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## **MAHPERD Collection Administrative History**

The Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) is a non-profit organization for professionals and students dedicated to promoting healthy and active lifestyles. The organization was in existence in 1935 as Massachusetts Society of the American Physical Education Association, before changing to the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation and finally adding “Dance” to its name in 1983. MAHPERD is a division of the Eastern District Association of SHAPE (Society of Health and Physical Educators) America, a national organization started in 1885 as American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. The organization has defined excellence in physical education, and resources provide the leadership, professional development and advocacy that support health and physical educators at every level - from preschool to university graduate programs. AAHPERD became SHAPE America in 2013.

A list of known presidents can be found at the end of this document, including those from Bridgewater State University.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of five series of documents focusing on sports, physical activity and physical education in Massachusetts and one series of photographs and multimedia. Contents in the collection include history of the organization, meeting minutes, board and member lists, legislative and financial reports, correspondence, periodicals, publications, promotional ads, convention photographs and other material from this group going back to 1935. It is an active organization and new records are added periodically.

The original donation of materials from Mary Pratt, who began to officially keep archives of documents, are kept together by year in General Files, with the exception of publications such as the Journal and Newsletter, which have been stored with other publications. Subsequent donations have been sorted into other series.

Related collections include: [New Agenda: Northeast Records](#) and the [Mary Jo Moriarty Collection](#).

## **Series Descriptions**

### **Series 1: General Files, 1935-2010**

Archival records - correspondence, division annual reports, executive board meeting minutes, event literature, member lists, registrations for workshops and conventions.

### **Series 2: Administration**

Presidential archives, meeting minutes, constitution, by-laws, operating codes and financial records.

**Series 3: Publications**

"Journal", the magazine of MAHPERD, published three times per year. It was called "Newsletter" in the 1947/1948 season. Its name was changed to "Journal" in the fall of 1967. "Newsletter", an additional print communication for MAHPERD, published two to four times a year, was started in addition to the "Journal" in Fall 1995 and is now available online in digital format. The "Journal" publication is no longer produced.

**Series 4: Conventions**

Annual convention brochures, honors and awards, Convention Committee literature.

**Series 5: Regional and National Files**

Materials from AAHPERD (American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance), now SHAPE (Society of Health and Physical Educators) America, and EDA (Eastern District Association).

**Series 6: Photographs and Multimedia**

MAHPERD photographs, three videos of Mary Jo Moriarty Lectures and one Keynote address from 1994 Convention. A number of audio recordings from past conferences that have a VMC number have been digitized.

**MAHPERD Collection  
Box and Folder List****Series 1: General Files****Box 1  
Folder**

1. General Files, 1935-1937
2. General Files, 1947-1955
3. General Files, 1956-1957
4. General Files, 1957-1962
5. General Files, 1965
6. General Files, 1966
7. General Files, 1969
8. General Files, 1970
9. General Files, 1971
10. General Files, 1972
11. General Files, 1973
12. General Files, 1974
13. General Files - Mary Pratt Correspondence, 1974
14. General Files, 1975
15. General Files, 1976
16. General Files, 1977
17. General Files, 1978
18. General Files, 1979

19. General Files, 1980
20. General Files, 1981
21. General Files, 1982
22. General Files, 1983
23. General Files, 1984

## **Box 2**

### **Folder**

1. General Files, 1985
2. General Files, 1986
3. General Files, 1987
4. General Files, 1988
5. General Files, 1989
6. General Files, 1990
7. General Files, 1991
8. General Files, 1992
9. General Files, 1993
10. General Files, 1993
11. General Files, 1995-1996
12. General Files, 1995-1996
13. General Files, 1996-1997
14. General Files, 1997-1998
15. General Files, 1999-2000
16. General Files, 2000-2001
17. General Files, 2001-2002
18. General Files, 2002-2003
19. Bridgewater State University Archives/Special Collections newsletter, Vol. I, No. 7, documents original donation of MAHPERD archives, 1994

## **Series 2: Administration**

### **Box 3**

#### **Folder**

1. Check Book Register, 1948-1958
2. Account Ledger, 1952-1959
3. Grants, 1995-1996
4. Petitions to Commissioner Robert Antonucci, 1996
5. Executive Director Evaluations and Contracts, undated
6. Physical Education Legal and Certification, undated
7. Appointments and Official Positions, undated
8. Nancy O'Neil: Presidential Archives, 1989-1991

### **Box 4**

#### **Folder**

1. Nancy O'Neil: Presidential Archives, 1990-1991
2. Pat Fetter: Presidential Archives, 1992-1993

3. Nancy Moses: Presidential Archives, 1994-1995

**Box 5**

**Folder**

1. Gerald Labelle: Presidential Archives, No. 1, 1995-1996
2. Gerald Labelle: Presidential Archives, No. 2, 1995-1996
3. Maria Melchionda: Presidential Archives, Vol. I, No. 1, 1996-1997
4. Maria Melchionda: Presidential Archives, Vol. I, No. 2, 1996-1997

**Box 6**

**Folder**

1. Maria Melchionda: Presidential Archives, Vol. II, No. 1, 1996-1997
2. Maria Melchionda: Presidential Archives, Vol. II, No. 2, 1996-1997
3. Maria Melchionda: Presidential Archives, Vol. III, 1996-1997

**Box 7**

**Folder**

1. Student Action Section Meeting Minutes, 1986-1990
2. Meeting Minutes, 1993-1994
3. Meeting Minutes, 1993-1994
4. Meeting Minutes, 1993-1994
5. Meeting Minutes, 1994

**Box 8**

**Folder**

1. Meeting Minutes, 1995
2. Meeting Minutes, 1995-1996
3. Meeting Minutes, 1996
4. Meeting Minutes, 1996-1997
5. Meeting Minutes, 1998-2000

**Box 9**

**Folder**

1. Meeting Minutes, 2004-2005
2. Meeting Minutes, 2005-2006
3. Operating Code, 1980
4. Operating Code and By-Laws, 1987-2001
5. Constitution and By-Laws, 1976-2002

**Series 3: Publications**

**Box 10**

**Folder**

1. Newsletter Publication, 1940s
2. Newsletter Publication, 1950s
3. Newsletter/Journal, 1960s

4. Journal, 1970-1974
5. Journal, 1975-1979
6. Journal, 1980-1985
7. Journal, 1986-1989
8. Journal, 1990-1993
9. Journal, 1994-1999
10. Journal, 2000-2006
11. Newsletter, 1995-1999
12. Newsletter, 2000-2003
13. Newsletter, 2004-2008

#### **Series 4: Conventions**

##### **Box 11**

###### **Folder**

1. Convention Planning, 1993
2. Honor Awards, 1970-2009
3. Conference Evaluation Forms/Professional Development, undated
4. Annual Convention Programs, 1953-1989
5. Annual Convention Programs, 1990-1999
6. Annual Convention Programs, 2000-2010
7. Annual Convention Program, 2014

#### **Series 5: Regional and National Files**

##### **Box 12**

###### **Folder**

1. Girls and Women in Sport, undated
2. Girls and Women in Sport, undated
3. NAGWS, 1989-1990
4. National Literature, undated
5. Official Rule Books, Coach Directory, undated
6. Health and Physical Education Documentation Official Rules, undated
7. Laws and Regulations, undated
8. Advocacy Archives, 1995-1996

##### **Box 13**

###### **Folder**

1. AAHPERD Key References, 1988
2. AAHPERD, 1990-1991
3. Eastern District Association Awards Handbook, undated
4. Eastern District Association & City and Town Administrators of Physical Education, undated
5. Regional Rosters & Membership Lists, undated
6. Conference and Eastern District Association Leader's Manual, 1992-1993

#### **Series 6: Photographs and Multimedia**

**Box 14****Folder**

1. President's Council Conference, photographs with Arnold Schwarzenegger, undated
2. Photograph of Representative Roland Mariano, 1997
3. Staff Photographs, unidentified, undated
4. Leadership Photographs, identified, undated
5. Convention Photographs and Portraits, many identified, undated
6. Convention Photographs (reprints) and Negative, identified, undated
7. Convention Photographs and Portraits for Journal Publication, identified, undated
8. Convention Photographs for Journal Publication, some identified, undated
9. Videos of MJM Lectures: V. James DiNardo (1989) and Barbara Day Lockhart (1987), 1987 & 1989
10. Videos: MJM Lecture, Celeste Ulrich (1990) and Nancy Hogshead Keynote Speech from Convention, General Session (1994), 1990 & 1994

**Box 15****Folder**

1. Convention Photographs (reprints) and Negatives, unidentified, undated
2. Convention Photographs (reprints) and Negatives, unidentified, undated
3. Convention Photographs, most identified, undated
4. Convention Photographs, unidentified, undated
5. Convention Negatives, unidentified, undated
6. Convention Photographs and Portraits, some negatives, some identified, undated
7. Convention Photographs, unidentified, 1994
8. Convention Photographs, most identified, 1996
9. Convention Photographs (reprints) and Negatives, c. 1999

**Box 16****Folder**

1. Black & White Photographs, undated
2. Convention Photographs, undated
3. Convention Negatives, undated
4. Convention Photographs, activities (dance, jump rope, music, swimming), 1994-1998
5. Convention Photographs, award presentations, 1994-1998
6. Convention Photographs, groups, 1994-1998
7. Convention Photographs, portraits, 1994-1998
8. Convention Photographs, speeches, 1994-1998
9. Convention Photographs, sponsors, 1994-1998
10. Convention Negatives, 1994-1998

**Box 17****Folder**

1. Convention Photographs (album), 2000
2. Convention Photographs (loose), 2000
3. Convention Negatives, 2000



4. Convention Photographs (album), 2001
5. Convention Photographs (loose), 2001
6. Convention Negatives, 2001

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1. Convention Photographs, some identified, 2002
2. Convention Negatives, 2002
3. Convention Photographs, many identified, 2003
4. Convention Negatives, 2003
5. Convention Photographs, unidentified, 2004
6. Convention Citations with Photographs, 2004

**Box 19**

(cassette tape audio recordings that have been digitized)

- VMC041-001 – “The Physical Legacy”, national convention, April 1986
- VMC041-002 – “The Physical Legacy”, national convention, April 1986
- VMC041-003 – Joseph McKenney, October 1986
- VMC041-004 – Past President Luncheon: Jaqueline (Jackie) G. Haslett, Betty Arnold, Rose Semensini, Patricia A. Smith, Robert Chrusz, March 1988
- VMC041-005 – MAHPERD Conference, March 1988
- VMC041-006 – Johanne “Jo” Smith, Sept. 1989
- VMC041-007 – Mary Pratt (Archivist) and Evelyn Kirrane (President), Spring 1989
- VMC041-008 – Carl Christensen, Sept. 1989
- VMC041-009 – Frederick Janes, March 1991
- VMC041-010 – Joan Tillotson, undated
- VMC041-011 – J. Robert Eddy, undated
- VMC041-012 – Ralph V. Lord Jr., undated
- VMC041-013 – George K. Makechnie, undated

**List of MAHPERD Past Presidents**

(asterisk following a name indicates they were faculty at Bridgewater State; a year followed by an asterisk indicates they were a Bridgewater State graduate)

List of known presidents:

1934/1935: Charles D. Giauque  
 1935/1936: Frederick Rand Rogers  
 1936: Franklin J. Gray  
 1939-1941: Joseph McKenney  
 1945: Nelson S. Walke  
 1947/1948: Robert T. Berry  
 1948/1949: Lawrence E. Briggs  
 1950/1951: Meldon (Mel) Wenner  
 1951/1952: George K. Makechnie

1952/1953: Helene D. Breivogel  
1953/1954: James A. Wylie  
1954/1955: Elena M. Sliepevich  
1955/1956: Earle W. Crompton  
1956/1957: Dr. Mary Jo Moriarty\*  
1957/1958: Clem W. Thompson  
1958/1959: Annamarie Anderson  
1959/1960: Joseph Bertram Kessel  
1960/1961: Jean G. Brown  
1961/1962: Warren L. Huston  
1962/1963: Harold M. Childs  
1963/1964: Catherine Comeau\*  
1964/1965: Catherine Comeau\*  
1965/1966: Frederick (Ted) E. Steeves  
1966/1967: Dr. Martha E. Cummings '51\*  
1967/1968: J. Robert Eddy  
1968/1969: Helen Marie Garrity  
1969/1970: Frederick A. Janes  
1970/1971: Patricia A. Smith  
1971/1972: Dr. John W. Fox  
1972/1973: Dr. Mary Lou Thornburg\*  
1973/1974: Dr. Carl S. Christensen  
1974/1975: Betty Arnold  
1975/1976: Robert A. Whelan  
1976/1977: Rose Semensini  
1977/1978: Ralph V. Lord Jr.  
1978/1979: Dr. Evelyn Kirrane  
1979/1980: Dr. Robert Curtin  
1980/1981: Johanne (Jo) M. Smith\*  
1981/1982: Richard G. Baker  
1982/1983: Barbara (Bobbie) Jean Jordan  
1983/1984: Richard (Dick) Crisafulli  
1984/1985: Jaqueline (Jackie) G. Haslett, Ed.D. '56\*  
1985/1986: Robert Chrusz  
1986/1987: Dr. Mary C. Lydon '55\*  
1987/1988: William Considine  
1988/1989: Janice (Jan) Harris\*  
1989/1990: David Q. Thomas Ph.D.  
1990/1991: Nancy O'Neil  
1991/1992: Richard Samaria  
1992/1993: Pat Fetter  
1993/1994: Anthony (Tony) Porter  
1994/1995: Nancy Moses, Ed.D.\*  
1995/1996: Gerald LaBelle\*  
1996/1997: Maria Melchionda '83\*  
1997/1998: Clark Masters

1998/1999: Joyce Tolken  
1999/2000: Bill Riley  
2000/2001: Paul Doucette  
2001/2002: Marjorie (Marge) Smith, Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies '89\*  
2002/2003: Dr. Kathy M. Pinkham  
2003/2004: Dr. Diane M. Smith  
2004/2005: Alice MacInnis  
2005/2006: Karin Taylor  
2006/2007: Dr. Robert Rausch  
2007/2008: Diana L. Demetrius '82\*  
2008/2009: Antoinette (Toni) Duval '89\*  
2009/2010: Donna Ruseckas '82\*  
2010/2011: Patricia St. Laurent  
2011/2012: Sheryl Hall  
2012/2013: Dr. Patricia McDiarmid, Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies '02\*  
2013/2014: Michelle Moosbrugger  
2014/2015: Constantine Psimopoulos Ph. D.  
2015/2016: Claudia Brown  
2016/2017: Dr. Heidi Bohler