

# Incoming NACTA President's Message



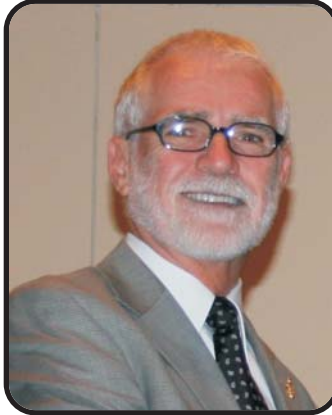
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Another school year begins—a wonderful time of the year! New students with their maps, trying to find the right building for that 7:30 a.m. class. Parking lots overflowing (with parking police on active duty!). Renewed enthusiasm for fall sports. Invigorated faculty, fresh from summer research, teaching, hopefully a little time away with family and friends. It is a wonderful time.

Personally, fall semester is a new beginning as I transition from administration after 21 years to being what I always wanted to be—a college professor. Teaching, research, extension programs, working with new faculty, and continuing some international activities are all on the agenda for this semester and beyond. It has to be the best job in the world.

If you missed the NACTA conference last June, you missed some excellent programs and presentations and a good time, thanks to the efforts of our colleagues at Penn State. Thanks to all who had a part, large or small, in making our annual conference an enjoyable and worthwhile event.

More faculty at all of our institutions could benefit from membership and participation in NACTA. I encourage you to work with administra-



tors in your departments and colleges to have them provide NACTA memberships for new faculty. Be sure that your colleagues are given the opportunity to join as well. For those of us with primary interest in teaching, NACTA is a great organization.

The NACTA Journal is a good read only to the extent that all of us contribute manuscripts for the review process. As I talked with many of you during the annual conference I learned about a variety of programs, research activities and exemplary practices that need to be shared with the larger community. Check out the NACTA web site to see how easy it is to submit to our journal. Others need to know what you have done and how your efforts have improved student learning and teacher effectiveness.

Finally, it's not too early to begin planning for the 2011 NACTA conference at the University of Alberta. Get the dates on your calendar—June 14-18. I'll see you there!

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