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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

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1. General Files, 1935-1937
2. General Files, 1947-1955
3. General Files, 1956-1957
4. General Files, 1957-1962
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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
15. General Files, 1999-2000
17. General Files, 2001-2002
18. General Files, 2002-2003

**Series 2: Administration**

**Box 3**
**Folder**
1. Check Book Register, 1948-1958
2. Account Ledger, 1952-1959
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

**Box 4**
**Folder**

Box 5
Folder

Box 6
Folder

Box 7
Folder
1. Student Action Section Meeting Minutes, 1986-1990
5. Meeting Minutes, 1994

Box 8
Folder
1. Meeting Minutes, 1995
3. Meeting Minutes, 1996

Box 9
Folder
1. Meeting Minutes, 2004-2005
2. Meeting Minutes, 2005-2006
3. Operating Code, 1980

Series 3: Publications

Box 10
Folder
1. Newsletter Publication, 1940s
2. Newsletter Publication, 1950s
5. Journal, 1975-1979

Series 4: Conventions

Box 11
Folder
1. Convention Planning, 1993
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
6. Health and Physical Education Documentation Official Rules, undated
7. Laws and Regulations, undated

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

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

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

Box 17
Folder
1. Convention Photographs (album), 2000
2. Convention Photographs (loose), 2000
3. Convention Negatives, 2000
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4. Convention Photographs (album), 2001
5. Convention Photographs (loose), 2001

Box 18
Folder
1. Convention Photographs, some identified, 2002
2. Convention Negatives, 2002
3. Convention Photographs, many identified, 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
- VMC041-003 – 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
- VMC041-007 – 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

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1952/1953: Helene D. Breivogel
1953/1954: James A. Wylie
1954/1955: Elena M. Sliepcevich
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
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*
1968/1969: Helen Marie Garrity
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
1978/1979: Dr. Evelyn Kirrane
1979/1980: Dr. Robert Curtin
1980/1981: Johanne (Jo) M. Smith*
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*
1988/1989: Janice (Jan) Harris*
1989/1990: David Q. Thomas Ph.D.
1992/1993: Pat Fetter
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