BOARD ACTIONS

The Board of Directors had a conference call on September 15, 2016. The following actions were among those taken:

- The Minutes of the July 21, 2016 Board meeting were approved as presented.
- President Linda Petrosino reviewed the Association’s awards to be presented at a Dinner during the 2016 Annual Conference (see accompanying article).
- Treasurer Kevin Rudeen reviewed the finances of ASAHP and reported a positive financial position. A distributed report of May 31, 2016 from the Association’s accounting firm was reviewed. Total assets are reported at $1.7 million. Investments remain positive with a portfolio of 52% equities, 26% bonds, and 22% cash. The 2015-2016 budget year closed this past June 30 and it is anticipated the Association’s budget for that fiscal year will be on target.
- Immediate Past President Richard Oliver provided an update on the Annual Conference in New Orleans on October 19-21, 2016. He also furnished an update on discussions with industry partners to capitalize on international opportunities in allied health. Feedback from the academic side has been slow.
- Director Teri Stumbo provided a report on the results of the recent 2016 ASAHP election (see accompanying article). Successful candidates have been contacted and are willing to serve.
- Executive Director John Colbert reported on ASAHP’s lease of the property on Jenifer Street in Washington, DC that served as its prior headquarters until 2012. The lease expires at the end of the month and legal counsel is working with the sub-tenant to recoup late payments.

ASAHP ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Association’s 2016 election are as follows:

- Treasurer (two-year term): Gregory Frazer (University of South Alabama)
- Board of Directors (three-year term) Shelley Mishoe (Old Dominion University) Teresa Conner-Kerr (University of North Georgia) Fred Romano (Midwestern University)

All terms officially become effective at the close of the Annual Conference on October 21, 2016 while Treasurer Kevin Rudeen leaves the Board on that date after many years of highly distinguished service in Board positions.

Gratitude is expressed to the following members of the Nominations & Elections Committee for their role in developing the ballot in 2016:

- Teri Stumbo, Chairperson (Des Moines University)
- Andrew Butler (Georgia State University)
- Patricia Chute (New York Institute of Technology)
- Mitchell Cordova (Florida Gulf Coast University)
- Carolyn Giordano (Thomas Jefferson University)
- Craig Jackson (Loma Linda University)
- Cesarina Thompson (American International College)

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE SURVEY

Data collection for the 2016 study opened on September 12 and is scheduled to close on November 30. Deans and directors are requested to identify an individual on each campus who will be assigned the responsibility of collecting and submitting data. A highly informative User’s Guide is online at www.asahp.org in the section of the homepage labeled “Members.” This resource has proved to be immensely valuable for newcomers to the study. Last year, there were 85 participants in the survey and a major objective this year is to exceed that number.
ASAHP AWARD RECIPIENTS

The following individuals will be honored during the Awards Dinner on October 19, 2016 at the Annual Conference:

Distinguished Service and Achievement Award
Richard Talbott (University of South Alabama)

Outstanding Membership Board Award
David Shelledy (University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio)

Cultural Pluralism Award
Lisa Durant-Jones (Nazareth College)

Darrell C. Mase Presidential Citation
Recipient to Be Announced at the Awards Dinner

Fellows Program Award
Patricia Chute (New York Institute of Technology)
Carolyn Giordano (Thomas Jefferson University)
Kyle Meyer (University of Nebraska Medical Center)
Fred Romano (Midwestern University)

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Recipients of the J. Warren Perry Award for the best Journal of Allied Health article in the past year were listed in the the ASAHP UPDATE on August 16.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

An R01 initiative from the National Institutes of Health seeks applications that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. Specifically, this initiative is intended to: 1) enhance an understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, personal) influencing health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males age 18 and older.

The scope of the proposed project should determine the project period. The maximum project period is five years. The earliest submission date is January 5, 2017. More information can be accessed at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-428.html.

FACULTY IMPROVEMENT COURSE

A course offered by the Mayo Clinic Florida Campus as a Live Webcast on January 27-28, 2017 is designed to enhance the skills of both novice and seasoned educators with tools to train, precept, and mentor their learners. The program will include didactic lectures, illustrative cases, and simulation techniques designed to provide a road map and an understanding of the most up-to-date methods to educate the next generation of medical professionals.

Registration and additional course information can be accessed at https://ce.mayo.edu/quality/node/22214.

CHANGING HIGHER ED LANDSCAPE

According to a posting by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York Liberty Street Economics (blog) in September 2016, the singularly striking feature of the higher education market over the last decade and a half has been the growth of for-profits in each of the less-than-two-year, two-year, and four-year markets. In 2015, nearly three times as many students attended for-profit schools as did in 2000, and there were 36% more for-profit schools. The years immediately following the 2007-09 recession saw huge increases in the number of students (a 16% increase between 2008 and 2011) followed by a sharp decline between 2011 and 2015, when enrollment dropped 5% across all sectors.

STUDENT DEBT DISCUSSIONS

On October 6, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 1:15 PM Eastern Time, The Pew Charitable Trusts will host a series of discussions exploring the state of student loan repayment, the populations that are struggling the most, and options for legislative and regulatory reform. Panelists will discuss: (1) How default, delinquency, and the life cycle of loan repayment affect short- and long-term family financial security, and (2) Whether existing or proposed policies and regulations are adequate to ensure that all borrowers have access to affordable and sustainable repayment options.

Student debt is a growing burden for many families, causing concern for policymakers at all levels of government. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau estimates that more than 1 in 4 student loan borrowers—10.5 million individuals—are delinquent or in default. To attend in person or watch the live webcast, please RSVP at https://www.cvent.com/c/express/bd1fd73f-c712-4ab3-9ed7-1f86a1825ea7.