

American Council of Developmental Education Associations (ACDEA) Changes its Bylaws and Name

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Since 1996, the American Council of Developmental Education Associations (ACDEA) has served as a clearinghouse for information sharing and collaboration among professional associations in the field. At the ACDEA fall meeting during the CRLA Conference in Portland, Oregon, the council adopted new bylaws providing vision and mission statements, expanding its purposes, and changing its name. The new body is to be called the Council of Learning Assistance and Developmental Education Associations (CLADEA) and its members will include: the Association for the Tutoring Profession (ATP), the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA), the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE), the National Center for Developmental Education (NCDE), and the National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA).

The vision for CLADEA is to *"Provide leadership and a unified voice to advance the profession of postsecondary learning assistance and developmental education."* The mission for CLADEA is to *"Foster mutual support among national and international organizations dedicated to postsecondary learning assistance or developmental education."*

- The purposes of CLADEA are to:
- *Coordinate the work of its members,*
 - *Promote collaboration among its members,*
 - *Serve as a forum for effective communication among its members,*
 - *Provide leadership on policy development in postsecondary education,*
 - *Recognize outstanding contributions to the field of postsecondary learning assistance and developmental education,*
 - *Encourage the development of new professionals and future leaders in the field,*
 - *Endorse standards of practice and professional ethics, and*
 - *Advocate for professional development and research in the field.*

CLADEA will continue the practice of honoring outstanding contributors to the field by electing them as council fellows. The council will also continue to evaluate and endorse or recommend revisions in certification programs and standards of member organizations. The council established a commission for this purpose

and Johanna Dvorak of the University of Wisconsin was appointed to chair this commission. Lynell Williams of the University of Minnesota and Karen Agee of University of Northern Iowa were appointed co-chairs of the council's Policies and Procedures Committee. Their job will be to develop and recommend policies and procedures to implement the council's mission and purposes.

Also at the fall meeting, Hunter R. Boylan of Appalachian State University, who has chaired the council since 1996, stepped down from this position and an election was held to determine a new council chair. Russ Hodges of Texas State University was elected as the new chair of the council and his term begins with the spring CLADEA meeting at the ATP Conference in St. Louis, MO.

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