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Annual Report of the VP for Professional Preparation and Continuing Education Barbara Amster April 2011

Continuing Education Opportunities:

- April 2011 Annual PSHA convention at Pittsburgh, PA offered many quality programs for continuing education credit/Act 48 credits.

Continuing Education Administration

- Attended the 2011 PSHA convention and spoke at the Town Hall Meeting
- Participated in board meetings (face-to face and via conference call) in June 2010, October 2010, December 2011, and April 2011.

Professional Preparation:

- Responded to e-mails and phone calls regarding PA and ASHA regulation for certification, licensure retention/renewal, and PDE certification issues.

Von Drach Scholarship Award

- Worked in collaboration with the PSHA office to disseminate information about the Von Drach Scholarship
- Received six (9) applications for the Von Drach award
- Formed and Coordinated the Von Drach Scholarship Award Committee. Designated the 2011 Von Drach Awardee.
- Copied all documents, created evaluation form, emailed documents to all, received all evaluations back, transformed all values to common scale, calculated scores and determined the "winner."
- Sent letter to the awardee, Nicholas Barrone 2011 Von Drach Scholarship recipient inviting him to the awards reception.
- Presented Von Drach Award at PSHA

- Wrote article about the Von Drach Award Winner for the *Keystater*.

Other Activities

- Contacted several Directors of Graduate programs throughout the state during the CAPCSD convention to reengage them for the PA Higher Education Network.
- Served on Committee to review PSHA Student Chapter Awards