



## From the Transitional Regional Director: A Word about Communities of Practice

By now you have heard a great deal about Communities of Practice, and the fact that they will be a primary means by which the ACPE membership gathers and forms communities in the new organizational structure. Perhaps you had the opportunity to attend the educational workshops on Communities of Practice at the national conference, perhaps you have done research about Communities of Practice on your own, or maybe you are still in the dark about what they are and how you get one started. Regardless, it is probably a sure bet that we are all on a learning curve when it comes to Communities of Practice and what they will mean in our new ACPE organizational structure.

At the outset, let me say that it is not too early at all to begin thinking about a Community of Practice that you would like to form, organize and be a part of! Remember that all ACPE Certified Educators and Associate Educators will be required to be a part of at least one Community of Practice. I strongly suggest that you go to the ACPE website and see the information that is now posted on organizing a Community of Practice. I would also suggest that you do some internet research on what Communities of Practice are and how they are formed. There is a considerable amount of information out there. Like most other things, it will probably take a little experience until we feel comfortable with the whole idea of a Community of Practice and how to make use of them in our ongoing professional development. Yet I am excited about the

potential they hold for our life together and the development of our professional practice.

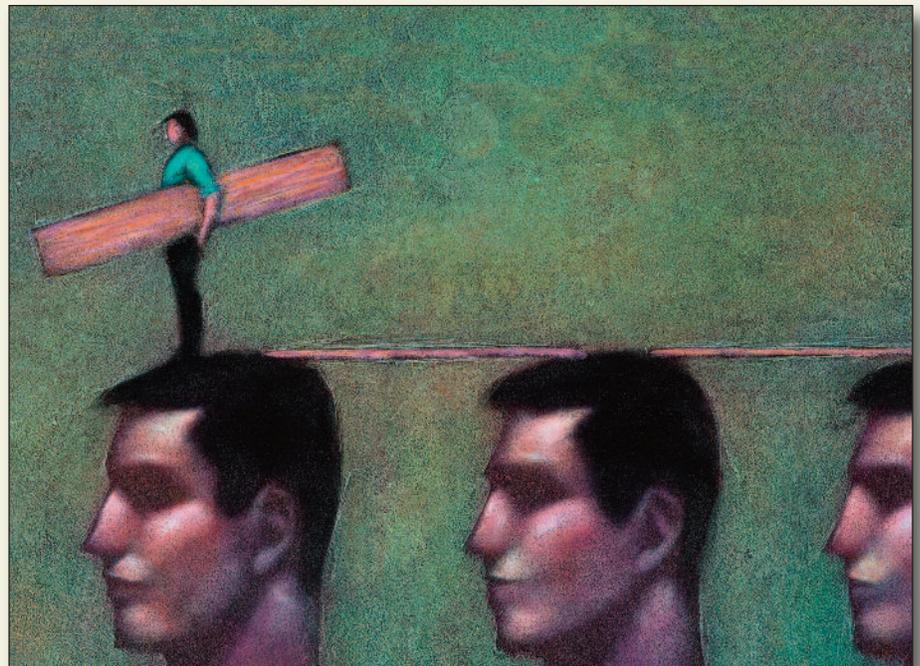
It is important to note that time has been allocated in our regional meeting for the gathering, formation and organization of Communities of Practice. This is scheduled for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning of the conference. You will actually have time to gather in groups to begin the work of forming and organizing your Community of Practice. You will have time to think about what kind of funding you will need for your Community so that you will be able to submit your funding request to the ACPE Board before its November meeting. More information on Communities of Practice will be forthcoming as we get closer to the regional meeting.

In the meantime, here are some things that you can already do and be thinking about:

1. Search the internet for resources that will introduce you to the idea of a Community of Practice and how they are formed.
2. Identify the Communities of Practice in which you might already be participating (SES training groups for example) and how you want those to continue in the new organization.
3. Begin thinking about a Community of Practice that you would have interest in gathering, forming, organizing and being a part of. Begin talking to colleagues about it.

And whatever else, please do not hesitate to call me or email if you have questions. I am very much a learner in all of this, just like you, but I trust that if we ask questions together, we will find answers together!!

*Respectfully,  
Wayne*



## A Reminder about Student Unit Invoicing and Remittance of Student Unit Fees

Some of you have raised questions about how a center is invoiced for student unit fees, and how a center remits its payment for student unit fees during this transitional time. As a reminder, the region—like all other regions—no longer handles any finances at all. As the ACPE transitions into its new organizational structure, all regional finances are now being integrated into one centralized financial entity. Thus, the region neither invoices or receives payment of any kind; all student unit invoices are issued directly from the national office **immediately after students have completed their enrollment for the unit that is being invoiced. Invoices for student units are no longer issued at the end of the unit.**

*Invoices for student units are based on the number of students that enroll in your center for the particular unit that is being invoiced as recorded in the ACPE's data base!* All remittances are to be sent directly to the national office as well. Until December 31, 2017, you will be charged the same student unit fee of \$150.00 per student unit. An announcement about billing procedures after January 1, 2018 will be forthcoming from the national office on or around August 1.

In the meantime, per the report from Linda Wilkerson, chair of the ACPE's Finance Committee, centers should plan for an approximate 4–5% increase in what they will pay the ACPE in 2018. Please see Linda's report in the 2017 May newsletter found on the ACPE website.

## A Request from Sally Schwab

As you can imagine from the theme of the regional conference, "Celebrating and Storying our Past, Present, and Future," much of our time will be spent – formally and informally – sharing memories and stories from this region's rich history! Sally Schwab, on behalf of the planning committee invites members of the South Central Region to share a memory that is of particular importance to them in relation to their life and work in the region. She asks that thoughts and memories be kept to one page or less. To send your thoughts and memories, or to ask for more information, contact Sally at [sally.schwab@mymlc.org](mailto:sally.schwab@mymlc.org)

## South Central Region Annual Conference, October 19–21

At the writing of this newsletter, the planning committee for the region's annual conference are finalizing plans for the regional gathering that will take place October 19–21 at Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park, CO. By now you have already received preliminary information on the conference and are hopefully making plans to attend. The theme of this the region's last gathering as the South Central Region is ***Celebrating and Storying our Past, Present, and Future.*** The conference will focus on naming, telling, and celebrating the region's rich story as well as preparing ourselves for life in the new organizational structure of the ACPE. Enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the Rockies, ample time will be given for relaxation, outdoor activities, and plenty of conversation! The Rev. Jane Anne Ferguson of Fort Collins, CO will join us for the gathering as our keynote storyteller, leading us through a variety of sessions that will help us tell and celebrate our story. Our transitional regional director, Wayne Menking, will guide us through sessions to help us begin gathering, forming and organizing Communities of Practice.

A conference brochure will be posted on the region's website with all of the conference

information and schedule. Registration for this year's conference will be completely managed by the national ACPE office, and the brochure will have the necessary link that will connect you to registration instructions and the online registration process. An email reminder will be sent to you when registration opens and the brochure is on the website!

In the meantime, please mark your calendars and make your plans to attend!



## Certification News from Janet Barrier

If you attended the ACPE Annual Meeting this spring in Minneapolis, MN, you learned about lots of proposed changes to the organization, including Certification. More specific details will be forthcoming as we move further into the transition.

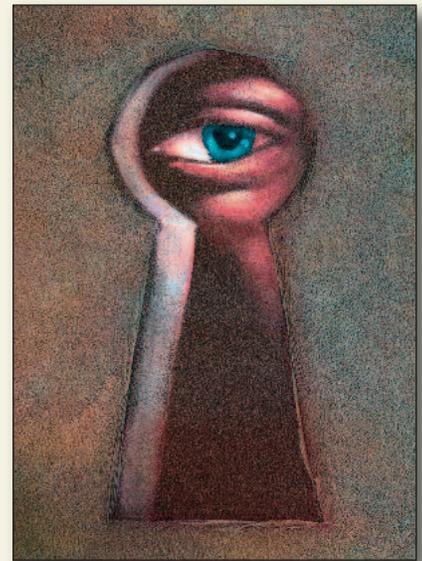
At that meeting, our own K'Lynne McKinley, who has been an SES at St. Louis University in St. Louis, passed her committee with an exceptional appearance to become an Associate Supervisor! We celebrate with K'Lynne who has accepted a position at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI.

Two SESs have met with Readiness committees this spring. They are Joanna Tarr, serving at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO, and William Todd Weedman, at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, MO.

Other centers have new SESs starting this autumn. Per the Certification Commission, please continue to use your usual SES curriculum and Readiness process (in your area or at regional meetings) for now. Changes and evolution in Certification will take some time in the coming months and years.

### Dates and timelines for meeting fall Certification meetings

- August 2, 2017 . . Applicant sends Letter of Intent to meet with committee for readiness, candidacy or extension
- August 23, 2017 . . Applicant pays fee to South Central Region ACPE (invoice will be sent by national office; remittance is sent to national office)
- August 30, 2017 . . Applicant may withdraw without penalty
- Sept 6, 2017 . . . . Certification Chair sends docket to applicants and committee members
- Sept 20, 2017 . . . . Applicant sends materials to presenter and sub-committee members
- Oct. 18-19, 2017 . . Applicant meets with sub-committee in Winter Park, CO



## Peer Reviews

Some of you have inquired about current peer review requirements and when when you should schedule your next review. As you know the peer review requirements and processes are being revised and changed along with the new certification process. Details of these new requirements are being worked out by the Certification and Professional Development implementation team. Until that announcement is forthcoming, we continue to operate under ACPE Standard 413.6 which indicates that ***ACPE Certified Educators must have a peer review every five years "according to regional procedures."*** Apparently, the South Central region has had no clear policy or procedure for peer reviews, but has had the expectation that they be done. With this in mind, and given that a new national peer review procedure will be forthcoming as implementation of the new certification and professional development process continues, it does not seem necessary for the region to implement a peer review procedure for the remaining few months of the region's life. However, if you have not had a peer review within the last five years, you are strongly encouraged to make sure that you complete one before the end of the year.

