	
	ISU Continuing Ed	Idaho	
	Jim Reno	Montana	
	Keith McNeil	Nevada	
	Barbara Silva-Greene	New Mexico	
	Larry Horyna	Utah	
	Jan Buseck	Wyoming	
1991	Anna Sutton	Arizona	Sun Valley, ID
	Carol Newman-Holitza	Colorado	
	Dian Bates	Colorado	
	Florence Blanchard	Idaho	
	Rosalie Robson	Montana	
	Nancy Shepherd	New Mexico	
	Jerry Nielson	Nevada	
	Judy Harrison	Utah	
	C.J. Rea	Wyoming	
1992	Sue Mincks	Arizona	Salt Lake City, UT
	Betty Carson	Colorado	
	G. Cleve Taylor	Idaho	
	Sue Webster	Montana	
	V. James Eardley	Nevada	
	Donaciano Gonzalez	New Mexico	
	Denise Edwards	Utah	
	Paul Larson	Wyoming	
1993	Judith Loucks	Arizona	Albuquerque, NM
	Maureen Lancaster	Colorado	
	John Bobell	Idaho	
	Mary Dvarishkis	Montana	
	Kathy Odynski	Nevada	
	Mureil Lawler	New Mexico	
	Larry Horyna	Utah	
	Burton Sisco	Wyoming	

1994	Candy VerBruggen	Arizona	Phoenix, AZ
	Shirley Farnsworth	Colorado	
	Michael Tomlin	Idaho	
	Carl Sandell	Montana	
	J. Harold Washington	New Mexico	
	Lenora Plothow	Utah	
	Michael Day	Wyoming	
1995	Wilda Theobald	Arizona	Las Vegas, NV
	Connie Chamberlain	Colorado	
	Judy Reber	Idaho	
	Maureen Dolan	Montana	
	Edna Perkins	Nevada	
	Joan Coon	New Mexico	
	Jim Anderson	Utah	
	Valarie Horton	Wyoming	
1996	Miriam Kroeger	Arizona	Helena, MT
	Cecilia Robbins	Colorado	
	Tom Richards	Idaho	
	Norene Peterson	Montana	
	Phyllis Rich	Nevada	
	Judy Harrison	Utah	
	John Tollakson	Wyoming	

Award of Commendation became Award of Excellence

1997	Harry Dennis	Arizona	Jackson, WY
	Mimi Frenette	Colorado	
	Richard Sparks	Idaho	
	Diane Oldenberg	Montana	
	Sharyn Yanoshak	Nevada	
	Susanne Makishi	Utah	
	Adult, Continuing, and Community Educators/ Valarie Martinez	Wyoming	

1998	Nancy Phalen	Arizona	Beaver Creek, CO
	Jennifer Burkhart	Colorado	
	Ronald Shopbell	Idaho	
	Nancy Reynolds	Montana	
	Stephen Knight	Nevada	
	Michael O'Conlin-		
	Brandon	New Mexico	
	Else Bauer	Utah	
C.J. Rea	Wyoming		
1999	Michele Zerr	Arizona	Boise, ID
	Bill Furney	Colorado	
	Shirley Spencer	Idaho	
	Jeanie Manion	Montana	
	Vicki Newell	Nevada	
	Tom Root	New Mexico	
	Lou Workman	Utah	
	John Tollakson	Wyoming	
2000	Myna D. Frestedt	Arizona	Salt Lake City, UT
	Patrick M. Newell	Colorado	
	F. (Chuck) Humphrey	Idaho	
	Melinda Lynnes	Montana	
	None Awarded	New Mexico	
	Sheila Fairbarin	Nevada	
	Brian Cheesman	Utah	
	Jim Fassler	Wyoming	

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association Lay Leader Award

Year	Recipient	Home State
1990	Robert Usdane Arizona Senate	Arizona
1994	George Cunningham US House of Representatives	Arizona
1995	Richard Kelly Consumer Guaranty Corporation	Arizona
1996		Montana
1997	Eddie Busha Arizona Board of Regents	Arizona
1998	Trudy Anderson JA and Kathryn Albertson Foundation	Idaho
1999	Allen "Doc" Harkins Prison Education	Montana
2000	Bert Marley Idaho State Legislator	Idaho

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association Outstanding Educator Award

Year	Recipient	Home State
1996	Bill Shupe	Montana
1997	Marilyn Faber	Wyoming
1998	Julie Clancy	Colorado
1999	Leslie Anderson	Idaho
2000	LaRue Gurr	Utah

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association Outstanding Adult Learner

Year	Recipient	Home State
1996	Billy Jameson	Montana
1997	Vicky Brown	Wyoming
1998	Andrea Martinez	Colorado
1999	Julie Fee	Idaho
2000	Lipina Lolohea	Utah

Scholarship for Innovation

Year	Recipient	Home State
1985	Barrons Textile Academy	Colorado
1986	No award	
1987	ESL Tutor Idea Bank of Denver	Colorado
1988	Adult Learning Source- Catherine Hatfield	
1989	Literacy Volunteers of America- Janet McMillan	Montana
1990	Refugee Education Project- Linda Rousos	Arizona
1991	Literacy Volunteers of America- Dixie Stark	Montana
1992	Adult Education Program Norene Peterson & Marcia Pierce	Montana
1993	Wyoming Social Action Theatre- Michael Day	Wyoming
1994	Kathleen Butterfield	Colorado
1995	Boseman School District #7- Yvonne Hauwiller	Montana
1996	Sunburst Comm. Service Foundation- Rita Collins	Montana
1997	No Award	
1998	Survival Questions, Survival English for ESL Students Jodi Decker	Arizona
1999	No award	
2000	No Award	

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Studies

Year	Recipient	Home State
1981	Marcia Bankirer	Colorado
1982	No award	
1983	Larry Wickham	Idaho
1984	Denise Vick	Wyoming
	Rita Apodaca	New Mexico
1985	Judy Crocker	Utah
1986	Marjorie Slotten	Idaho
1987	Kevin Kirk	Utah
	Lyn Taylor	New Mexico
1988	Ellen Seeley	Wyoming
1989	Rodney Fulton	Montana
	Tom Sudduth	Wyoming
1990	L. Richard Jones	New Mexico
1991	Mimi Frenette	Colorado
1992	Marci Burststedt	Idaho
1993	Nancy Reed	
1994	Jean Anderson-Fleming	Colorado
1995	Kathy Nelson	Idaho
1996	John Schenck	Wyoming
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