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# NEWSLETTER



## From the Director's Desk



Ralph E. Enlow, Jr.  
Executive Director

No doubt about it, AABC has been behind the curve when it comes to the world of information technology. I have sensed this gap with increasing acuteness over the past several months. Two key areas of deficiency have worked their way to the fore front of my thinking: (1) our failure to exploit the potential of the Worldwide Web as a public relations, information, and publishing tool; (2) the insufficiency of our current *Criteria* and policies to guide us in assessing and advancing excellence in emerging forms of on-line education. Let me tell you what we're doing to close the gap.

First, I have reconfigured and augmented our staff in order to deploy Carol Dibble full time as *Director of Communication and Information Systems*.

Second, aided by a generous unsolicited gift from one of our college trustees, we have set about redesigning AABC's Web site. Planned features include an online AABC Directory, hyperlinks to member college Websites, subscription access to digital versions of AABC publications, electronic reporting and commerce, an on-line job referral service, and more.

Third, I am working with a group of key Bible college leaders to put together a special consultation concerning on-line education sometime in the coming year. The consultation would afford an opportunity to (a) explore how AABC *Criteria* and policies might better guide and support on-line educational initiative; (b) provide a forum for exchange of ideas among our member colleges which are engaged in on-line learning; and (c) expose our members to consultative and consorial services and resources available to assist in on-line educational delivery. If you would be interested in participating in the consultation, I would appreciate hearing from you. Stay tuned ...

## Board/Commission on Accreditation Approve New Bylaws, Policies, Draft *Criteria* Changes

At the February 1999 meetings, the Board of Directors took action to approve and/or commend for membership review and adoption the following changes to *AABC Bylaws, Policies, and Criteria for Accreditation*:

1. The Board adopted a new *Policy on Falsification of Data* (see insert) to be published in the next edition of the *AABC Manual*.
2. The Board adopted a revised *Policy on Indicators of Financial Health* (see insert) to be published in the next edition of the *AABC Manual*.
3. The Board approved amendments to association bylaws to establish a standing *Committee on Ethnic Diversity* (note: previously, this group was a sub-committee of the *Committee on Communication*).
4. The Board approved for membership review and adoption a Constitutional amendment which defines a quorum. [Note: Proposed text will be distributed for member review and comment at least 60 days prior to the February 2000 annual meeting.]
5. The Board approved for membership review and adoption a new *Criteria for Accreditation* section dealing with student retention. [Note: Proposed text will be

distributed for member review and comment at least 60 days prior to the February 2000 annual meeting.]

6. The Board accepted for further study proposed *Criteria for Accreditation* revisions concerning educational goals, assessment, and planning. [Note: It is anticipated that proposed text will be distributed for member review and comment at least 60 days prior to the February 2000 meeting.]

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## 1999 AABC Evaluation Team Visits

Under USDE regulation 602.27(d), recognized accrediting bodies must make public the dates when an institution's accreditation or preaccreditation (candidate) status is being reviewed in order to provide opportunity for third-party comment. In view of this requirement, notice is given that the following institutions are scheduled for evaluation during calendar year 1999. Persons wishing to submit third-party comments regarding any of these institutions should direct them to the AABC office at the following address: P.O. Box 780339, Orlando, FL 32878-0339; Fax: 407-207-0840; E-mail: [exdir@aabc.org](mailto:exdir@aabc.org).

(IA = initial accreditation; IC = initial candidacy; 10 = 10-year reaffirmation; 5 = 5-year reaffirmation)

**Bethany Bible Institute (SK) - (IA)**

March 15-17

**Calvary Bible College (MO) - (10) -**

(Fall Visit, Dates TBA)

**Ecclesia College (AR) - (IC) - March 17-19**

**Pillsbury Baptist Bible College (MN)-(IC)-**

October 4-6

**Puget Sound Christian College (WA)-**

(10) - (Fall Visit, Dates TBA)

**Roanoke Bible College (NC) - (10) -**

(Fall Visit, Dates TBA)

**San Jose Christian College (CA) - (10) -**

March 17-19

**Wesley College (MS) - (10) - October 4-6**

**Western Christian College ((MB)-(IA)-**

April 21-23

**Zion Bible Institute (RI) - (IC) -**

March 24-26

## NEGOTIATORS COMPLETE THEIR PROCESS

Negotiators working on the regulations to implement the 1998 Higher Education Amendments have completed their portion of the process. Negotiators met with U.S.D.E. officials five times during the process for two to three days at a time. Agreement between department officials and negotiators was reached on the vast majority of the regulations to be written. The department will be publishing the results of the process in early July for public comment using the Notice of Proposed Rule-making procedure. A 60-day comment period will be available. Upon conclusion of the comment period, the department will determine any changes to be made in light of the comments. It will then publish final regulations for distribution on or before November 1, 1999. Congress has 45 days to object to the provisions of the final regulations. If no objections are voiced within that period, the regulations assume the force of law. They will actually go into effect July 1, 2000. It is possible that there will be subsequent technical amendments, but if these are made, they would be simply for the purpose of clarification or correction of inadvertent conflicts in the law.

Although there are several steps remaining in the process, it is not likely that any of these will result in substantive changes. Accordingly, we now have a very good idea of the impact of the new regulations on AABC. Unsurprisingly, the new regulations are a trade-off. Several troublesome provisions have been eliminated such as the need for unannounced visits, and the establishment of state postsecondary review entities (SPREs). These gains have been offset by a new requirement that gives accrediting agencies only 12 months to correct deficiencies in their compliance with regulations. New monitoring requirements have been added so that accrediting agencies that receive substantive evidence that an institution is out of compliance with its standards must aggressively take action to ensure that institutions return to compliance within specified time periods. Normally, AABC can grant

its institutions two years to correct compliance deficiencies. For worthy reasons, the period for the correction of problems can be extended, but an agency may find it necessary to defend such a decision to the U.S.D.E. If an institution fails to correct the deficiencies within the required time frame, the accrediting body must take adverse action against the institution. Adverse action no longer refers merely to the imposition of sanctions. Rather, it involves loss of the institution's status with the agency.

The regulations emphasize to a much greater degree than ever before that accreditation must be based upon evidence of student achievement. Accreditors are expected to require that institutions present evidence that their students are actually achieving the learning and development anticipated by the institution's educational objectives. Accreditors have new responsibilities for the monitoring of distance education in all of its forms. Recognition by the department will depend upon the accrediting body's demonstration that it requires high standards of educational quality and monitors institutional activities effectively to ensure implementation of those standards. Accrediting bodies also have new responsibilities to monitor education offered at additional locations where 50 percent or more of an educational program is offered.

These and other changes will require some modifications of AABC *Criteria*, policies, and procedures in the months ahead. Clearly, AABC member institutions will need to more aggressively implement assessment plans to measure student educational achievements in the days to come. These measures will be necessary not only for on-campus work, but for work completed through distance education, branch campuses or additional locations and degree completion programs. The regulations will bring new challenges, but, by and large, AABC and its members are not being asked to do things that they should not be happy to do. For the most part, new regulations will strengthen our association and its member institutions.

## Forthcoming Changes in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

Please make note of the forthcoming changes in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), a set of surveys conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). These changes include accelerated timeliness, web-based reporting, and new data elements mandated by Congress.

Only one of the 1999-2000 IPEDS surveys will be different from those collected in previous years in any significant way, the new *Institution Prices and Student Financial Aid (IPSFA)* survey. This IPSFA survey is planned as a pilot study to test institution's ability: 1) to provide

data on price of attendance and student financial aid, and 2) to submit data via the web. Please note that the IPSFA survey will be a web-based collection rather than a paper questionnaire.

In 2000-2001, the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) plans to move all of the IPEDS data collection to a web-based system in line with the Department's requirement for web-based transmission of student financial aid information. This will eliminate the need for paper questionnaires to be mailed and processed, and should significantly improve the

timeliness of this data. After 2000-2001, there will be several substantial changes such as the new race/ethnicity format mandated by the Office of Management and Budget. These changes will require significant adjustments to your information systems.

NCES plans to assist your institution during this transition by providing training and technical assistance and will continue efforts to keep your institution fully informed. Any questions or comments may be forwarded to Ms. Susan Broyles, IPEDS project director, at NCES ([Susan\\_Broyles@ed.gov](mailto:Susan_Broyles@ed.gov)).

## Member Highlights

**Briercrest Bible College** -The Briercrest family's latest addition - the new 42-room Pilgrim Inn - began welcoming guests and visitors, starting May 1. They are pleased the Inn will bring a refreshing and vibrant sense of heartland hospitality to Caronport and the Moose Jaw region. The Inn is located conveniently adjacent to the east and west-bound Trans-Canada Highway.

**Free Will Baptist Bible College** - Free Will Baptist Bible College paid tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Picirilli on May 5th with a chapel program and a reception in their honor. The Picirillis are retiring at the end of the 1998-99 school year. Dr. & Mrs. Picirilli have given more than 70 years (combined) to FWBBC and the Free Will Baptist denomination. The Picirillis will continue their association with the college.

**St. Louis Christian College** - The Athletic Department of SLCC received the prestigious Sports Ministry Award from the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) at their national convention held in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 21-22, 1999. The Sports Ministry award was established for the purpose of recognizing member institutions having significant spiritual outreach through utilization of athletic ministries. SLCC was selected as this year's only recipient out of the 110 member schools in the NCCAA because of the work of the men's basketball team in prison ministry and the men's baseball team's work in the inner city of Memphis, Tennessee and St. Louis, Missouri.

## Referral Service

AABC provides the referral service for individuals seeking employment at member colleges and for institutions seeking to fill vacant positions. Institutions or persons desiring a listing should contact the AABC office (P.O. Box 780339, Orlando, FL 32878-0339).

## Positions Available

**Bible and Theology, Department Chair** - Washington Bible College, Washington, D.C., is currently seeking a chair for its Department of Bible and Theology. The successful candidate should have a Ph.D., or Th.D. in Bible and theology. Several years of successful experience in teaching and administration are expected. WBC is a non-denominational school that holds to the doctrinal positions of Biblical inerrancy, premillennialism, and the eternal security of the believer. WBC seeks to minister to a wide variety of ethnic groups from this region and around the world. Excellent benefits. Please send your resume, cover letter and transcripts to the Academic Dean, Dr. Daven M. Kari, 6511 Princess Garden Park-

way, Lanham, MD 20706. Minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

**General Education Department Chair** - Washington Bible College, Washington, D.C., is currently seeking a generalist to chair its General Education Department. The successful candidate should have an earned doctorate in an area related to Humanities Studies, including Theology or Education, along with at least an M.A. in English or History. Successful experience in teaching and administration are highly desirable. Integration of faith and learning in all subjects is our goal. Excellent benefits. Please send your resume, cover letter and transcripts to the Academic Dean, Dr. Daven M. Kari, 6511 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham, MD 20706. Minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

**Youth Ministries Instructor** - Practical Bible College, Binghamton, NY, seeks qualified applicants for a full-time faculty position in the Youth Ministries Program. The applicant for this position must be able to lead the program and have the qualifications to teach in another area, such as Bible, theology, or general education. The successful applicant will possess the following: no less than a master's degree (although a doctorate is preferred) in Youth Ministries, Christian Education, or the equivalent from a regionally accredited college, university, or ATS accredited seminary; outstanding Christian character; evidence of effective youth ministry in a growing local evangelical church/parachurch organization; leadership and teaching effectiveness among youth and youth workers; cooperativeness as a team player; agreement with the baptistic doctrinal position of the college; ability to recruit students for the program; and the willingness to lead students on missions trips. Racial minority applicants are especially invited to apply. Send resumes to: Dr. Gilbert Parker, P.O. Box 801, Bible School Park, NY 13737. FAX:607-729-2962, or call 1-800-331-4137.

## Positions Wanted

**Instructor:** Pastoral Theology, Bible, Church History, Greek; B.A., History (Bethel College); M.Div., Denver Seminary; D.Min. (TEDS). **J-1**

**Instructor/Administrative:** Systematic Theology, Biblical Studies (esp. N.T.), Hermeneutics, Pastoral/Preaching Training; AA, Pastoral Ministry (Kentucky Mountain Bible College [KY]); B.S., Pastoral Ministries (United Wesleyan College); M.A.R., Ministry, Theology, N.T. (Evangelical School of Theology). **J-2**

**Instructor:** N.T., Greek, Hermeneutics, Biblical History, Church History, Theology; Diploma, Bible/Ministry (Elim Bible Institute); M.A., Biblical Studies, Regent University). **J-3**

**Instructor:** Bible, Homiletics, Pastoral Administration, Education, Educational Leadership,

Psychology; Diploma, Pastoral Training/Greek (Moody Bible Institute); BRE & Th.B., Pre-Seminary Bible/PT (Baptist Bible College of PA); Th.M., Pastoral/Bible Exp (Dallas Theological Seminary); Ph.D., Higher Adult & Lifelong Education (Michigan State University). **J-4**

**Instructor:** Systematic Theology, Natural Law Theory, N.T., Patristics, Aristotle; Ph.D., Philosophy of Religion (University of Chicago); M.A., Philosophy; B.A., Philosophy, Psychology (University of Minnesota) **J-5**

**Administration:** Student Development, Financial Aid, Admissions, Development; B.R.E. (Grand Rapids Baptist College), M.A., Ed. Administration, College Student Personnel (Michigan State University) **J-6**

**Instructor:** Church growth, Evangelism, Homiletics, Practical Ministry, Comparative Religion; AA, Pre-Law (Spoon River College, Canton [IL]); B.S., Religious Studies (Bradley University [IL]); M.Div., Homiletics; D.Min., Church Growth & Homiletics (University of Dubuque [IA]). **J-7**

**Instructor/Administrator:** O.T. & N.T. Survey, O.T. major classes, Hermeneutics, Theology Survey, Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Ethics, Individual Bible books, director level administrator; B.S., Bible (Columbia Int'l University); M.A., O.T. (Columbia Biblical Seminary) **J-8**

**Instructor/Administration:** V.P. of Administration, Academic Dean; Instructor: Pastoral Ministry, N.T.; B.A., Secondary Ed (Tabor College); M.Div., Pastoral (Western Baptist Seminary); M.A., N.T. (Denver Seminary) **J-9**

## Executive Director's Itinerary

### June

17-18 CHEA Conference  
Chicago, IL

### July

2-6 TEAM Board of Directors  
Wheaton, IL

### September

10 Carver Bible College (GA)  
14 Huntsville Baptist Institute (AL)  
21 Northwest Bible College (AB)  
23 Prairie Bible College (SK)  
28 Central Pentecostal College (SK)

### October

17-19 AABC Board of Directors  
Orlando, FL  
28 Grace University (NE)

### November

6-8 TEAM Board of Directors  
Wheaton, IL  
10-11 Family of Faith College (OK)  
17 NAICU Secretariat  
Washington, DC

### December

3 Colegio Biblico Pentecostal (PR)

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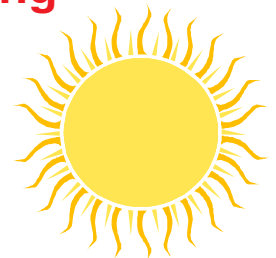
## Notes From Our Membership

I wanted to share one thing with you that reflects on AABC and what it means to me personally. My brother graduated from an AABC school (Lincoln-1971). He was in the preaching ministry for nearly 30 years, beginning even before he graduated. The last nine years he preached in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, at a church of about 250. More than 1,100 people came to his funeral and visitation. Everyone from the chief justice of the province's supreme court to the church's janitor, from the island's wealthiest businessmen to children in wheel chairs from a camp for the disabled where my brother served on a volunteer basis. As I watched all this, I was not only proud to be his brother, but proud to be a part of AABC because I realized that he was just one graduate of one Bible college who touched so many people for eternity. I am awed to think of all the thousands of graduates from all our AABC schools who have touched millions in similar ways all over the world for decades. I am humbled to serve in such an eternal enterprise.

-- Dr. Tom Tanner, Lincoln Christian College

## Mark Your Calendar

### AABC Annual Meeting



2000

**February 17-19**

Omni Rosen Hotel, International Drive  
Orlando, Florida

#### Special Features:

- ❖ Pre-Convention Workshop with **Dr. Ellen Black**: *Assessment*
- ❖ Joint Meeting with **Evangelical Training Association (ETA)**
- ❖ Special Workshop Tracks: Governance, Church/Christian Ed., Distance Ed.
- ❖ **Jack Hayford**, Plenary Speaker
- ❖ **Twila Paris** in Concert

2001

**February 15-17**

#### Special Features:

- ❖ Pre-Convention Workshop with **Dr. Robert Andringa**: *Governance*
- ❖ **Howard Hendricks**, Plenary Speaker