



MTAHPERD News

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Hello Everyone! As the school years wind down, this special newsletter is a great reminder to keep your schedules open and attend our 75th Anniversary Convention. We will all be converging on Capital High School in Helena August 9-10. Although the window is still open for interested parties to submit proposals for presenting, many great sessions are already on tap. Please feel free to distribute this convention highlights issue to all of the teachers on your email list, especially the elementary classroom teachers who are going to benefit greatly from our special elementary teachers tract. With the theme of "Remembering the Past, Moving into the Future!" we hope that this convention will be a great stepping stone for moving Health Enhancement into the future. We appreciate your membership to this great professional association and hope that we will see all of you in Helena in August.

BAD NEWS ON THE HORIZON

Friday, May 13 proved to be very scary for all of us in the education world, especially Health Enhancement teachers. Representative Duncan Hunter (R-CA), Chairman of the House Health, Education and Welfare Subcommittee on Education, introduced the House version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Before I get too deep into it, the most glaring problem is the removal of funding for the Carol M. White PEP Grants. This is a devastating blow, especially to those of us who have been back to DC and made calls encouraging them to continue funding this essential program. Ultimately this bill will be faced with tough opposition from Democrats and Republicans in both the House and Senate and also have to compete against the bill that will come from Senator Harkin. I believe we are in for a long process on this.

House Bill 1891 has not been uploaded on line as of the time I am writing this, but if you visit thomas.gov and search under bill number within the coming days I am sure you will find the information. But, it is known that 43 education programs are being cut.

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GRADUATE CREDITS WILL BE OFFERED AT OUR CONVENTION THROUGH MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS, CONTACT BRIAN KESSLER (B_K42@HOTMAIL.COM) OR NANCY COLTON (COLTON@MONTANA.EDU)

Brad Strand to Keynote 75th Anniversary Convention

In August, we will be very lucky to have AAHPERD President Brad Strand attend our 75th Anniversary Celebration. While there, he will be our keynote speaker and will most likely discuss the AAHPERD Reorganization as well as the major issues facing our profession today.

Throughout his tenure as a teacher and professor at North Dakota State University, Strand has served our profession on many levels. Most recently, he was the NASPE President in 2009, and started his AAHPERD Presidency in March. Strand will be charged with leading our organization through a reorganization process and try to unite us, which is where he got his slogan, "United We Move". We are all very excited and anxious to see where this goes, but know ultimately it will be better for all of us.



Strand has written extensively on pedagogy, fitness education, and youth in sports. He is widely accepted as a leader in these areas and also does a great deal of work with moving into administration.

Strand will also put on a session for new professionals, something anyone surely will not want to miss.

Elementary Tract Hopes to Bring More Awareness

With the help from some members and with the board searching for ways to ensure that Montana students receive adequate physical education, we decided to implement a one-day Elementary classroom teacher tract at the convention.

For the first year, we will obviously be feeling out the process and try to determine what will be the most beneficial to those teachers. We all know how important it is to keep our students active and the academic success associated with students being physically fit.

As of now, we are still putting the finishing touches on the convention as a whole, including the elementary tract. If any of you really feel that there is something that you can bring to this, please fill out a presenter form that is included in this newsletter.

Brain Breaks will be one of the main attractions for this part of the convention. Megan Chilson and Ann Pauls-Neal (hopefully if the new baby will work with our schedule!) will work together to educate these teachers on the importance of moving in the classroom. These teachers will also be put through basic morning moves from Peggy Chapuis and possibly Yoga in the Classroom. We are all very excited and cannot wait for this to get going!

Why Come to the Convention?

Capital High School in Helena, MT will offer a grand array of adventures. While Helena is the Capitol City and will offer plenty of things to do on the side, the sessions we have planned for the convention will keep you busy throughout the day. We are introducing new adventures, including a 5K Fun Run in honor of Ken Cloud, a hike up Mount Helena, CyclingSavvy and Safe Routes to Home with Roger DiBrito, and the usual array of new and exciting practices in physical and health education.

We are still looking for presenters, a presenter form has been included for those who would like to share their expertise with the rest of us. At any given time, the majority of us are looking for new things to do, answers to questions on how to include things like technology into the classroom, and countless others; this is the perfect time to have these questions answered. We look forward to seeing you at the convention, August 9-10 in Helena.

Highlights from the National Convention

March 29—April 2 saw thousands of physical educators and those in related professions ascend upon San Diego, CA for the 126th AAHPERD National Convention. It was a great time and the executive board members who attended countless meetings found it helpful in understanding the structure and functions of the organization. Currently, AAHPERD has a committee who is looking at suggesting a reorganization plan for the association. They are still in the planning phase and are looking for suggestions through June 2. They will present to the Board of Governors in September their proposal and we will see where we are to go from there. No one has any idea of what it will mean for the states, but we believe there will be more connection between states and the national association.

Let's Move In School was officially introduced to the nation with the help of thousands of California students, Drew Brees, Carl Lewis, and many others. This initiative is going to help us greatly and I hope everyone has the opportunity to participate at some level.



Deb Sension-Hall presents DiBrito with his award. Pictured from R to L: Dave Oberly, Sharon DiBrito, Bob Williamson, Roger DiBrito, Deb Sension-Hall



Brian Kessler walks across the stage after receiving the NASPE Major of the Year Award

MTAHPERD Members Win National Awards

Montana was well represented at the National Convention as two members brought home national awards.

Roger DiBrito: Longtime Montana AHPERD Member, DiBrito was honored with the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation Honor Award. This clearly is in response to his countless hours of dedication to physical activity and we congratulate him on receiving the award. Congratulations Roger!

Brian Kessler: In San Diego, Kessler was honored with two undergraduate awards. The National Association for Physical Education and Sport awarded Kessler with the Major of the Year award, this award goes to outstanding students throughout the United States. Kessler also received the AAHPERD Ruth Abernathy Presidential Scholarship. This Scholarship is given to three undergraduates and two graduate level students and are chosen from hundreds of applicants.

Three University of Montana students also received the Major of the Year Award but unfortunately are not MTAHPERD members.



Kessler and AAHPERD then-President, Vicki Worrell at the AAHPERD Recognition Awards Ceremony



**2011 MTAHPERD CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
75th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE, AUGUST 9-10, 2011
CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL, HELENA, MT
"REMEMBERING THE PAST, MOVING INTO THE FUTURE!"**

Please print

First name _____ Last name _____

Address (home) _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Name of School/Organization _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____ May we put you on our mailing list _____

All Registrations include: membership, registration, convention booklet, and awards dinner.

Registration (postmarked by July 1, 2010)	\$110.00 _____
On Site Registration	\$140.00 _____
Student and Retiree	\$60.00 _____
Guest	\$40.00 _____

Total (checks made to MTAHPERD) \$ _____

Mail registration form and check to:

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2011 MTAHPERD CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS
75th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE
"REMEMBERING THE PAST, MOVING INTO THE FUTURE!"
Deadline for Proposal Submission: June 1, 2011

Conference Details

Where: Helena Capital High School, Helena, MT

When: Tuesday & Wednesday, August 9-10, 2011

Fees: Presenters are responsible for paying all travel related conference expenses and required registration fees.

Presenter Information

Name: _____

School or Company: _____

Position/Title: _____

Contact information: *Please include how we can contact you during the summer!*

Address: _____

Phone numbers: _____ (cell) Texting? Yes No (circle one)
_____ (home)
_____ (work)

Email: _____

Provide any handout electronically to MTAHPERD (m_chilson@umwestern.edu) before July 1, 2010 to be included on the conference CD. After July 1, presenters need to provide their own handouts.

A brief biography about you for the program:

Session Title: _____

