

2008 NAACI conference Report by Mort Morehouse

I will begin with the present, then take a quick look back and end with some thought plans and thoughts about the future direction of NAACI. The NAACI 08 conference held at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin was number eight. Compared to some of the other conference the number of participants were few – we were just 14. On the other hand, the conference was lively and informative. We followed the strategy of all participants involved in all the paper sessions. The group was among the most diversified in disciplines of any NAACI conferences that I have attended. Among the disciplines represented were English Literature, Mathematics, Teacher Education (Story Telling), and an elementary education teacher, plus seven philosophers. There was also one exception to the participant/member arrangement. I did not present a paper, but participated in all of the session.

Several items came up in the business meeting. Perhaps the most important item is the transition to a new president or leadership team. After 16 long but enjoyable years, I am finally stepping down from the presidency Wendy Turgeon has agreed to set up a new leadership team Ideally the team will be three members from each of the three major countries in the North American continent – Canada, United States, and Mexico.,

We also agreed that for the first time *Analytic Teaching* will become the official organ of NAACI. This has been more or less true in practice almost from the beginning, but there has occasionally been some confusion about most issues around publication of articles presented at NAACI conferences. While presenting a paper at a NAACI conference does not guarantee publication in *AT*, *AT* now officially will have the right of first refusal. In addition, announcement for the every-other-year conferences will be first announced in *AT*. Finally, the masthead of the journal will connect NAACI and *AT*. These are minor items but I think they will help to ensure the continuation of both the journal and the association.

We also talk about changing the name of the association to between represent what has been factually true about the breath of participation in the biennial meetings – there has always been at least one participant from Europe, Asia, South America, Australia or Africa. One of the major problems with that move is that it might be seen as in conflict with ICPIIC. The consensus was that the name should say the same with a continued invitation to participants from all regions of the world.

On a final note I would like to thank everyone who has participated in any of the NAACI conferences – you have enriched my life, personally and professionally. I have managed to keep the organization alive, and to help facilitate several of the conferences, but now is the time for growth and new life. Wendy is the person to take us to the next stage – I

have enjoyed my ride, now is the time to join you as a member without any leadership role. Again, thanks to everyone!