Open Letter of Appreciation to Outgoing Editor Jody Brylinsky

If you are reading this letter you have made a conscious decision to invest your time and energy into improving the quality of sport coaching. You know your decision matters because of the wide-ranging impact that organized sport has on the physical, social, emotional, and cultural development of citizens in virtually every country around the world. In Spring 2008 the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Coaching Education (JCE)* was released. This was a landmark moment in coach education in the United States. Without the benefit of a common national or mandated coach education system, as is commonplace in developed countries around the world, a gap exists here in the United States for sharing best practices, research and ideas on how to improve coach education and the quality of organized sport experiences. We believe that *JCE* was created to help fill this gap. The only reason *JCE* exists today is because a small group of dedicated thought leaders took the initiative to ‘do something’ to bridge the gap. We – the field, coaches, and coach educators – are indebted to the courage exhibited by that select group of forerunners, one in particular who assumed the captain’s seat. We are referring of course to Dr. Jody Brylinsky, *JCE*’s first and only editor up until now. Navigating the process of launching a new journal requires tremendous leadership and an uncommon skill set. The editor of a new journal interacts with countless stakeholders and must show – on a daily basis – vision, persistence, patience, and compassion. We are forever grateful that Dr. Jody Brylinsky accepted the call to action and so graciously served the field, yet again. *JCE* couldn’t have found a better choice for the editor position than Dr. Brylinsky, former president of NASPE and contributing author to the National Standards for Sport Coaches (2006) and the National Coaching Report (2008). As a result of Jody’s unrelenting pursuit of excellence, *JCE* is well on its way to becoming a trusted and primary source of information about coaching and coach education. Jody has ‘coached’ the rest of us through the first four years of *JCE*’s life, and we are honoured and humbled to have the opportunity to serve as her successors. Please join us in thanking Dr. Jody Brylinsky for her outstanding service to the field and the many contributions she has made to improve the quality of coaching and coach education in America.

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