

News of the West

ACHE Region West

Message from the Regional Chair

Dear ACHE West Colleagues,

As a new decade opens before us, it is an exciting time to be in the field of continuing education. With the “aughts” behind us and the “tweens” ahead, we have fresh opportunities to create, reinvent, and serve. In the time honored tradition of forecasts for the new year, here are three predictions for 2010:

- 1) “Nontraditional” will finally be recognized as the norm.
- 2) Anytime, anywhere will actually be true.
- 3) Quality rules!

As you plan for 2010, please consider professional service. ACHE West will be holding elections in Spring 2010 for Chair-elect, Secretary, and 3 members-at-large. Contact me or any of the current Board members if you are interested in a leadership role. The West region has a stellar group of professionals and service always gives more than it asks.

Join us at the Spring ACHE West Regional Conference in Salt Lake City, April 29-30, to discuss innovative educational approaches, renew professional connections, and meet new colleagues. 2010 promises to be a time for new ideas!

Gailynn Valdes
Arizona State University
ACHE Region West Chair



2010 Regional Conference

From the heart of downtown Salt Lake City, and surrounded by the majestic Wasatch and Oquirrh Mountain ranges, we at the BYU Salt Lake Center are pleased to welcome you to the

2010 ACHE-West regional conference, April 29-30. We look forward to having you join us for two days of excellent professional development and networking opportunities. The conference location is encircled by The Gateway; a one-of-a kind shopping venue, many and varied restaurants, Hyatt Place Hotel (conference lodging at \$85 per night with 30 days advance registration), and historic Temple Square—all within a comfortable two block walk. Free light-rail train service (TRAX) is also available in the downtown area. The conference location at the BYU Salt Lake Center is within a 10 minute shuttle ride (Xpress Shuttle, \$8 one-way) from the Salt Lake International Airport (\$8 one-way. Public transportation (www.rideuta.com) to and from the airport is also available for \$2 one-way. We look forward to seeing you...springtime in Salt Lake City is beautiful.

Regional News



Members of ACHE West met on November 16, 2009, during the national conference in Philadelphia. Regional meetings are always an important part of the national conference schedule, and this year's meeting provided West Region members an opportunity to network, address regional issues, and make plans for improving outreach to our members through such activities as this newsletter and the upcoming Spring Regional Conference that will be held in Salt Lake City.

A highlight of the discussion was a commitment by the West Region to support the 2010 annual conference since the conference will be held in our region in Albuquerque, NM. We have committed both financial resources and people power to assist the annual conference program chairs and ACHE President Roxanne Gonzalez. The 2010 conference venue opens up new opportunities to connect with professional continuing educators in New Mexico, and we encourage everyone to get the word out about the conference and to plan to join us there. If you'd like to be involved or have any contacts in New Mexico, please let one of your ACHE West officers know.

Other actions taken by the West Region included approval of an update to our regional bylaws, review and approval of the regional budget, a commitment to launch this regional newsletter, a review of themes for the Spring Regional Conference, and a discussion about changing the regional officer election cycle to align with the ACHE national election.

Joining us in Philadelphia were the following ACHE West members:

Joy Dean Brown, Utah Valley University
Sandra Gladney, University of Oregon
Wayne Lott, Brigham Young University
Terry Ratcliff, Whitworth University
Karl Stevens, Southern Utah University

Sonya Faust, University of Oregon
Lee Glines, Brigham Young University
Skip Parks, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Clare Roby, California State University, Chico
Gailynn Valdes, Arizona State University

Call for Proposals: A call for proposals for presentations at the regional conference will soon be sent out. Please consider submitting a proposal.

Conference Registration: The region conference is April 29-30, 2010 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration information will be available soon. The conference fee will be very affordable and the hotel room rate is just \$85.

Elections: Nominations for regional officers will be accepted in the coming weeks. Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague to serve as chair-elect or board member. Watch your email for details.



BYU Salt Lake Center, Site of 2010 Regional Conference

Regional Officers

Gailynn Valdes, Chair
Terry Ratcliff, Chair-elect
Sandra Gladney, Treasurer
Clare Roby, Secretary
Heather Fisher, Member-at-large
Happiness Peterson, Member-at-large
Karl Stevens, Member-at-large

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Retirements, Promotions, Publications, Awards, etc.

Visit <http://acheinc.org/region/West/index.html> for regional information and bylaws