Executive Director’s Message

As most of you know, this year’s national convention in Charlotte will be our last where AAHPERD is structured as an Alliance. The membership has voted to make us a single organization and will become effective the Monday following this meeting. This means that if you were to walk into the building in Reston, you would not see an office for NASPE, one for NAGWS, or any of the associations that once comprised our Alliance. AAHE is in the final stages of their exit strategy to transition from AAHPERD to a new organization of defined health professionals. AAHE’s move has been in discussion phases for several years. Many questions remain regarding the districts, the Alliance Assembly, and a possible name change. AAHPERD has scheduled town hall meetings at the national convention for states and districts in order to hear from the membership.

The Executive Directors of all of the states and “current” districts will meet three times in Charlotte. In the first meeting, we will open a discussion of the DRAFT AAHPERD Bylaws that have been released and dated February 25th. Meeting two will be a continued discussion on these proposed Bylaws and the LDC meeting in Las Vegas in June. The final meeting is a breakfast where we will have a presentation from the New York Road Runners regarding their school running program.

President-Elect Canada-Phillips and I will be attending the annual President-Elect’s Leadership Development Conference June 18-21 in Las Vegas. This conference used to be sponsored by AAHPERD but has been sponsored by the state and district Executive Directors for the past three years. This is a professional development experience for the Elect’s and the ED’s have an opportunity to exchange information as well. An update on JRFH is always on the agenda at this meeting.

OAHPERD is preparing for the fall conference on the campus of UCO and we are expecting record attendance, much like we experienced last year. The larger the conference, the more professionals and students we can impact and our finances increase as the numbers go up. Please plan to attend.

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