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Memorandum

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To: Chairs of Accredited Recreation Park Resources and Leisure Services Programs

From: Dr. Roger L. Coles, Chair
Council on Accreditation

RE: **INFORMATION UPDATE**

Since a great many exciting and challenging changes are taking place within the Council on Accreditation, I want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date.

- **Accreditation Manager**

We are pleased to welcome Alison Bowman as our new manager. Her enthusiasm, skills, energy, and attention to detail are appreciated.

- **Need for Visitors**

We would appreciate your assistance in recruiting new visitors. Training is offered at NRPA, AAHPERD, and some state conferences. On-line training will be available soon. Also, a Council member could conduct a training session at your university if enough interest is demonstrated by faculty.

- **Fee Structure**

After many years of not increasing fees, the Council at its recent meeting in Seattle voted to establish a revised fee structure. The Council is authorized by its bylaws to set and revise fees as necessary to fund its activities. This increase in fees reflects the increased cost of doing business over the last few years as well as the substantial reduction in the level of monetary support from AAPAR.

- **Fee Changes**

Annual Maintenance Fee

Currently	\$350 / yr
2007-2008	\$500 / yr
2008-2009	\$600 / yr
2009-2010	\$700 / yr

Preliminary Application Fee

Currently \$100
2007 FY \$500
(effective July 1, 2007)

Visit Postponement Fee (at institution's request)

Currently no fee
2007 FY \$1,000
(effective July 1, 2007)

Formal Application and Continuing Accreditation Application Fee

Currently \$1,050
2008 FY \$1,250
2009 FY \$1,500
2010 FY \$1,750

Fee for Late Submission of Annual Report or Maintenance Fee

Currently: \$100
2008 FY: \$500

• **Accreditation Standards**

As of January 1, 2007, the standards established in 2004 are now fully implemented. In an attempt to broaden our scope, and with CHEA dictating by 2010 that all standards must be written in an outcome format, your Council on Accreditation has rewritten its standards. At the time of this letter, all Council members have not seen the proposed standards. I can share with you that, in the DRAFT copy, there are far fewer standards in the 8.00 series, they cover all specializations, and are very generic. It is our hope that Tourism, Therapeutic Recreation, Aquatics, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Education, etc. will then develop their own standards and join us at the table and serve on the Council. We had hoped that Sports Management would also consider this alignment, but NASPE/NASSM have proposed their own separate accreditation process and associated fees.

Thank you for your participation in the accreditation process. We will be seeking your involvement and counsel as we proceed cautiously and systematically into the future. Please feel free to contact any of us, as we serve to promote and better our profession. Happy New Year to All!