BOARD ACTIONS

The Board of Directors had a conference call on July 21. The following actions were among those taken:

- The Minutes of the Board Meeting in Washington, DC on June 8, 2016 were approved as presented.

- President Linda Petrosino reviewed the report from the first Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) meeting in which ASAHP has participated. Dean Stacy Gropack is ASAHP’s representative at IPEC and has requested that the Board provide her IPE Committee with a future charge. The Board agreed to discuss the IPE Committee’s charge at a future Board meeting.

- Past President Richard Oliver provided updates on: (1) the 2016 ASAHP Annual Conference Program, (2) discussions since the Board’s June meeting about a proposed International Training Consortium that would create a three-year partnership with industry leaders to help prepare allied health professionals for rehabilitation positions internationally. President Petrosino will follow-up with the President’s Advisory Council regarding this matter, and (3) developments with the ASAHP student initiative.

- Treasurer Kevin Rudeen presented an update on the financial state of ASAHP, indicating that even with the market volatility, the Association’s funds have increased in value.

- Executive Director John Colbert provided information on the state of play in Washington. Congress is in recess until September. A higher education reform bill probably will not pass this year. State authorization issues rulemaking will be imminent (See article on next page of this issue of the ASAHP UPDATE).

2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association’s 2016 Annual Conference will be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans, LA on October 19-21. Readers of the ASAHP UPDATE are requested to mark their calendars and plan on attending this important event. Along with a series of presentations in concurrent sessions and at a poster session, the program will feature plenary session addresses by:

Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Christine M. MacDonell, Managing Director, Medical Rehabilitation and International Aging Services/Medical Rehabilitation, CARF International

Patricia A. Cuff, Director, Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education, Health and Medicine Division, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Rooming rates for this year’s 2016 Annual Conference will start at $209 per night. Attendees may book within the room block through Monday, September 26, 2016. The special room rate will be available until the group block is sold-out. Online reservations can be made at https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Chain=5157&template=FLEXNDP&shell=FLEX&arrive=10/16/2016&depart=10/22/2016&adult=1&child=0&group=1016ASAHP&hotel=12667 or by telephone at 855-463-3092.

Please indicate that you are with the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions to identify yourself as part of the room block. You can do so by using Group Code: 1016ASAHP.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

President Linda Petrosino reported her change in position at Ithaca University effective August 1, 2016. She will be the Provost and Vice President for Educational Affairs for a term until the newly appointed college president can conduct a search for a permanent provost.
ASAHP STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2016, ASAHP will award scholarships to 12 students. Five of these awards are provided by the firm of CertifiedBackground.com, a company that offers criminal background check and immunization status check services to member institutions. Three years ago marked the inauguration of the Elwood Scholar Award. It was created by the Board of Directors and named for ASAHP’s former Executive Director Thomas W. Elwood who retired from that position in 2012.

The recipient of this award is Kelsey Conlon of Sacred Heart University, a student in occupational therapy. Along with the scholarship, she will receive a complimentary registration to the 2016 ASAHP Annual Conference in New Orleans, where she will be recognized formally as the award recipient. All travel and rooming costs will be paid by ASAHP. Among the students who applied, the following were awarded scholarships:

Belinda Brown-Scrivens—Florida A&M University (Health Informatics)
Sarah Hamilton—University of Cincinnati (Communication Sciences)
Marissa Heller—Thomas Jefferson University (Occupational Therapy)
Erin Keuster—Creighton University (Occupational Therapy)
Hilal Khalil—Long Island University-CW Post Campus (Clinical Laboratory Science)
Andrew Merritt—University of North Carolina-Greensboro (Speech-Language Pathology)
Eunsun Park—University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (Speech-Language Pathology)
Emily Prickett—Augusta University (Occupational Therapy)
Jamie Straube—University of Nebraska Medical Center (Physical Therapy)
Lamario Joshua Williams—University of Alabama-Birmingham (Biomedical Sciences)
Calder Young—Wichita State University (Physician Assistant)

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE SURVEY

Data collection for the 2016 study opens on September 12. Now is a good time to determine who will be assigned responsibility for collecting data. A User’s Guide is online at www.asahp.org in the section of the homepage labeled “Members.” It has proved to be immensely valuable for newcomers to the study.

STATE AUTHORIZATION

The Obama administration released its latest proposal on how colleges that offer distance education programs to students in other states should be regulated. The proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register on July 25, 2016. The public comment period will end August 24, 2016.

Comments should identify clearly the specific section or sections of the proposed regulations and provide relevant information and data as well as other supporting materials even when there is no specific solicitation of data. Comments also should be arranged in the same order as the proposed regulations.

Comments outside the scope of the specific proposed regulations should not be submitted. It is anticipated that a final regulation will be published before the end of the year.


HRSA STUDENT FUNDING

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) program at HRSA provides funds to schools, which in turn make scholarships to full-time, financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Participating schools are responsible for selecting scholarship recipients, making reasonable determinations of need, and providing scholarships that do not exceed the cost of attendance (tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses). Schools of allied health are included among the 78 eligible entities. A list of these institutions can be accessed at http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/disadvantaged.html.

COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION

A survey of leaders at 251 colleges and universities active or interested in competency-based education (CBE) reveals that even while interest in CBE is rising, implementation of CBE courses and programs remains gradual as higher education institutions are exploring how to embrace the complexity required to bring them to scale. The study released by the American Council on Education, Ellucian, and Eduventures can be accessed at http://www.ellucian.com/Software/CBE-Maturity/.