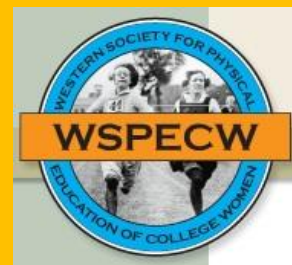


Western Society for Physical Education of College Women



Spring Newsletter: 2018

President's Message

A note from Melissa Mache



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Greetings Members of Western Society!

Let's begin this Spring 2018 newsletter by reflecting on last year's annual meeting of WSPECW. Maria Veri and her planning committee deserve another round of kudos for organizing a wonderfully successful 2017 conference. The keynotes, Susan Sullivan and Layshia Clarendon, brought amazing energy to the conference, energy that was evident throughout the entire weekend. I want to specifically acknowledge Maria's commitment to investing in the future of this organization; her work over the past year served to strengthen this remarkable organization in numerous ways.

As you might imagine, this year's conference planning committee has already been hard at work developing a conference program that we hope will continue the great energy generated at the 2017 conference and build upon the amazing tradition of Western Society. Our 2018 conference theme is Rise Up: Reflecting on the Past to Revolutionize the Future. We are excited that both our keynote and banquet speaker will be able to help us reflect and revolutionize as an organization!

I'm thrilled to announce our keynote speaker this year will be Wyomia Tyus. Wyomia was the first individual to win back-to-back Olympic gold medals in the 100-meter dash, first in 1964 and then in the 1968 Mexico City games. I am excited that Wyomia has agreed to share her personal experiences and reflections with our organization. I also want to thank Rita Liberti for help in getting Wyomia to agree to be the keynote speaker.

I am equally excited to announce that our 2018 banquet speaker will be Rita Liberti. Rita currently serves as a professor in the Kinesiology Department at Cal State East Bay where she is also the Founding Director of the Center for Sport & Social Justice. Her distinguished work as a teacher and scholar of 20th century women's sport history recently gained her recognition as the George and Miriam Phillips Outstanding Professor on the Cal State East Bay campus. Given our conference theme, her work in bringing Wyomia to Western, and her accomplished career as a historian it is only fitting that Rita will offer the closing remarks at this year's conference.

I am also happy to share that, because of the feedback we received from our membership, we have decided to return to a Thursday thru Sunday conference format. In order to meet the needs of as many members as possible we plan to kick-off the conference late on Thursday afternoon with an interactive session on innovation in the "classroom." Free-time will be back by popular demand on Friday morning, with conference activities continuing early Friday afternoon. It is our hope that these changes to the length and format of the conference will appeal to the masses. Thank you again to all of you who took the time to provide feedback on this matter! Stay tuned for more details on the schedule and the full conference program in our fall newsletter.

I would like to thank the official and unofficial members of my dedicated conference planning committee: Sae-Mi Lee (Co-Program Chair), Leslie Larsen (Co-Program Chair), Ann Fran Maliszewski (Conference Manager), Diane Higgs, Michele Barr, Aubrey Newland, Josie Blagrove, Jackie Hudson, and Alison Wrynn. Thank you for your contributions thus far and those moving forward.



<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/sports-outdoor-recreation/wyomia-tyus-b-1945>

As you all are thinking about our next conference please know there are numerous ways you can contribute to the success of the conference. First, I hope that when our call for proposals goes out in the fall each of you will consider submitting a proposal for a poster or oral presentation, as well as encourage your colleagues and graduate students to do the same. Next, please consider submitting a nomination for one of WSPECW's professional awards. These monetary awards provide valuable support to our members and are one of the many ways the Society contributes to the development of professionals in Kinesiology. If you have the financial means to do so, I hope that you will consider making a donation to support these professional awards or other WSPECW programs. More information about these awards and programs can be found throughout the newsletter and on our organization website. The generosity of members of Western Society throughout the years has supported initiatives and awards like support-a-sister and the president's scholarship fund. It is important to remember that these donations often help defray the cost of conference attendance for our newer members and can help our organization grow.

Last, please help the planning committee by spreading the word regarding this wonderful organization in your department, national organizations, and professional circles. I know the liveliness of the 2017 conference was enhanced by the many new members who were in attendance, and it is my hope that we will see all of the same faces again next year with even more new members in the crowd.

The work that some of our committee chairs have been completing to serve the organization recently should also be acknowledged. First, Michele Barr should be recognized for the work she has done to keep the website current and provide links to new pieces of information (when you have a moment check out the link to WSPECW historical records housed at Sacramento State <http://www.wspecw.org/historical-records>). Second, the energy that Rita Liberti has brought to the historical records committee since taking over in December is exciting. She has already recruited additional historical records committee members and visited the archives at Sacramento State in an effort to develop a plan to preserve the history of this organization moving forward. I know she plans to reach out to many of our members in an attempt to enrich our oral history. If you are interested in providing your oral history as it relates to WSPECW please reach out to Rita (rita.liberti@csueastbay.edu), I know she would love to hear from you. Though, I have not named all committee chairs personally, the organization could not function without your contributions, so thank you for your work!

Finally, thank you to Michele Barr, Sonja Lilienthal, and all of those who contributed to this newsletter. Your dedication to WSPECW is greatly appreciated. I wish you all the best during the coming months. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at Asilomar in November.

Best regards,
Melissa Mache

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2018 Officer Candidates

Nomination for President-Elect Nicole Bolter, Ph.D.

Nicole Bolter has been an Assistant Professor in the Kinesiology Department at San Francisco State University since 2015.

In 2010, Nicole earned a Ph.D. in Kinesiology from the University of Minnesota where she specialized in sport and exercise psychology. Nicole now teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in research methods and sport and exercise psychology. Nicole's research focuses on understanding how participation in sport and physical activity can be a growth experience for children and adolescents. Nicole became a member of Western Society in 2012 and was Media Chair for three years from 2014-2017. Most recently, she was Conference Program Chair of WSPECW's 93rd Annual Conference that took place in November 2017.



Nomination for Member At Large Linda Buchanan, M.S.

Linda Buchanan is a Lecturer in the Kinesiology Department at California State University, East Bay.

Linda began teaching in 2006 and attended Western for the first time one year later. Linda came to teaching after a career as a professional Nike-sponsored Triathlete, during which time she attained the titles of World and National champion. At East Bay, Linda has taught Women and Sport, General Studies as well as a variety of activity courses. Linda spent four years as an Alumni Board Member for the Center for Sport and Social Justice at CSUEB and two years as a Lecturer representative to the FAC subcommittee. Despite a recent move to Arizona, Linda has attended WSPECW since 2007.



2018 Officer Candidates

Nomination for Secretary

Jen Bhalla, Ph.D.

Jennifer Bhalla has been a member of Western Society since 2015. She is an Assistant Professor at Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR, where she teaches a variety of courses centered on the psychosocial aspects of physical activity and sport.



Prior to Pacific, Jen was a lecturer in the School of Kinesiology at the University of Minnesota. Jen received her B.S. in Exercise Science from Rutgers University, where she was an academic All-American in soccer. She earned her M.S. degree from Smith College in Exercise and Sport Studies, and her Ph.D. in Sport and Exercise Psychology from the University of Virginia. Currently, Jen is working on her MPH in Health Promotion in a joint program from Portland State and the Oregon Health & Science University. Jen has collaborated on research studies on positive youth development, cultural and parental influence on sport participation, and the experiences of African American women in sport. Jennifer is currently the past-president of the Oregon Society for Health and Physical Educators after serving as president for two years. In 2011, she received the Research Writing Award from the Research Consortium of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. In 2012, she was inducted as the *first* female athlete into her high school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Nomination for Honorary/Emeritae/Necrology Member At Large Gail Evans, Ph.D.

Gail Evans received a B.S. degree from San José State University, M.S. and Ph.D. from Washington State University, all in Women's Physical Education, with her doctoral specialization in Biomechanics.



She spent her 40-year career in higher education as a varsity gymnastics coach at the State University of New York, Brockport; a professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies at San José State University; and culminating as the Dean of Undergraduate Studies at San Francisco State University. She retired from SFSU in 2013 and became an honorary member that year. Gail joined Western Society as a doctoral student in 1980 and has only missed one conference since her first one in 1981. She has served Western Society as President, Treasurer, Program Chair, Conference Manager, Parliamentarian, Interim HEN Member-at-large, and Chair of several committees.

2018 Election of Officers

If you are a current, dues paying member of WSPECW, you may vote in the 2018 WSPECW elections.

You can vote one of two ways:

- (1) Vote online using Survey Monkey. Copy and paste the following link into a web browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q8FQPW7> to take you to the ballot.
- (2) Mail in a hard copy ballot. Complete the ballot below and mail to Past President Maria Veri at the address listed on the ballot.

Complete the online ballot or mail your ballot by Friday, May 18, 2018

Contact Past President Maria Veri at mjveri@sfsu.edu with any questions.

WSPECW 2018 Ballot

Please put a check mark next to the candidate for whom you wish to vote

Nomination for President-Elect

☐ Nicole Bolter

☐ Write-in Candidate _____

Nomination for Member-At-Large-Elect

☐ Linda Buchanan

☐ Write-in Candidate _____

Nomination for Secretary-Elect

☐ Jen Bhalla

☐ Write-in Candidate _____

Nomination for Honorary/Emeritae/Necrology Member At Large-Elect

☐ Gail Evans

☐ Write-in Candidate _____

Mail ballot to: Maria J. Veri

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San Francisco, CA 94132

94th Annual WSPECW Conference

Rising Up: Reflecting on the Past to Revolutionize the Future

November 15-17, 2018.

Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Gove, CA

<http://www.visitasilomar.com/>

Keynote Speaker: Wyomia Tyus

Wyomia was the first individual to win consecutive Olympic gold medals in the 100-meter sprint. The first in 1964 in Tokyo, and again at the 1968 Mexico City Olympic games.

Banquet Speaker: Rita Liberti

Professor of Kinesiology,
Founding Director of the Center for Sport and Social Justice
Cal State East Bay

Conference Planning Committee

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Ann Francis Maliszewski, Conference Manager

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Committee Members: Michele Barr, Diane Higgs, Aubrey Newland,
Josie Blagrove, and Jackie Hudson.

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.wspecw.org/annual-conference>
and join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wspegw/>

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & ABSTRACTS

Western Society for Physical Activity of College Women 2018 Annual Conference

Call for Professional Awards Nominations:

<http://www.wspecw.org/awards>

Emerging Professional Award

President's Educational Equity Scholarship

Professional Development Grant

Nomination Deadline: October 1, 2018.

Call for Abstracts:

<http://www.wspecw.org/submit-an-abstract>

Oral Presentations and Poster Presentations

Submissions Accepted: August 15, 2018 – October 1, 2018.

(Notification of abstract acceptance on a rolling basis)

Click on each of the hyperlinks above to find out more about the **nomination criteria and instructions** for professional awards and abstracts.

New members welcome to apply!!



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Congratulations to our 2017 award winners!

President's Educational Equity Scholarship:

2017: Robin Dunn, Saint Mary's College

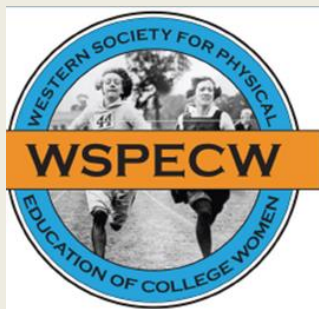
2017: Fana Fuqua, Saint Mary's College

2017: Alissa Huerta, San Francisco State University

2017: Xiaoping Fan, CSU, Chico

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Laura Petranek

Membership Chair/ Public Relations reports

a record number of new members in 2017-18

Robin Dunn

Dr. Robin J. Dunn is an Assistant Professor in the Kinesiology Department at Saint Mary's College of California.

She received her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University with a major emphasis in Physical Education Teacher Education and a cognate emphasis in Youth Development. Her dissertation focused on using cooperative activities to develop personal and social responsibility in young children. Specifically, she created and implemented a physical activity program with 2nd and 3rd graders, who were underserved children attending a public elementary school. Dr. Dunn was successful in determining how the children came to know and understand responsible behaviors. As a San Francisco Bay Area native, she returned home after finalizing her dissertation and earning her doctorate degree. In addition to Dr. Dunn's teaching obligations, she has presented at many regional, national, and international conferences on her research topic. When she is not engaged in academic activities, Dr. Dunn enjoys spending time with her young daughter, running, participating in adventurous activities, and reading fictional novels.



Fana Fuqua

Fana Fuqua earned her Masters Degree in Kinesiology from Saint Mary's College of California in July 2018.

Inspired by her passion for swimming, climbing, and bouldering, Fana began her own personal fitness company in 2003, Fuqua Fitness Adventures. Fana currently serves as UC Berkeley's Academic Advisor for Aquatic Athletes. The Western Society for Physical Education of College Women recently awarded Fana with the President's Educational Equity Scholarship (PEES) for her interest in the teaching and coaching of aquatics to the LGBTI and underserved communities of color as well as bringing outdoor fitness activities to communities of color. Fana looks to continue building upon her passions for aquatics and student mentoring, and hopes to ultimately continue as an aquatics coach and life skills mentor at the K-12 or collegiate level.

Record Numbers of New Members in 2017-18

Aubrey Newland

Aubrey is an assistant professor of Sport and Exercise Psychology in the Kinesiology Department at Chico State, where she began in 2015.

Dr. Newland completed her doctorate in Sport & Exercise Psychology at the University of Utah and master's degree at Western Illinois University.

Dr. Newland teaches courses in exercise behavior and adherence, sport and exercise psychology, and psychology of coaching. She enjoys working with students to develop mental skills for coping and enhancing performance in a variety of contexts. Aubrey's research interests include coaching leadership, motivation, and the science of learning. Aubrey loves to be active outdoors - camping, hiking, backpacking, or golfing. She also enjoys the occasional competitive game of basketball, softball, or volleyball.



Luciana Braga

Luciana Braga is an Assistant Professor in Sport Pedagogy at California State University, Chico. Her work is centered on the promotion of physical activity among young people, specifically the practices that decrease the social, cultural, and economical inequalities related to physical activity opportunities for children and adolescents.

Dr. Braga teaches undergraduate and graduate courses within the Department of Kinesiology at Chico State. These courses focus on curriculum and instruction in physical education and physical activity promotion in schools.

I have taught similar courses at University of North Florida as well as at West Virginia University, where I earned my Ph.D. in Coaching and Teaching Studies in 2014.. My research interest revolve around innovative and inclusive approaches to physical education and other physical activity programs in educational settings. I believe that every young person should have equal opportunities to discover their moving bodies and find their "playgrounds", meaning the spaces in which they can move with confidence and enjoyment. I hope to contribute to the development of such spaces through my research across two lines of inquiry: physical education teacher education and school-based physical activity initiatives.

In my free time I like to be outdoors swimming, hiking, or riding my bike. I also love traveling, crafts, music, and good food. One of my favorite hobbies is to visit sites managed by the National Parks Service.

Record Numbers of New Members in 2017-18

Sae-Mi Lee

Sae-Mi (pronounced Sammy) Lee is an Assistant Professor in Sport and Exercise Psychology at California State University, Chico (USA).



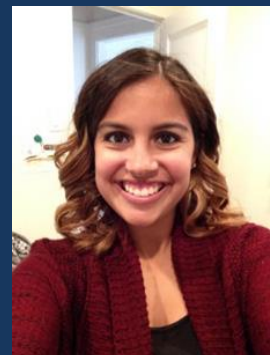
Dr. Lee teaches classes in sport and exercise psychology and sport sociology. She has a strong personal and professional commitment to social justice as well and works to carry out this mission through all her scholarly activities. Originally from South Korea, she received her undergraduate degree from Ewha Womans University (South Korea), double majoring in Exercise and Sport Sciences and Psychology. She continued her education in Europe, where she graduated from the University of Jyväskylä (Finland) with an M.S. in Sport and Exercise Psychology.

Dr. Lee recently graduated with her Ph.D. in Sport and Exercise Psychology, and M.A. in Community Agency Counseling, and Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies from West Virginia University.

Apart from work, Sae-Mi loves to travel, spend time with family and friends, eat, read, watch TV, and watch animal videos.

Alissa Huerta

Alissa Huerta is a second year graduate student at San Francisco State University.



She graduated from CSU Long Beach in 2015 with a degree in Athletic Training. Currently, Alissa is working on her Master's thesis and is teaching in the undergraduate Introduction to Kinesiology laboratories. She hopes to continue being an educator once she completes her Master's degree. Alissa was one of the President's Educational Equity Scholarship recipients in 2017 and hopes to attend the 2018 WSPECW conference as well!

19 new WSPECW members in 2017-18 !!!

Record Numbers of New Members in 2017-18

Sarah Eikleberry

Sarah J. Eikleberry, PhD
Assistant Professor,
Assistant Chair
St. Ambrose University
in Davenport, IA.



After earning a teaching degree in Physical Education, I went on to earn an MA and Ph.D. at Iowa in the former Department of Health and Sport Studies at the University of Iowa. At Iowa I was very active in the graduate student union, UE Local 896 COGS (Campaign to Organize Graduate Students).

I have been teaching at St. Ambrose (a smaller diocesan university) that has branded itself an allied-health school, since Fall 2013.

I work in the Department of Kinesiology and teach courses that service our sport management, human performance and fitness, exercise science majors, and elementary teaching students. I am an affiliate in the Department of Women and Gender Studies, am the faculty liaison for the school's gay-straight alliance, chair of the Safe Zone Committee, and recently became a part of the Green Dot violence prevention instructor team.

Last Fall, I found my first WSPECW conference to be a wonderful experience. Laughter, learning, landscape, lovely networking and meals were a great break from that end of November slump (or avalanche) I always find myself in.

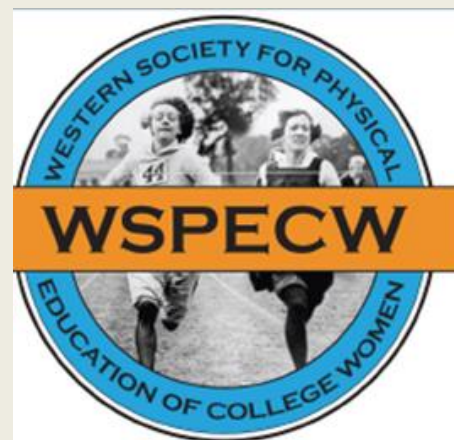
Alexandra Rodriguez

Alexandra Rodriguez is a current Master's student at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB).

Alexandra is finishing her Master's thesis which examines social comparison and sociocultural attitudes among athletes with physical disabilities.

In May, 2018, she will be graduating from CSULB with a M.S. in Kinesiology with an option in Sport and Exercise Psychology. After graduating from CSULB, Alexandra will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to work toward a Ph.D. in Kinesiology.

Her WSPECW "big sister" is Dulce Gomez.



Help Grow Our Membership

This is your opportunity to invite a colleague, no matter where they are in the country!

Our membership will only grow if you help!

As a current member, you have the power to:

- Invite a colleague to present at the conference or simply think about attending
- Encourage this new member to apply for a Professional Award
- Send an electronic copy of the Spring Newsletter to potential new members and promote our wonderful organization!

Share these facts and benefits of joining Western:

- Joining a 90+ year all women organization; we're professional, collegial, and dedicated to the concerns of women in physical education, human movement, and kinesiology!
- The first time a member of WSPECW attends a conference, conference fees are waived!
- The ability to network with other women in higher education in a fabulous location that can't be beat!
- Share with them why *you* continue to be a member and return year after year!

Help Grow Our Membership

Honorary, Emeritae, and Necrology

Nominations for Honorary Membership

Honorary memberships shall be given to women who have been members of the Society for a period of at least eight to ten years immediately prior to retirement from teaching or administration in physical education, and who have given outstanding service to the Society.

Nomination Criteria:

- Elective office or member of the Executive Board.
- Member or Chair of committees.
- Participant on conference programs (panel member, speaker).

If you have a candidate to nominate, please forward the following information to Gail Evans at gevans@sfsu.edu by SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

- Name of nominee
- Institution at the time of retirement
- Date of retirement
- Your name
- Your email address
- A description of how the nominee meets the criteria (include a resumé if possible)

Emeritae Membership

Emeritae membership is conferred upon notification of retirement to those who have been active members of the Society eight out of the ten years immediately prior to retirement from the institution with which she has been affiliated. **If you or someone you know has retired recently**, please send their name and institutional affiliation to Gail Evans at gevans@sfsu.edu

Necrology Notice

If you know of recently deceased WSPECW members, please send the following information to Gail Evans at gevans@sfsu.edu

- Your name
- Your address
- Name of Deceased
- Most recent institutional affiliation
- Name and address of person who could write a memorial statement

In Memory of ... **Losses in the WSPECW family last year**

Dr. Mary Olive Bowman **1921-2017** **From Gail Evans**



Mary Bowman, Professor Emerita of the Department of Human Performance at San José State University, died at the age of 96 on November 6, 2017, after a brief illness. She was initially hired at SJSU to guide the merger of the Men's and Women's Physical Education departments in what would become the Department of Human Performance (now Kinesiology).

A native of Ellensburg, Washington, Mary earned her B.A. (Health and Physical Education) from Central Washington State College, her M.S. (Physical Therapy, Health, and Physical Education) from the University of Oregon, and her Ph.D. (Physical Education and Education Administration) from Iowa State University.

Mary's professional career ranged from teaching and administration in primary and secondary schools to her immersion in university teaching, scholarship, and administration. At SJSU, her explorations of the unexplored path, both personally and professionally, lead to her visionary accomplishments at the department, university, and state levels. Mary was the first woman to serve as President of the SJSU Academic Senate. She also served as a Senator of the University to the Statewide Academic Senate and was Associate Dean as well as Interim Dean of the School of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Mary was an Honorary member of Western Society and held many positions in Western Society, including President from 1967-68. The Theme of her conference was "Today's Speculation – Tomorrow's Reality." It was held at the Ponderosa Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

Upon her retirement, the Mary Bowman Fellowship was created. It is an endowed fellowship granted to a graduate student or upper division student by the Department of Kinesiology at SJSU. Students who receive the fellowship must serve the department by engaging in a service-oriented or volunteer project designed to support the department or the local community.

When asked what motivated her, Mary replied, "My philosophy has been to not hold myself back by barriers that are within my power to remove. It might take a doctorate to get ahead and do what I want to do, and it is within my power to get it. So that's what I did, and it did increase my options."

In Memory of ...

Losses in the WSPECW family last year

Dr. Dorothy Deatherage
1928-2017
From Barbara Franklin



Dorothy Deatherage, or as we more fondly knew her, Dee Dee, attended Mills College and the University of California, Los Angeles before receiving BA and MA degrees from Stanford University and the Doctorate from the University of Southern California. She started her professional career at Wilson High School in the Long Beach Unified School District. In 1955 she began her 35 year teaching and administrative tenure at the then-fledgling California State University, Long Beach. During her time at CSULB, in addition to being a consummate teacher, she served as Director of Women's and Coed Intercollegiate Sports Programs for 7 years, Chair of the Women's Physical Education Department for 6 years, Department Graduate Coordinator for 9 years, and Acting Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Research and Faculty Affairs in the School of Applied Arts and Sciences for 1 year.

Throughout her professional career, Dee Dee was an active and outstanding leader in our field where her service and influence ranged from the local through the state and national levels of many organizations. She was always willing to serve her profession in whatever ways were needed, whether it be serving as an elected officer or doing the multitudinous small tasks which largely go unrecognized but which are vital to the ongoing functioning of the organization. For over 3 decades Dorothy Deatherage contributed to the many causes and outcomes of women's programs in general, and to programs for girls and women in competitive sports specifically. She has been given well-deserved recognition for her contributions by many of these organizations, including induction into the CSULB Athletic Hall of Fame and receipt of an Honor Award from the California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Dee Dee served as President of Western Society in 1968-69. She also served in every elected position on the Western Society Executive Board, with the exception of Secretary, and served as the chair or a committee member on almost every committee within the organization. She was awarded Honorary Membership in WSPECW at her retirement. In the National Association for Physical Education of College Women (NAPECW) she served as the Treasurer and as a member of the NAPECW Executive Board from 1972-74. Dee Dee was active at a tumultuous time in our profession: NCAA and AIAW were both seeking control of women's competitive sports; pressure was occurring to combine the National College Physical Education Association for Men (NCPEAM) and the National Association for Physical Education of College Women (NAPECW) into NAPEHE; and the uniting of men and women's departments of physical education was beginning. She provided strong and level-headed leadership during this time locally, regionally and nationally.

Throughout her life, Dee Dee was a devoted member of her church, the Soroptimist International of Long Beach, Long Beach Junior League, Delta Gamma Alumni, P.E.O., and Recreation Park Women's Golf Club in Long Beach. She golfed well into her 80's. All of these groups and the profession of physical education (kinesiology) have been enormously enhanced by her leadership and contributions. She was one of the most gracious people and was always so very encouraging and supportive of students, faculty and anyone with whom she came in contact. Dee Dee was a special colleague and friend to many. She always was valued for herself as well as for her many contributions.

In Memory of ...

Losses in the WSPECW family last year

Connie M. Thorngren
1940-2017
From Shelley Lucas



Connie M. Thorngren, 77, of Boise passed away at her home on October 1, 2017, after a sudden illness. Connie was born May 15, 1940, in Moore, Idaho. She graduated from Idaho State University in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. Connie taught junior high and high school physical education before earning a master's degree in physical education at Central Washington State College. Connie became a member of Western Society in 1986 and was active for the next decade.

Connie joined the faculty at Boise State College in the fall of 1970 and pioneered competitive team sports for women at the college. Before her arrival, there were no sanctioned sports for women at Boise State. Although it was an unpaid position, Connie coached field hockey, volleyball, basketball, and track and field as well as teaching full-time in the Physical Education Department.

Connie had a very successful coaching career at Boise State. Her field hockey teams won 75 matches, tied nine, and lost six, a remarkable record considering she and her players knew very little about the game when she began coaching in 1970. Connie also developed winning teams in basketball, posting a 179-121 career record. In 1974, Thorngren gave up coaching volleyball and track and field and became the first Women's Athletic Director at Boise State. In 1978, she resigned from athletic administration and focused full-time on basketball until her retirement in 1983 and her return to full-time teaching.

After her retirement in December 2000, Connie continued to be an advocate on behalf of women's sports, focusing her efforts on the implementation of Title IX, increasing the number of women coaches and encouraging the continued development of girls' and women's athletics. Connie is also recognized for her leadership and contributions to physical education and health teacher education in Idaho.

Connie loved gardening and created very beautiful flower gardens at her home in Boise. She also loved to travel, which she did extensively with her life-partner, Barbara Eisenbarth. Ironically, she had just returned from a long-awaited trip to the British Isles, when she received a diagnosis of leukemia.

On a personal note, I benefitted from Connie's leadership when she came out of retirement to serve as Interim Department Chair for Kinesiology in 2003-2004 – my 3rd year at Boise State. Connie was very supportive of junior faculty and taught me a lot about being an academic. Over the years, we've had many conversations about gender equity and women's sport history, a topic that I studied and that she lived! Connie was kind, funny, generous and smart. Her contributions to Boise State, Idaho education, and women's athletics were many and she will be missed.

President's Scholarship Fund

A note from President, Melissa Mache

New Members & First Time Conference Attendees

The President's Scholarship Fund, created by Gail Evans in 2000, provides funding for new members who are Assistant Professors (tenure track) and first-time attendees to a WSPECW conference. The money can be applied toward the cost of attending the conference.

Please submit your application (or nomination) outlining the number of years at your current institution, how you heard about WSPECW, and why you want to join/attend the conference.

Email applications or nominations to Melissa Mache (mmache@csuchico.edu) with the subject heading "President's Scholarship".

Memorial Fund

A note from Past President, Maria Veri

The WSPECW Memorial Fund is an avenue for us to remember a departed member of the WSPECW family. We ask that you consider celebrating the life of a past member by giving a charitable donation in her name.

The Memorial Fund may be used for the enhancement of the Annual Conference Program by dedicating one session each conference to the memory of a deceased member of WSPECW. This money may pay for a very special or exceptional speaker, securing an outstanding film, or another innovative idea. Any use of the Memorial Fund will be acknowledged in the Annual Conference Program and throughout the Conference.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund are placed in a specific and separate WSPECW bank account. The President and/or the Treasurer receive contributions from a donor and, naturally, the donation is tax deductible, as are all donations to WSPECW.

Donations can be submitted directly to our Treasurer, Diane Higgs. Contact her at diane.higgs@csulb.edu for submission details.

WSPECW Summary Budget - 2017

As reported by Treasurer: Diane Higgs

WSPECW Summary		
for 2017	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual Total</u>
<u>Total Sources of Funds:</u>	\$10,280.00	\$5,225.39
<u>Uses of Funds:</u>		
General Organization Expenses	\$450.00	\$338.45
Standing Committee Expenses	\$250.00	\$12.48
Tax and Legal Expenses	\$430.00	\$333.86
Conference Expenses	\$9,150.00	\$11,266.34
Total Uses of Funds	\$10,280.00	\$11,951.13
Budget (Shortfall) or Excess	\$0.00	-\$6,725.74
<u>Funds:</u>		
Memorial Fund		\$2,766.21
Support a Sister Fund		\$514.67
Historical Records Fund		\$1,948.30
Total of Funds		\$5,229.18
<u>Grants & Scholarships:</u>		<u>Actual Total</u>
President's Scholarship		\$954.50
Emerging Professional Scholarship		\$6,806.34
President's Educational Equity Scholarship		\$10,936.59
Professional Development Grant		\$8,828.41
Other		\$3,000.00
Total Grants & Scholarships		\$30,525.84
Total Funds, Grants & Scholarships		\$35,755.02
2013 Tax Return	\$84,764.00	
2014 Tax Return	\$83,760.00	
2015 Tax Return	\$84,711.00	
2016 Tax Return	\$82,868.00	
2017 Tax Return	\$77,337.00	

Anticipated WSPECW Budget – 2018

As reported by Treasurer: Diane Higgs

Anticipated 2018 WSPECW Budget	
for 2018	Budgeted
Sources of Funds:	
WSPECW dues, 40 @ \$50	\$2,000.00
Conference fees, 35 @ \$150	\$5,250.00
Donations (unrestricted use)	\$4,260.00
Checking Interest	\$10.00
Money Market Interest	\$10.00
Other	
Grand Total Sources of Funds	\$11,530.00

Uses of Funds:	
General Organization Expenses:	
Exec. Bd Expenses	\$150.00
Pres. Summit	\$300.00
WIX.com	\$200.00
Other	\$0.00
Subtotal Gen Org. Expenses	\$650.00
Standing Committee Expenses	
Historical Records	\$25.00
Membership	\$25.00
Professional Activities	\$25.00
Media/Website	\$25.00
HEN	\$25.00
Other	\$0.00
Subtotal Standing Committee Expenses	\$125.00
Tax and Legal Expenses	
Corporate Tax, Washington State	\$10.00
Registered Agent Washington State	\$150.00
Star Connect Plus Fees	\$120.00
Credit Card Fees/Interest Charged	\$100.00
Mobil Deposit Fee	\$25.00
Account Analysis Fee	\$200.00
Other	
Subtotal Tax and Legal Expenses	\$605.00

Conference Expenses	
Conference Planning	\$1,000.00
Programs	\$150.00
Asilomar Lodging Charges (for Speaker)	\$1,000.00
Asilomar Attrition and No Show Charges	\$0.00
Asilomar Catering Charges	\$1,800.00
Asilomar Meeting Room Rentals	\$500.00
Asilomar Facility Fee - Offsite Attendees	
Asilomar Bar Charges	\$100.00
Asilomar Audio visual	\$1,500.00
Asilomar Tricord Charges	\$300.00
Social	\$300.00
Flowers	\$100.00
Other	\$0.00
Speaker's Fee	\$3,000.00
Speaker's Travel	\$400.00
Subtotal Conference Expenses	\$10,150.00
Total Uses of Funds:	\$11,530.00

Anticipated WSPECW Budget – 2018 (continued)

(Shortfall) or Excess before Offsets	\$0.00
Offsets to (Shortfall) or Excess	
Offset from Memorial Fund	
Offset from Support a Sister Fund	\$200.00
Offset from Other	
Total Offsets	\$200.00
Net (Shortfall) or Excess after Offsets	\$200.00
for 2018	Balance
<u>Funds:</u>	<u>Forward</u>
Memorial Fund	
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$2,766.21
Current Year's donations (additions)	
Current Year's scholarship awarded (subtractions)	
Ending Balance of Memorial Fund	
Support a Sister Fund	
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$514.67
Current Year's donations (additions)	
Current Year's scholarship awarded (subtractions)	
Ending Balance of Support a Sister	
Historical Records Fund	
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$1,948.30
Current Year's donations (additions)	
Current Year's scholarship awarded (subtractions)	
Ending Balance of Historical Records	
<u>Total Funds:</u>	\$5,229.18

<u>Grants & Scholarships:</u>	
President's Scholarship	
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$954.50
Current Year's donations (additions)	
Current Year's scholarship awarded (subtractions)	
Ending Balance of President's Scholarship	
Emerging Professional Scholarship	
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$6,806.34
Current Year's donations (additions)	
Current Year's scholarship awarded (subtractions)	
Ending Balance of Emerging Professional Scholarship	
President's Educational Equity Scholarship	
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$10,936.59
Current Year's donations (additions)	
Current Year's scholarship awarded (subtractions)	
Ending Balance of Equity Fund	
Professional Development Grant	
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$8,828.41
Current Year's donations (additions)	
Current Year's scholarship awarded (subtractions)	
Ending Balance of Professional Development Grant	
Other	
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$3,000.00
Current Year's donations (additions)	
Current Year's scholarship awarded (subtractions)	
Ending Balance of Other	
<u>Total Grants & Scholarships:</u>	\$30,525.84
<u>Total Funds, Grants & Scholarships:</u>	\$35,755.02

Total Funds, Grants & Scholarships Donated in 2018	
Total Funds, Grants & Scholarships Used in 2018	
Net Change to Funds, Grants & Scholarships for 2018	
2013 Tax Return	\$84,764
2014 Tax Return	\$83,760
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2017 Tax Return	\$77,337
2018 Tax Return	

News: Historical Records Committee

The Historical Records Committee has plans to revive the organization's oral history project. As you may know, between 1986 and 1993 there were nearly three dozen interviews conducted with WSPECW members (whose careers span a good part of the 20th century). Those materials are housed with the rest of WSPECW records at the Sacramento State University archives and special collections. There are two parts of our current work. The first is to digitize and transcribe the oral histories already collected. We hope to have the digitization completed by November 2018 and perhaps some of the transcription work as well. Our efforts also involve building on the existing oral history collection by conducting more interviews with WSPECW members in the coming months and at the 2018 conference. Details will follow in the weeks and months ahead.

The archival material is quite a remarkable collection of stories that document not only Western Society's past, but also the richness of physical education history and women's history as well. We look forward to continuing this work.

Rita Liberti
Historical Records Chair



Thank you to our WSPECW Donors!

Thank you to the following WSPECW women for your generous donations in 2017:

- Karen Johnson Estate
- Rita Liberti
- Maria Veri
- Gail Evans
- Camille O'Bryant
- Claire Williams

Any contributions may be earmarked for a special fund or contribute to the General Fund of the Society.

If you are considering donating and do not have a preference, the Presidential Scholarship and Memorial Fund are in need of increased funds.

Other special funds include: Professional Development, Historical Records, Equity Fund, and Emerging Professional.

Those wishing to donate can make checks payable to WSPECW and send to:

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