

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

(Through the eyes and memories of the NCR Reps,
Janet Labrecque and Oz Anderson)

Once again it was our privilege to represent our region at the spring Board meeting. As usual, our deliberations were intense, at times tense and conflictual, but always respectful of the diversity of experience and viewpoints. Our new Executive Director, Theresa Snorton, was appreciated for her thoughtful, timely, perceptive, and articulate participation. Our President, Jim Stapleford led the meetings with enthusiasm, focus, commitment, and good humor. The issues which seemed to claim the most time and energy were: our financial concerns; collaborative possibilities with cognate groups; cultural diversity; CPSP; our strategic plan and how to use that to strengthen ACPE's unique mission.

Some issues and actions which we think are worth noting;

- **ACPE LOGO** .It was decided that we need a logo both for marketing reasons and to be more readily distinguished among the cognate groups. Don Stiger and Patricia Wilson-Robinson were appointed to the task.
- **HISTORY** .Our own John Thomas was recognized for his diligent efforts as our history Coordinator. John has served us in this capacity ever since the ACPE History Committee was buried. He has now retired from that post and turned the job over to Bob Leas. A study committee will be named to recommend how best to gather and preserve our history.
- **ANNUAL CONFERENCE** .Decreasing attendance, increasing costs, and the difficulty in reserving appropriate accommodations in May led us to move the annual conference back to the fall in 2003.
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING** .The action plan presented by the task force was approved, and an implementation team will be appointed to move us forward. They will be asked to give serious consideration to the response to the plan at the annual membership meeting.
- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** .The new committee has done an excellent job of refining and updating the policy and procedure manual and evaluation tools for the staff at the national office.
- **CERTIFICATION** .We are continuing to study the question of certification reciprocity with NACC. Jim Corrigan and Yvonne Boudreau were appointed to a committee to bring clarity and resolution to this concern.
- **ETHICS** .Our own Ken Siess is the new chair of the Ethics Commission, thereby assuring that they will continue to operate in a most professional and ethical manner. They expect to have a new manual ready in the fall.
- **CPSP** .We passed a resolution which encourages open discussion between the leadership of the two groups.
- **2001 ANNUAL MEETING** .To be held in Vail Colorado, May 2-5. The theme: "The Evolving Nature of Pastoral Supervision: Its Theory and Practice."

- **ACCREDITATION** .Lots going on in this area. DOE is paying attention, so we should also pay attention, listen to our Commisioners and go to workshops.
- **WEB PAGE** .It's good, and continually getting better, so use it generously for everything you ever wanted to know about ACPE.
- **ANNE UNDERWOOD** .Anne is the attorney who has worked so effectively with the Professional Ethics Commission, in upgrading the manual and our procedures for dealing with complaints. She has agreed **now** to help us with coordinating and integrating the Certification, Accreditation, and Ethics manuals, eliminating the internal inconsistencies, and mitigating conflicts with the Standards (a monumental task!)
- **PROJECT 2000** .An attempt to deal with our current financial pinch is Project 2000, in which individuals and regions are encouraged to make generous contributions. At the meeting, the 26 Board members pled~ed \$4925 to begin the process.
- **COGNATE BOARD MEETING** .The Collaborative Steering Committee and Cognate Boards will meet together in Nashville November 9-11, and the ACPE Board will also sandwich in its fall meeting at that time. We're not sure exactly what will happen there, but will keep you informed. Please keep us informed **of** your ideas and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,