



# E-Councilor

Fall 2012

## COE Annual Meeting and Candidate Academy

The 2012 COE Annual Meeting and Candidate Academy will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 1-3. Highlights of the meeting will include approximately 25 individual workshops and three general sessions.

### Dr. Judith S. Eaton—Keynote Speaker

Dr. Judith S. Eaton, President of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), will be the keynote speaker at the COE Annual Meeting in Atlanta on Thursday, November 1. Her topic will be “Are We Approaching a ‘New Normal’ for the Accreditation-Federal Government Relationship?”

Prior to her work at CHEA, the largest institutional higher education membership organization in the United States, Dr. Eaton served as Chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, where she was responsible for the leadership and coordination of 32 institutions serving more than 162,000 students statewide.

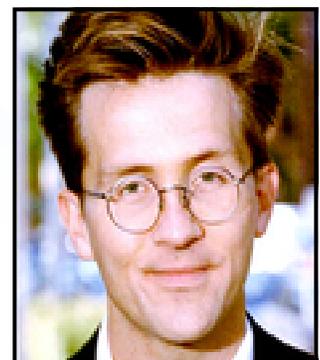


### Tim Clue Speaker at Second General Session

Tim Clue, a dynamic motivational speaker, will address the topic of “How to Do More With Less” at the second general session of the COE Annual Meeting on Friday, November 2.

Mr. Clue is a communication consultant and professional comedian with over two decades of experience having opened for superstars such as Jerry Seinfeld and Steven Wright.

Before he was a stand-up comedian, Tim Clue was a professor of communications and theater with an emphasis on speech and rhetoric. As a comedic writer, he premiered a sitcom pilot and has a hit stage comedy entitled “Leaving Iowa” that is now published and being performed in hundreds of theaters around the country.





## 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

**Register Now**

**November 1-3, 2012**

The COE Annual Meeting and Candidate Academy will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 1-3.

Registration for the Annual Meeting, which includes all sessions, is \$525 until October 9 and \$575 per person after October 9. **(Registration for the Candidate Academy is now closed.**

**Please see 'Alerts' below for information about the next Academy to be hosted by the Council.)**

The conference hotel is the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. See the COE website ([www.council.org](http://www.council.org)) for complete registration and housing information.



### ALERTS!!!

Effective January 1, 2013, **ALL** substantive change applications required by COE must be submitted electronically. Also, responses to visiting team reports and responses to specific Commission requests must be submitted electronically. (Documents should always be converted to PDF format and include the institution's 6-digit COE ID# in the file name before submission to the Council.)

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The most current COE handbooks and manuals are available on the website [www.council.org](http://www.council.org). Be sure to download these documents for the latest revisions.

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The Winter Candidate Academy is scheduled in Atlanta, Georgia, January 16-17. Registration and housing information will be available on the Council website in mid-November.





## New COE Commissioners Nominated

COE's Nominating Committee met in August 2012 to review nominations for vacancies on the Commission. These nominees, who will serve three-year terms, will be considered for election by the delegates at the Annual Meeting in November.

**Alicia Chesshir**, academic manager of the Cass Civilian Conservation Job Corps Center in Ozark, Arkansas, is nominated for a second term. In addition to her role as Commissioner, Mrs. Chesshir is active with COE presenting Job Corp sessions at COE meetings and participating in accreditation team visits. She is a member of the Arkansas Teachers' Association and earned bachelor of science degrees from the University of Arkansas and Arkansas Technical University.



**Robert B. Crawford**, who has served as the chief administrative officer for career and technical institutions in Broward County, Florida, for more than 30 years, is nominated for a second term. Mr. Crawford is a strong advocate for accreditation and expects his staff and faculty to use COE criteria and standards as the foundation for continuous assessment and improvement. He has actively participated in all aspects of the accreditation process and currently serves on the Council's Appeal Panel. Mr. Crawford earned both a bachelor's degree in marketing education and a master's degree in curriculum and Instruction from Florida Atlantic University.



**Dr. Diane Culpepper** is the director of Lake Technical Center in Eustis, Florida. She earned her PhD in curriculum and instruction/vocational education at the University of South Florida and her master's in vocational education at the University of Central Florida. Dr. Culpepper serves on several statewide committees in support of technical centers in Florida including the Florida Department of Education Workforce Education Funding Advisory Committee. She is actively



involved in COE, participating in the accreditation process at Lake Tech and participating on accreditation visits to other institutions.

**Dr. Lois M. Gackenhimer**, PhD, MSN, NHA, who is nominated for a second term, is president/director of the Academy for Practical Nursing and Health Occupations, West Palm Beach, Florida. The non-profit school serves more than 400 students annually offering practical and professional nursing programs. Dr. Gackenhimer has served for eight years as Chair of the Florida Board of Nursing CNA Council, a regulatory board for nursing schools. She has served as a presenter for educational conferences and as an accreditation team member. Dr. Gackenhimer has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Boston College, a master's degree in nursing, and a doctorate in education from Corllins University.



**Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner** is Director of Monroe 2 BOCES—Center for Workforce Development in Rochester, New York. Ms. Spennacchio-Wagner was introduced to COE in 2002, and her continued interest led to the accreditation of two BOCES schools. She earned a master of science in education: adult education and human services from the University of Rochester in 1989 and achieved her credentials as a district administrator from SUNY, Brockport. She is an active member on local workforce committees, adult education networks, and interagency collaborations.



**James Spruel, Jr.**, is a private attorney practicing in Lake Charles, Louisiana. His involvement with COE includes serving as a member of the Commission, the Appeal Panel, and other committees. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and a law degree from the University of Texas Law School, Austin, Texas.