ASAHP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association’s Board of Directors had a conference call on January 21, 2016. The following actions were among those taken:

- The Minutes of a conference call on December 17 were approved.
- **President Linda Petrosino** described plans for the 2016 Leadership Development Program.
- **Secretary Ruth Welborn** provided an update on plans for the 2016 ASAHP Spring Meeting.
- **Treasurer Kevin Rudeen** furnished information about the Association’s current financial status.
- **Executive Director John Colbert** described the results of a productive meeting with Rep. John Kline (R-MN), Chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee, regarding the inclusion of draft language pertaining to state authorization.
- **President Petrosino** discussed potential international opportunities for ASAHP and progress by the International Task Force.
- **Immediate Past-President Richard Oliver** indicated that the proposed charge of this Task Force is to: (1) Identify unmet global needs for allied-health professionals, (2) Explore models for addressing the global unmet needs for allied-health professionals, (3) Develop models for sustainable training programs for implementation, and (4) Determine how to work efficiently and effectively with the corporate sector.
- A motion was approved to accept a formal invitation for ASAHP to be an individual member of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC).

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The January 2016 issue of the ASAHP UPDATE listed the names of 10 participants in the Leadership Development Program that will be held on March 15-16 immediately prior to the Spring Meeting in Louisville. One more individual also will participate and she is:

**Susan Gordon-Hickey** (University of South Alabama)

DEAN'S JOB OPENING

Nominations are being sought for the position of Dean of the School of Health Sciences at Oakland University, which is located approximately 25 miles north of downtown Detroit. The Dean is the chief executive officer of the School, which enrolls almost 2,500 students in multiple undergraduate and graduate programs. Information about the position can be accessed at [http://agbssearch.com/searches/dean-school-health-sciences-oakland-university](http://agbssearch.com/searches/dean-school-health-sciences-oakland-university).

2016 ASAHP SPRING MEETING

The **ASAHP 2016 Spring Meeting** will be held on March 17-18 at the Seelbach Hilton in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme for this event is “A View from the Corner Office: the Future for Allied Health Education, Practice, and Diversity.” Information about the: registration process, lodging, descriptions of plenary session speakers, and opportunities for exhibits/sponsors can be accessed at [http://www.event.com/events/2016-asahp-spring-meeting/event-summary-d7ac5c1022a44d09befa20a0d0365642.aspx](http://www.event.com/events/2016-asahp-spring-meeting/event-summary-d7ac5c1022a44d09befa20a0d0365642.aspx).

Rooming rates begin at $155 per night. Rooms are reserved for March 14, 2016 - March 18, 2016. The special room rate will be available until February 24th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. Reservations can be made online at [http://www.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/S/DFSHPF-ASAHP-20160316/index.jhtml](http://www.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/S/DFSHPF-ASAHP-20160316/index.jhtml) or by telephone at 502-585-9206. Please use group code "ASAHP" to identify yourself as part of the room block.
The upcoming Spring Meeting is a product of the fine contributions made by members of a Planning Committee. They are:

**Ruth Welborn**, Chairperson (Texas State University)

**Matthew Anderson** (Rush University)

**Richard Oliver** (University of Missouri)

**Linda Petrosino** (Ithaca College)

**Charlotte Royeen** (Rush University)

**Sharon Stewart** (University of Kentucky)

**Barbara Wallace** (RehabCare)

### POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS

Individual postdoctoral research training fellowships are available from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The purpose is to provide support to promising fellows with the potential to become productive, independent investigators in health services research, with a research interest in areas and priorities relevant to the mission of AHRQ.

The Individual Postdoctoral National Research Service Award (NRSA) is the grant mechanism being used. The total amount to be awarded and the number of fellowships will depend on the quality and scientific merit of the applications received, their relevance to the program priorities of AHRQ, and the availability of funds.


### OLDER ADULT DIETARY NEEDS

Today, the National Academy of Medicine released the report of a workshop convened on October 28–29, 2015 to examine factors in the physical, social, and cultural environment that affect the ability of older adults to meet their daily dietary needs. Some examples of topics addressed are: factors that influence the food choices and nutritional status of older adults; and reviewing national programs designed to address dietary and nutrition needs. The report can be accessed at [http://iom.nationalacademies.org/](http://iom.nationalacademies.org/).

### 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

The American Hospital Association (AHA) released a webinar on its 2016 *Environmental Scan*, which provides a national high-level perspective on the health care landscape and market forces that have a high probability of affecting hospitals and health systems. Topics range from consumers and patients to political issues, science, and technology.


### INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE SURVEY

Work is in progress at Creighton University to complete the report for ASAHP’s *Institutional Profile Survey* that was conducted in the final months of 2015. Data gathering for the next iteration of the study will commence on **September 12, 2016**.

### HEALTH LITERACY CONFERENCE

The 8th *Health Literacy Annual Research Conference* (HARC) funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will be held on **October 17-18, 2016** in Bethesda, MD. The Program Committee is seeking proposals for panels, interest groups, and workshops that reflect innovative research and information that is relevant to the field of health literacy.

Proposals are due **February 26, 2016**. The submission form can be accessed from the *Call for Proposals* item at [http://www.bumc.bu.edu/healthliteracyconference/call-for-panelsigworkshop-proposals/?utm_source=HARC+VIII+Save+the+Date%21&utm_campaign=Abstract+Reminder&utm_medium=email](http://www.bumc.bu.edu/healthliteracyconference/call-for-panelsigworkshop-proposals/?utm_source=HARC+VIII+Save+the+Date%21&utm_campaign=Abstract+Reminder&utm_medium=email).


### HEALTH EQUITY LEADERSHIP

The Annual *Health Equity Leadership Institute* will be held in conjunction with the University of Maryland on **June 12-17, 2016** on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Information about this event can be accessed at [http://uwheli.com/2015/09/01/heli-2016-dates-june-12-17th/](http://uwheli.com/2015/09/01/heli-2016-dates-june-12-17th/).