



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS

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NEW PRESIDENT NAMED – Karin Magnuson, Training Specialist and chair of the Business and Employer Services Department at Linn-Benton Community College, has been named president of the Oregon chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges. Her two-year appointment – which continues through 2012 – was announced at the association’s annual fall conference, held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel late last year and attended by hundreds of AAWCC members from around the state.

“I am so pleased – and honored – to serve in my new role for the AAWCC,” says Magnuson. “We want the organization to provide our members with useful and pertinent tools that enhance their professional lives. And personal development is key, too – a successful work/life balance makes us more effective and productive, and in my new role, I hope to create these kinds of opportunities for our members.”

Magnuson, who has worked at LBCC for the past 14 years, has been active in the college’s local chapter of AAWCC, serving as co-president twice and holding a variety of other offices over the years. She also has been a regular presenter at the statewide annual fall conference.

Affiliated with the national AAWCC (www.aawccnatl.org), the Oregon chapter of AAWCC is an organization developed by Oregon women in community colleges for those who support its mission – to inspire, champion and celebrate the talents within its members. AAWCC encourages professional development for women in community colleges, supports women in leadership roles, develops communication among women in community colleges, promotes and offers local and state workshops and disseminates information on courses, programs and services.

The association is composed of an 11-member board of elected officers who work for community colleges and agencies. These positions are filled by members elected by community colleges, associations and agencies. For more information about Oregon AAWCC, visit www.aawccoregon.org.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS – The annual fall conference ushered in several changes to the board of directors for Oregon’s chapter of the AAWCC.

In being named president, Magnuson replaces **Carol Schaafsma**, now the association’s past president on its board of directors. Schaafsma also is with LBCC, serving as the college’s executive vice president of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development.

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Meanwhile, **Cherie Maas-Anderson** has been named president-elect of AAWCC, while **Sue Caldera** has been appointed vice president, Finance. Maas-Anderson has been with Portland Community College for the past 21 years and currently works in the English & World Languages division at the Sylvania Campus. Caldera is a Welding Technology instructor at Clackamas Community College, where she has worked for the past 12 years.

Finally, **Kate Chester**, Community Relations and Public Relations manager at the Sylvania Campus of PCC was elected to the position of vice president, Communications for AAWCC.

AAWCC MEMBERS TAPPED AS AWARD WINNERS – Jan Woodcock, an ex-officio member on the association’s board of directors, was honored with the 2009 Carolyn DesJardins Leadership Award at this year’s fall conference. The award is given to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and made a significant contribution to community colleges.

Since 1994, Woodcock has been a full time faculty member at Umpqua Community College, where she currently teaches Psychology and Human Services. Woodcock directs the Pacific Northwest Great Teaching Seminar for community college faculty and is the co-director of the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development, a summer program organized by AAWCC. She has a master’s degree in Theological Studies from Harvard University and a bachelor’s in English and Secondary Education from Westminster College.

Additionally, the AAWCC board of directors celebrates individuals, chosen by local AAWCC membership, whose accomplishments made a difference for women at their respective community colleges. The 2009 AAWCC Excellence Award winners include:

- Theresa Bosworth - Blue Mountain
- Rita Blaisdell - Chemeketa
- Joanne Truesdell - Clackamas
- Susan Wolff - Columbia Gorge
- Ginger Peterson – Linn-Benton
- Karen Reynolds - Mt. Hood
- Karen Sorensen - Portland
- Sharon Smith - Rogue
- Dora Daniels - Southwestern Oregon
- Dr. Lori Gates - Tillamook Bay
- Nancy Nowak - Umpqua

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