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Conference Attendees,

On behalf of the American Academy of Health Behavior and its leadership, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the 5th Conference of the Academy held in beautiful Charleston, South Carolina. This year's conference offers nationally and internationally recognized researchers. They will present their cutting edge research during the next few days in the form of presentations, workshops, posters, discussion, and just plain "good old fashioned" informal interaction and networking between and among attendees and speakers. I hope you are as excited as we are about the Conference and the setting and everything else that the beautiful city of Charleston has to offer to you.

Your elected representatives have worked very hard to make sure that you have an enriching experience and fulfilling journey. This Conference is expected to exceed your expectations. All members of the Board of Directors, our Executive Director, and especially Dr. Bruce Simons-Morton, Chair of the Program, are to be commended for the fine job they have done with this Conference. Please feel free to share with us any ideas, suggestions, and/or constructive criticism. We welcome your in-put and wholeheartedly embrace your ideas for future planning.

As you will hear during the Opening Ceremony in my State-of-the-Academy address, your Academy is becoming a major national player in the field of health behavior, education, and promotion. It is the only national organization focusing on research in health behavior. You will be proud of the progress that has been made in the short period of time this organization has been in existence. Our membership is passionate and committed to the mission of this Academy. The plane has taken off and the sky is the limit for what this dynamite group of scholars can be for the advancement of health behavior and, ultimately, for the health and well being of our fellow mankind.

Please be advised our next Conference is scheduled in Carmel, California, March 5-8, 2006.

I look forward to greeting you. Have a wonderful, productive, and enjoyable Conference.

Sincerely,

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