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Don Finn elected Region 2 Representative on the COABE Board of Directors

Nearly twelve thousand members strong and growing, the Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) exists to provide leadership, communication, professional development and advocacy for adult education and literacy practitioners in order to advance quality services for all adult learners.

The Commission on Adult Basic Education announces the election of Dr. Don Finn to the position of Region 2 Representative on the COABE Board of Directors. Don, a resident of Chesapeake, Virginia served as the COABE conference chair in 2012 which was well-attended by conferencees from across the country. As the Region 2 representative (which includes 8 states and the District of Columbia) Don will work closely with COABE members and will serve as a voting member of the COABE Board.

Dr. Don Finn has over 20 years of experience as an adult educator. He is currently an Associate Professor of Adult Education & Professional Development and the founding chair of the Curriculum & Instruction master’s degree program at Regent University. In 2010, Don was voted Regent University’s School of Education Faculty Member of the Year by his students and colleagues. As president of the Virginia state association (VAACE) between 2009 and 2012, Don made great strides to build bridges and strengthen relationships and partnerships between VAACE and state and national groups. One of the best examples of this was serving as chair of the highly successful 2012 COABE conference in Norfolk, Virginia in April 2012.

Don earned his Ph.D. in Adult Education and Organizational Development from Virginia Commonwealth University where he served as a collateral faculty member in the School of Education. He directed a statewide adult education professional development program, served as a consultant to textbook publishers, a middle and high school teacher, and an adult education classroom teacher. Don has published numerous articles and book chapters and developed and delivered workshops about effective instructional practices for adults and diverse learners. He looks forward to the opportunity to use his skills to serve as a leader on the COABE Board.