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Practice”**

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From the ACAD Chair



Howard S. Erlich, Chair
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Welcome to the 64th Annual Meeting of ACAD!

Colleagues,

On behalf of the members of the
ACAD board, all volunteers, I
invite you to participate in our

programs and receptions, including
our reception, hosted with the Phi
Beta Kappa Society, on Friday, January
25 from 5:30—7:00pm.

It is my pleasure and privilege to
chair the ACAD Board of Directors.
Many board members work energeti-
cally to help to assure a high quality,
enriching, and stimulating series of
ACAD programs – easily identifiable
in the larger program. I encourage
your attendance and welcome your
feedback.

Special thanks to members of the
ACAD board: colleagues of ours
who devote considerable time and
intelligence to insuring a worthwhile
ACAD program. Please take a mo-
ment to peruse the listing of ACAD

board members and if you can,
express your personal apprecia-
tion. We appreciate the opportu-
nity to collaborate with AAC&U
and for me this meeting is an im-
portant opportunity to reacquaint,
energize and continue to learn and
grow as an administrator.

Finally, even as our sixty-fourth
meeting ends we will begin to plan
for next year’s conference and ask
you please to be attentive to the
call for proposals for next year’s
ACAD programs: your response
helps to guarantee the strong and
successful organization that is
ACAD. Thank you for your atten-
tion and enjoy the conference.

Howard Erlich, Chair

THIRD BIENNIAL CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS

In October 2007, ACAD and the Phi Beta Kappa Society (PBK) joined forces again on their third co-sponsored conference: *Promoting the Sciences: Science As Liberal Education* held in Washington, DC.

Following our previously successful collaborations this meeting continued the tradition and engaged participants in important conversations about the sciences, liberal arts and how to promote each in a liberal education context. John Churchill, Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa and conference co-chair said, “The lively conversation among attendees, gathered informally here and there in the intimate setting of the Madison Hotel, was a wonderful affirmation that the conference theme evoked intellectual issues we all face.”

A very special thank you goes to the conference planning committee: Co-Chair, Virginia Coombs (Keuka College), Co-Chair John Churchill (Phi Beta Kappa), Joseph Gordon (Yale University), Angela Gossetti-Murrayjohn (University of Mary Washington), Hank Dobin (Washington and Lee University), Jan Czechowski (Washington and Jefferson College), Marjorie Hass (Muhlenberg College) and Grady Ballenger (Stetson University).

Featured speakers were Dr. James Trefil, Clarence J. Robinson Professor of Physics, George Mason University; Dr. Eric Jolly, President of the Minnesota Science Museum and Dr. Philip Glotzbach, President, Skidmore College. Various presentations will be available on the Phi Beta Kappa website at www.pbk.org. For more information about this and other collaborations, please visit our website at www.acad-edu.org or contact the ACAD offices at 202-884-7419.

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**CATHY TROWER, RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, KEYNOTE SPEAKER
AT ACAD LUNCHEON**

As reflected across campuses today and in sessions throughout the Annual Meeting, our goal, as academic leaders, is to make "liberal education rigorous, inclusive, pragmatic, and socially responsible" and to prepare all students for a global community – all of which is enacted through and by the faculty. This new work demanded of faculty – indeed, the very work that new scholars enjoy – requires inquiry and collaboration across discipline lines, new methodologies and technologies, and possibly different venues for publication and dissemination. And it is work that requires we rethink the faculty reward structure.

Cathy Trower is Director and Research Associate at the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. She earned her BBA and MBA at the University of Iowa and her PhD in Higher Education Administration at the University of Maryland, College Park. Trower is widely known as a researcher on the status of the professoriate, and from 2002 to 2005, she was co-principal investigator with Richard Chait of "The Study of New Scholars." She is author of numerous articles, case studies and presentations on the role of the faculty in higher education.



Did You Know...

...ACAD has over 600 members of which 31 percent come from public two-year and four-year colleges and universities?

...ACAD members encompass a wide range of academic administrative responsibilities with a variety of position titles? We're not just for "Deans"?

...ACAD offers programs and resources that appeal to all academic leaders?

...ACAD membership includes access to our members' only listserv, an active resource connecting administrators across the country?

...ACAD has a job posting section on its Web site and members receive a discount to post position openings?

...ACAD membership is a great way to network with colleagues?

...ACAD offers group membership discounts when you sign up with 2 or more individuals from the same institution?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

•FEBRUARY 21-23, 2008:

ACAD Pre-Conference Workshop at the AAC&U Integrative Design for General Education and Assessment, Network for Academic Renewal Conference. The ACAD workshop is titled **Collaborative Leadership for Change and Curriculum Development** and focuses on the role of the administrator in curriculum development, having participants work in small groups to explore strategies and scenarios that may be effective for administrators as they initiate conversations about change and support collaborative processes. The session is run by **Geoffrey Chase**, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, San Diego State University; and **Karen Pugliesi**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, Northern Arizona University.

•JANUARY 21-24, 2009:

ACAD Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington

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**Regular Renewals for the 2008-09
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