## Sister Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA - Arizona - Arkansas 1994

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Sister Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, was the second female NIAAA President, the first from a parochial school, the first member of a religious order, the first from Section VII and the first from Arizona.

With her background as NIAAA Resolutions Chairperson and At-Large Board service, she was familiar with issues of concern to the membership. In 1993, as President-Elect, Sister Lynn selected the following two goals to implement in her 1994 NIAAA presidential year:

The first goal involved diversity. In the summer of 1993, Sister Lynn appointed an Ad Hoc Committee whose responsibility was to look at how diversity within the NIAAA leadership and committees was being implemented. NIAAA Past President Barbara Twardus chairs the Diversity Committee. The Committee had several meetings and studied issues such as sexist language in NIAAA documents and publications, NIAAA leadership opportunities for women and people of color on committees and boards, and how to increase diversity within the NIAAA. In the summer of 1994 the NIAAA Board of Directors participated in diversity training.

The second goal revolved around the NIAAA's public relations. Dave Fontaine, Section VI Board Member from New Mexico, was appointed to chair a Public Relations Committee. Issues such as communications with the NIAAA membership by NIAAA committees, boards and leadership and the external view of the NIAAA were discussed/ The committee supported publishing the mission, goals and programs of the NIAAA to the membership and to selected outside groups. The committee surfaced four goals relating to public relations. The "NIAAA Guide to Public Relations" was written by the committee and given to the NIAAA Board for implementation.

The long-term effects of both the Diversity and Public Relations Committees are evident in the NIAAA as it moves into the twenty-first century. The Diversity Committee continues to function and it monitors NIAAA publications, films, videos, committee selection and NIAAA activities.

Sister Lynn continues NIAAA service as Chair of the NIAAA Video Committee and member of the NIAAA Endowment Committee.