



The purpose of this letter is to nominate Dr. Peter Waite for the position of ICAE Vice President, North America. We feel privileged to have someone with his broad domestic and international engagement experience who is willing to continue serving the ALE community in this capacity. Throughout his career, Dr. Waite has been exceptionally successful at mobilizing diverse groups of people to collaborate on educational initiatives. If elected to this position, he aims to represent the field of adult education on a global scale, as well as helping practitioners in the North American region engage with the global adult education community.


Dr. Waite is the past Executive Vice President of ProLiteracy Worldwide where he oversaw US program operations, membership, public policy and international programs. He has extensive fund development experience and has worked with several US president's literacy initiatives including those of Presidents Reagan, Bush, Clinton and Obama. He was a founding member and two-time President of the National Coalition for Literacy and has collaborated extensively with the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) and the Coalition of Lifelong Learning Organizations (COLLO). In addition, he has served on numerous boards including COLLO, the Corporation for National and Community Service Friends of VISTA, Literacy Network, Center for Literacy at the University of Pennsylvania, United Way of America and numerous advisory boards for the Departments of Education, Labor and Health and Human Services.

Dr. Waite has also served on the United States National Commission for UNESCO and has been active in various international conferences and organizations. He sponsored the first US student to an International Council on Adult Education World Assembly in Thailand and has been a participant in many ICAE and UNESCO sponsored events. He is a well-respected presenter throughout the world, having presented at conferences and events in Ireland, England, Germany, Czech Republic and Thailand.

Currently an independent literacy and policy consultant working in the areas of adult literacy, adult learning and social service and educational policy, he is working with state level and national literacy organizations to promote community-based literacy programming and community and volunteer engagement.

Therefore, based in Dr. Waite's experience and expertise and given that the Coalition of Lifelong Learning Organizations (COLLO), the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE), and ProLiteracy are the USA based members of the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE), and further, that AAACE and ProLiteracy are both members of COLLO, we, the undersigned, join in co-nominating Dr. Peter Waite as VP/North America for the next four-year term. Further, we will support his initiatives with ICAE, if elected, through access to our adult education networks and any additional organizational support he requests.

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