

# ICCHE NEWSLETTER

ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON CONTINUING HIGHER EDUCATION

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## DOWNSTATE REGIONAL WORKSHOP HELD APRIL 20, 2007

BY SUE DEASON

**F**riday, April 20, 2007, the **downstate region** hosted a conference on **Educational Institutions Teaming Together** at the University of Illinois Springfield campus.

Forty one continuing education professionals participated, with at least eight being first timers at an IC-CHE –sponsored event.

Participants were welcomed with remarks from UIS Dean Margo Duley and from IC-CHE President Carol Reiseck.

The program kicked off with an outstanding panel presenting successful degree completion models from a

public university, small private college, and public community college. A lively Q&A followed, offering solutions to problems and new ideas for campus programs. Panel members were:

Rick Carter, Director of Non-Traditional Programs, Western Illinois University, Joe Cipfl, Advisor to the President, McKendree College, Mary Hales, Dean of Business & Continuing Education, Workforce Development & Business, Lewis and Clark Community College

The afternoon panel focused on legislative issues and presented results of a survey on Baccalaureate Completion Programs at Community Col-



leges, graduation task forces, and research in regard to cooperative degree completion initiatives. Panel members were: Gary Alexander,  
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## NORTHERN REGION SYMPOSIUM Coming soon – APRIL 27, 2007

### *Pathways to Leadership*

On Friday, April 27, the **northern region** will hold its 2007 workshop at Oakton Community College, in their recently expanded Skokie campus, with presentations focused on the theme *Pathways to Leadership*.



Dr. Chris Robinson-Easley

Leaders from ICCHE member institutions will share experiences, good or bad, as they followed their path in continuing higher education.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Chris Robinson-Easley, Professor of Management at Governors State University. Dr. Easley holds a PhD in Organizational Development,

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A BEGINNING

Greetings!

As the newly elected President from ICCHE, I invite you to participate with me in the wonderful learning events scheduled for this year. This is an exciting year filled with opportunities to learn and network with colleagues.

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our Downstate Regional Conference and on April 27<sup>th</sup>, our Northern Regional Symposium. These are two events that you do not want to miss.

In addition, on September 28<sup>th</sup> plan on attending the fall conference at beautiful

Starved Rock State Park in Utica, IL. Registration fees are nominal (\$15.00) for these events in order to allow for broad participation by individuals from institutions around the state.

As colleagues in the field of continuing education, we learn from and with each other. Thank you to the dedicated and talented members of the IC CHE Board who have made these opportunities available for us this year.

See you in April!

Carol Reiseck



Carol Reiseck  
ICCHE President  
Dean, University College  
Concordia College

## ICCHE IN PERSPECTIVE—PART 2

### Early Years

excerpted from <http://www.icche.org/history>

On February 25, 1975, more than forty continuing education directors from community colleges, public universities, and independent institutions of higher education attended a meeting at Roosevelt University. This group was responding to an earlier proposal to establish a statewide consortium of higher education institutions.

A steering committee from this meeting sent letters to the presidents of Illinois colleges and universities, requesting one designated representative from each institution. At a meeting of these representatives the following June, the Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education was formed.

In the organization's first year, task forces went directly to work on issues of concern to their constituencies.

A Governmental Relations Task Force was established, and the Council sought a voice in IBHE's Master Plan IV, a document designed to guide priorities and resource allocations for the following five years.

In keeping with its educational outreach mission, the Council established a network of consultants to assist colleges, universities, businesses, and industries in establishing the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) as the permanent measure of clients' participation in non-credit continuing education programs.

ICCHE was also diligent in its efforts to increase financial assistance for part-time students so that, according to its position paper, "Student Access and Choice," "the only criteria for participation in post-secondary education

should be motivation and the ability to meet the requirements of the program selected."

In 1977, ICCHE issued a position paper, "Encouraging Cooperation among Local Providers of Continuing Higher Education in Illinois." The paper proposed voluntary procedures through which Council members could resolve issues among themselves, to "reduce the likelihood of external imposition or restraints."

ICCHE was also diligent in efforts to ensure that Educational Information Centers, supported by federal and state monies, included information of specific interest to adult learners.

The Council also provided key advice for the External Degree Initiative, a program designed

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## ICCHE PAST PRESIDENTS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BY MARY BATES

Each year at the annual conference, Past Presidents of ICCHE gather to discuss issues recommended by the Executive Board. The President is elected by the full membership, and the position rotates so that four year public, 4 year private, and community colleges each have equal opportunity to lead the organization.

The President for the 2007-8 term is Carol Reiseck of Concordia University.



ICCHE Past Presidents:

L-R, Row 1: Steve Yarbrough, SIU Carbondale, Cheryl Brunsman, SIU Edwardsville, Valerie Thaxton, Southwestern Illinois Community College, William Hine, Eastern Illinois University.

L-R, Row 2: Charles Evans, U of I Champaign, Mary Bates, Waubonsee Community College, Sandy Rhoads, Southern Illinois University

Photo compliments of the Center for Intergenerational Leadership, SIU, Carbondale.

## INNOVATIVE AWARDS 2007!



Pam Collins (R) with award winners Dr. Bill Marzano, Asst. V.P. of Community Devt., and Ms. Cynthia Perez, Health Care Interpreting Instructor, Waubonsee Community College.

Dr. Bill Marzano, Assistant Vice President of Community Development, and Ms. Cynthia Perez, Health Care Interpreting Instructor made an inspiring presentation as they accepted the 2007 Innovative Program Award on behalf of Waubonsee Community College's Health Care Interpreting Program.

The program meets a pressing need in Waubonsee's service area: help for health care providers in servicing an increasing Hispanic population that

does not speak English.

Since its beginning in the fall of 2002, the program has trained over 60 interpreters. In the fall of 2006, the program was upgraded to become a full associate's degree program, unique in the state and one of only a handful across the country.



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## ICCHE BOARD NEWS

- New officers and Board Representatives announced at annual meeting; see ICCHE web site for update.
- Past Presidents Award to be inaugurated—stay tuned for additional information
- By-laws updates approved at Annual Meeting
- Exploring HECA Grant possibility, plus pursuing Kauffman Foundation Grant

## WHAT'S HAPPENING—AROUND THE STATE

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will offer at least one course per semester starting the spring 2007 term through the **Eluminate** online course delivery system for their Off-campus Graduate Program in Crop Sciences.

These courses include online delivery of courses to provide science certificate endorsements to current school teachers, and courses to professionals within the **green industry**. Many of the courses also apply to the Off-Campus Master's degrees in Agriculture Education and Master's degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at UIUC.

Courses may be taken for credit toward the degrees, or used toward the two certificate programs available (Certificate of Professional Development in Horticulture or Certificate of Professional Development in Crop Sciences). Many courses may also be taken non-credit at a reduced fee for personal development.

Contact Heather Miller, Program Director for the Office of Continuing Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at 217-265-6568 or [hmliller1@uiuc.edu](mailto:hmliller1@uiuc.edu) for more information on these programs or questions.

### University of Illinois at Chicago

The University of Illinois at Chicago's **Profit Mastery Workshop** teaches students how to manage business finances.

The Web site is continuously being updated with agenda information, presenter biographies and resources for Profit Mastery. See [www.externaledu.uic.edu/profitmastery](http://www.externaledu.uic.edu/profitmastery) for

more information.

Date: June 7, 2007

Location: UIC East Campus, 924 South Morgan Chicago

Times: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Regular Fee: \$325

Visit [www.uic.edu/depts/oe/profitmastery/#register](http://www.uic.edu/depts/oe/profitmastery/#register) to register online. Workshop registration is limited to the first 60 registrants.

For questions about the Profit Mastery Workshop or to register, please contact UIC at [externaledu@uic.edu](mailto:externaledu@uic.edu) or (312) 355-0423.

## **KUDOS!**

**\*David Schejbal**, Associate Vice Chancellor and Director, Office of Continuing Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is headed to our northern neighbor to become dean of continuing education, outreach, and e-learning in UW Extension. His new position is effective July 2.

**\*Myra Gaytan-Morales** has been appointed Director at Waukegan for the University Center of Lake County.

**\*Tonia Baxter** has been appointed to the newly-created position of Recruitment Specialist/Advisor for the University Center of Lake County.

**\*the University Center of Lake County** has received a 2007 Excellence in Masonry Gold Award from the IL/IN Masonry Council.



## PRESIDENT'S PANEL AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BY DR. JOY THOMPSON

One of the highlights of the annual ICCHE Conference is the President's Panel. At this year's conference, the presidents addressed two questions:

1. Given the changing demographics and economy in Illinois, what challenges and opportunities do you see for higher education and specifically for your institution?
2. Given limited resources and the need to be responsive, what role do you believe collaboration and partnership plan in meeting these challenges and opportunities?

The panel, moderated by Charles Evans from the University of Illinois, included C. Alvin Bowman from Illinois State University, John Erwin from Illinois Central College, and Rebecca Sherrick from Aurora University

Rebecca Sherrick, president of Aurora University since 2000, described their partnership with K-12 schools at their Lake Geneva campus. Dr. Sherrick defined three characteristics of effective, sustainable partnerships. First, the arrangement must be beneficial to both organizations. Second, there must be clearly defined benefits, quantitative accountability, and the ability to confront challenges. Third, the agreement must be institutionalized. It may begin with discussions among colleagues but must become an agreement, a contract with all concerned parties. She urged institutions to return to their strength and mission and then develop collaborations. She asserted

that "The president is integral to these alliances."

C. Alvin Bowman joined the Illinois State University faculty in 1978 and became president in 2004. Dr. Bowman said that although the loss of state money has affected ISU, the institution has risen in academic rank, has higher ACT student scores, and increased faculty productivity. He identified the opportunities and challenges such as: diversity issues, with more first generation students; the decline of the pool of 18-year olds; the decline of financial and academic support for poor students; the ease of displaced workers to return to school; and opportunities to partner with business and industry as well as with specific interest groups such as hospitals. His advice is to decide your niche and build on it.

John Erwin became president of Illinois Central College in 2001. Dr Erwin described a number of partnerships that ICC has developed. These initiatives include a global exchange with Caterpillar, a new North Campus, collaboration with education including dual admission, and a model agreement between the administration and unions. He also described a program, Peoria's Promise, in which the mayor has pledged that any Peoria high school graduate will be given tuition and texts to ICC. It is being funded by donor dollars. He encouraged the parties to include a discussion of values in any partnership agreement.

Dr. Evans concluded the panel by emphasizing the significance of the Spellings Report as a catalyst for bringing to life the types of partnerships that the three presidents had articulated.

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## ICCHE IN PERSPECTIVE—CONT'D

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to assess whether or not all persons in the state had access to off-campus degree programs.

By the end of ICCHE's first five years, members had been frustrated occasionally by the demise of efforts and issues important to continuing higher education. In other cases, however, the Council had been able to positively influence state policy and achieve implementation of its positions.



## NOTES FROM FUTURIST KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT 32ND ANNUAL MEETING



Dr. David Houle, Futurist Keynote Speaker

PowerPoint slides from Dr. David Houle's provocative keynote address, *The Shift Age*, from ICCHE'S 32nd Annual Conference on February 8, 2007, are now available on the ICCHE web site, [www.icche.org](http://www.icche.org).

## Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education

Leadership in Lifelong Learning

Be sure to check out the great information at:

Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)  
www.ibhe.org

and

Illinois Community College Board (ICCB)  
www.iccb.state.il.us/



**MISSION:** ICCHE is a comprehensive organization of continuing higher education representing all regions of the state of Illinois. Founded in 1975, ICCHE is the only organization in Illinois whose membership includes two and four year colleges and universities, both public and private.

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you are not already a member, consider joining ICCHE today! The \$75 annual fee includes membership for an institutional representative and up to ten professionals from the same institution.

## DOWNSTATE REGION, CONT'D

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Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Scott Parke, Senior Director of Policy Studies, Illinois Community College Board

Sandwiched between the two panels was a networking luncheon that resulted in

a non-stop hum of discussion amongst colleagues.

Comments from the evaluations included "information from the downstate meetings continues to be very valuable in my work" and "excellent program – great value for the money."

Many thanks go to Sue Deason, Val Thaxton, Bill Sutton, Rick Pearce, the panel presenters, the registration team at SIU, and the student workers at ISU for their contributions to this valuable and informative downstate meeting.



## NORTHERN SYMPOSIUM, CONT'D

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a Masters degree in Industrial Relations, and is a Registered Organization Development Consultant.

Panelists include Jeff Carlson, Dominican University, Doug

Knerr, Roosevelt University, and Rick Venneri, St. Xavier University

The \$15 registration fee includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch.

To register, for questions or

if you require special accommodations, contact Donna Keene, Senior Director, Lifelong Learning Programs, Oakton Community College at 847-635-1423 or keene@oakton.edu.



## Comments/Questions/Input??

Please let us know your thoughts about the ICCHE e-newsletter! How can it be improved? What types of information would you like to see included? Please forward comments or questions about this e-newsletter, and/or information for future issues to the attention of:

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