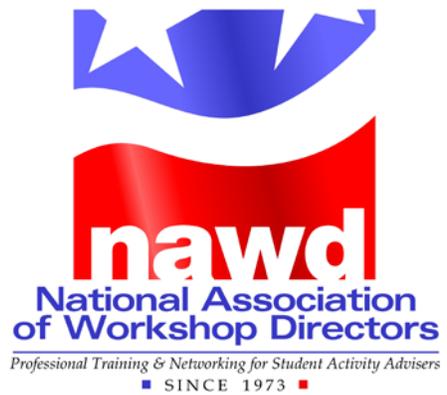


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THANK YOU NCSA ARIZONA TEAM

Congratulations to Dan Dodge, Jeff Peters and all of the members of the organizing committee of the Arizona Association of Student Councils for an excellent NCSA-2014. The “Leadership Fiesta” theme provided an outstanding focus for this conference in the southwest. The delegates were entertained at each general session and during meals by an array of southwestern talent. Thursday night’s session included an 8 year-old Native American dancer. Friday morning entertainment was provided by a senior citizen women’s drill team, the Sun City Pom-Poms. The Notre Dame High School Show Choir brought forth the holiday spirit with caroling during lunch. Student mariachi musicians and “Espiritu” cultural dancers entertained during Saturday night’s dinner under the stars. The session on Saturday morning opened with Arizona’s Singing Cowboy and Dusty, a real horse in the ballroom. Both gave NCSA participants a great demonstration of the “Olde West” with songs and tricks.



The conference showcased two up and coming keynote speakers. **Mike Smith** lives his life as a “professional teenager” and doubles as a youth motivational speaker and action sports personality. Mike shared how passion, hard work, and dedication can impact oneself and others. Mike is Executive Director of THE BAY, one of the few non-profit skateparks in the nation where he works with young people from all walks of life. **Sabrina Thompson** shared her experiences as an NCAA track and field athlete, as a teacher in Brooklyn, NY. She spoke about her work with a major television production team, about lasting 39 days on “Survivor”, and being the co-founder of a 40,000 plus member non-profit impacting the lives of young women in both Africa and in the US.



Participants had many networking opportunities throughout the conference to gather many ideas to take home as well as time to share their own ideas and thoughts. The conference included 26 different workshop sessions based around seven key strands, a Meet the Pros roundtable with 20 sharing opportunities, two time-blocks for the Parade of Ideas sharing ideas and resources. In addition, a special panel of experts shared 50 tips in 50 minutes on topics such as: Student Activities Through the Eyes of the Administration, Starting a Leadership Class, Student Council Start to Finish, Conference & Assemblies Through the Eyes of a Professional Speaker, and Tips on Effective Communication and Organization.



Presenters of Workshops and Meet the Pros sessions shared electronic copies of their handouts which can now be found on the home page at www.nawd.com. Click on the link for “Leadership Fiesta” handouts. A slide show of the 2014 NCSA, created by David Brame can also be accessed on the NAWD website. It is hoped that participants will share these resources and encourage attendance at the 2015 “Power of Leadership” NCSA in Niagara Falls, New York on December 4-6.

NAWD BYLAWS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

The Board of Directors of NAWD adopted a new governing document in mid-August. The detailed plan of organization now allows NAWD to apply for IRS 501 c-3 status. The organization has been incorporated as a non-profit entity in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Copies of the Bylaws can be obtained by contacting finnemeyer@nawd.com or clicking on the Bylaws tab at www.nawd.com.

NAWD BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

With the adoption of the new Bylaws for NAWD, three additional Board of Director positions will be added to the organization's governing body. The additional positions being created will allow two members to represent each of three regions of the nation (eastern, central, and western). Initially, the lengths of term will be from six months to 2 ½ years, creating an orderly rotation of members on and off the Board. A job description and an application can now be found at www.nawd.com. The completed application with two letters of recommendation from NAWD members must be submitted electronically to NAWD Executive Director, Jim Finnemeyer by January 20, 2015. The present members of the Board of Directors are: Diane Anderson (Virginia), Sandy Hillman (Indiana), Stu Shaffer (California).

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS ELECTED

The NAWD Board of Directors met on Friday, December 5th to elect officers for a one-year term. Elected were:

Stu Shaffer, President
Sandy Hillman, Vice President
Diane Anderson, Treasurer

The position of Secretary will be filled in February 2015 following the selection of three additional members of the Board.



Stu Shaffer, President and Western Regional Member



Sandy Hillman, Vice Pres and Central Board Member

FUTURE OF NAWD AND NCSA

Regional meetings held during the December National Conference on Student Activities provided Association members with an overview of the new NAWD Bylaws and allowed for brainstorming sessions designed for members to share their ideas on ways to expand the NAWD organization programs, resources and impact. In addition, members shared input on ideas for future NCSA gatherings, topics to be covered, workshops to be presented, and methods to broaden the membership and expand conference participation. The 2015 NCSA will be held in Niagara Falls, New York and in 2016 the site of the NCSA will be in Madison, Wisconsin.



Diane Anderson, Treasurer and Eastern Board Member

CERTIFICATES OF CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE

Participants in NCSA-2014 who desire certificates of attendance may now receive them by contacting the NAWD Registrar at ncsaregistrar@aol.com.

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**DOUG ERICKSON HONORED WITH DR.
EARL REUM AWARD**



The Dr. Earl Reum Award for 2014 was presented to Doug Erickson of Minnesota, an individual who has had a great impact on students in the classrooms of his school, at the state level and at the national level. The goal of this award is to also recognize the impact that the award winner has had on his peers in leadership education and in student activities.

Doug taught his first advisor workshop 25 years ago in his state. Little did he know that from that point on, he would be a frequent presenter at NAWD/NCSA, NASC and LEAD conferences and would conduct advisor workshops in states across the nation. He was the adult co-chair of the NASC Advisory Council, and leads one of the outstanding state student council programs for both adults and students.

Doug was presented with a specially designed ring provided by NAWD corporate sponsor, the Herff-Jones Corporation and a check from the National Association of Workshop Directors' Earl Reum Memorial Fund by Mary Reum, wife of NAWD's founder. The NAWD organization appreciates the support of Herff-Jones, Inc. who provide each of the regional Reum Award winners with plaques in addition to a special plaque presented to Doug Erickson.



**Happy
Holidays**

**MICHELLE SWISHER OF WEST VIRGINIA
RECOGNIZED WITH THE
“KEEPER OF THE FLAME” AWARD**



A touching moment during NCSA-2014 occurred during the Saturday afternoon luncheon as Laura Price of Texas surprised Michelle Swisher, West Virginia Workshop Director, with the presentation of an original copy of the 1948 **“Life Magazine”** which featured high school senior, Earl Reum, of Denver, Colorado recognizing him for his passion and dedication to student activities and student leadership. Earl later went on to become the most noted speaker on the power of activities, their impact on both individuals and groups, and their impact on schools and communities. Earl, a prolific writer of leadership and inspiration materials, founded the National Association of Workshop Directors (NAWD) in 1973 with the sole purpose of using it for the training of educators in the field of leadership education. Earl passed away in December 2010 and again was written of in a national magazine when his obituary appeared in **“Time Magazine”**.

The Keeper of the Flame Award began in Florida in 2009 when Bob Tryanski was organizing his thoughts for a keynote presentation. He recognized a central theme that ran through Earl Reum's life and work. Earl showed us how to bring out the best in others in a myriad of ways. Earl showed us how to lift people up, to honor their achievements, and to personalize the way in which we recognize their contributions. In ending his presentation, Bob presented a copy of the 1948 issue of **“Life Magazine”** to Sarah Jones, the former Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Student Councils. She turned this into an amazing idea in 2010 by presenting the magazine to another NAWD member, thus creating the “Keepers of the Flame Society”. Congratulations, Michelle on joining this distinguished group of leadership educators.

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