

Commission Report
October 31, 2017
Chair: Ruth McKinon

Activities:

Commission Leadership Changes: Effective July 20th, Christy Vint Griswold, Commission Treasure had to leave this position. Christy has moved to a new position within her college, and no longer works with the commission's population. Christy was a great asset to the commission's leadership team and will be missed. The last several months have been challenging, other member's on our team have experienced leadership changes that affected their job positions and workload. As a result, adjusting to these new changes and expectations interrupted their ability to provide their normal ongoing commission support.

Christy was planning to move into the Chair position in '2018'. Christy's transitioning off of the team, ignited the need to seek a new Commission Chair. Sandi Barrett was planning to move into the Vice Chair. Due to her current job responsibilities, Sandi is unable to take the Vice Chair position for, '2018'. I have been making calls to individuals who previously expressed an interest about being a part of the WACE leadership team. The majority were experiencing the same challenges, leadership changes that are requiring their focus to be on their new job assignments and expectations.

Several months ago I received an email from Bill Barfield/Florida State College at Jacksonville about his desire to join the WACE leadership team. He is interested in taking the Chair position. Bill was very active in CAESC, so we have worked together for several years. I have agreed to work with him in the Vice Chair position. To provide support so that we can continue to maintain and increase the forward movement of the WACE Commission. Also, I contacted Karen Tolson to see if she was in a position to resume participation on the leadership team. She is willing to help us in any way, but cannot do any traveling at this time. Sandi Barrett will remain on the leadership team as Treasurer.

Annual Conference: We are excited that through all the challenges and changes, the commission has 3 educational workshops and a business meeting scheduled on Thursday. We met our goal of presenting an exemplary practice award. Did not meet our goal to submit a Commission Book for '2017'. We will seek additional interests/participation from commission members during the Business Meeting on Thursday.

The Commission leadership's focus is on keeping the commission in forward motion. Moving to the next level of impact and opportunity to make a difference in the area of professional development and increased participation from the commission members.