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60th Anniversary

Humanics' Heritage on Display at AHMI '08

The American Humanities Management Institute's January kickoff of AH's 60th anniversary celebrated six decades of insight, impact and inspiration. Hot-topic programming, combined with more than 900 high-energy AHMI participants, made the return to Kansas City an invigorating start to the yearlong celebration.



Ponce Duran, Norm Swails, Margaret O'Donnell, Robert Ashcraft and Juli Gassman (from left) address AHMI 2008 participants in Kansas City.

Legendary Sessions

AHMI's special Legends Sessions served as powerful testament to the impact made by American Humanities grads on the nonprofit sector since the program's inception. Sessions included:

- **Alumni Impact on the Nonprofit Sector** featured AH alums Norman Swails, retired executive with Boy Scouts of America, and a member of the first graduating class; and Byron Brooks, manager of United Way of Greater Kansas City's Community Impact.



Jimmy Bartle Taylor and Jack Armstrong share stories from their AH history during the 60th Anniversary Legends Sessions.

- **Early Days and Visionary Roe Bartle's Years** featured Jimmy Bartle Taylor, daughter of AH founder H. Roe Bartle; former AH president (1973-80) Jack Armstrong, founder of the AH program at Arizona State University; and Frank Rugo, retired AT&T executive, former AH board chair (1988-90) and current board member.

- **Evolution of the Campus/Executive Director** featured Robert Ashcraft, AH campus director and director of Arizona State's Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management; Margaret O'Donnell, AH campus director at the University of Houston; Juli Gassman, AH campus director, University of Northern Iowa; and Ponce Duran, AH alum, former campus director and scout executive, Boy Scouts of America, Dallas, Texas.