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TO: PAA Board

FROM: Jeff Tayman (Chair) Committee on Applied Demography

SUBJECT: Annual Report from the Committee on Applied Demography

The Committee on Applied Demography (CAD) represents the activities, interests, and perspectives of the Business Demography and State and Local Demography interest groups to your Board. Collectively, CAD encourages applied demographers to join PAA and participate in its activities. As in previous years, the CAD coordinated proposals for sessions and organizers for the 2000 meetings with the Program Chair. The CAD appreciates the responsiveness of current and past Program Chair’s to the inclusion of sessions and flexible presentation formats, which encourage participation and attendance.

The Applied Demography Track at the 1999 annual meeting was a success. Sessions were very well attended, even the two on Saturday morning, indicating a great interest in applied demography among PAA members. The CAD was especially pleased to see many new faces at the applied demographic activities throughout the meetings. This is some measure of CAD’s success and continuing focus on training and careers in applied demography for the benefit of PAA’s younger members. Kenneth Prewitt, the speaker at our breakfast meeting, was a highlight. His frank, open communication style effectively conveyed the many issues surrounding the upcoming decennial census and its future challenges and opportunities.

The CAD newsletter, Applied Demography, generates revenue for PAA and a list of over 500 subscribers (100+ of them international). Coeditors Mary Heim and John Besl deserve particular thanks. Shelly Lapkoff, through an extraordinary effort, created an email list server that greatly facilitates the timely exchange of information among applied demographers.

Respectfully Submitted
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