

COABE Report

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Reminder: Every MAACCE member is a COABE member!

COABE Strategy Meetings:

- In the spring of 2015 COABE put together multiple strategy meetings. State association leaders (I am the MAACCE Liaison to COABE) met through conference calls and discussed the main focus for COABE going forward. You can read the results of these meetings on the COABE Website under Strategic Plan. One of the key points made by members was the need for a voice for Adult Education and advocacy on a national level. (I presented the events and resources available for advocacy on the local level during a MAACCE conference session.)

Advocacy:

- COABE brought together state association leaders from around the country for our first ever Capitol Hill Day on April 26, 2016! Many connections were made with legislators and key staff as they endeavored to raise the voice of adult education nationwide. While leaders were in DC, an Op Ed was published in *The Hill*--a newspaper for legislators and their key staff entitled- "***Close the Illiteracy Blind Spot with Adult Education.***" You can read the full article *on the COABE Website* www.coabe.org and join in the discussion at #capitolhillday!
- Another Capitol Hill Day is scheduled for September 28th 2016. I will be in attendance for this event. Please feel free offer any suggestions for information you would like relayed to our legislator's offices.
- COABE rolled out the new advocacy campaign and resources at the 2016 Dallas COABE conference including fact sheets and 3 new videos for use by all.

COABE Conferences:

- 2016 in Dallas, TX – Entitled **Bigger and Better in Texas** the COABE national conference continues to grow each year! This year, nearly 2,000 participants gathered for state-of-the-art professional development, in Dallas, TX, from April 10-13, 2016. There were several exciting pre-conferences, networking, and special-one-of-a-kind off-site activities!

- 2017 in Orlando, FL – The Conference Entitled **Adult Education: Today's Magic for Tomorrow's Dreams** will be held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort April 2- 5, 2017. Check the website this fall as they will be offering 50 mini grants to cover the cost of the registration. MAACCE members receive a discount on registration because we are large group member of COABE. There will also be applications for scholarships and awards.

MAACCE/COABE Regional Conference:

- Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from COABE another exciting MAACCE/COABE Regional Conference was presented.
- Free COABE Registration:
A free registration to the 2017 COABE conference will be given to one lucky MAACCE member during the conference.
- Kim Olson the COABE Region 5 representative was present at the joint conference and was a co presenter regarding the Advocacy push by COABE.

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