STATE AUTHORIZATION

The Fall 2015 issue of the *Journal of Allied Health* will be distributed during the next few weeks. It includes an informative manuscript entitled, “Current Conundrum of State Authorization for Online Education Programs and Clinical Placement” in the Special Features/Contemporary Issues section. Views expressed in the article are current as of August 2015. Depending on the content of future regulations and proposed remedies, ASAHP member institutions that offer online programs across state lines and place students in clinical training sites in other states are at risk of being affected adversely.

During the one-year period August 16, 2014 to August 15, 2015, the Association’s quarterly periodical attracted 101 manuscripts. Once an article is submitted, an effort is made to assign it to three reviewers. This step always proves to be difficult to implement because it is common for prospective reviewers to refuse an invitation to assess the merits of a manuscript. A typical reason is that they have more pressing duties to fulfill closer to home. Sometimes, it may take as many seven different requests before just one agrees to conduct a review.

Thus, newcomers to the ranks of reviewers always are welcome, especially in respiratory therapy and dietetics/nutrition. Additional emphasis also is being placed on attracting more reviewers with expertise in interprofessional education and practice. Possession of a doctorate degree and research experience are preferred qualifications. Expressions of interest should be sent to thomas@asahp.org.

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE SURVEY

The data collection period for ASAHP’s 2015 iteration of the survey will open on September 8 and close on November 30. It is necessary at each school 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. Last year, there were 89 participants in the survey and a major objective this year is to exceed that number.

ASAHP AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are sought for awards that will be made in the following categories at the Awards Dinner on October 28 during the Annual Conference. With the exception of the Fellows Program Award, only one recipient is chosen.

**Distinguished Service and Achievement Award**

Its purpose is to recognize a former or inactive member of the Association who has achieved professional success beyond the scope of allied health.

**Outstanding Member Award**

Its purpose is to recognize a member who has contributed significantly to ASAHP during the previous year. Nominees must have held continuous membership in ASAHP for five years.

**Cultural Pluralism Award**

Its purpose is to recognize either an individual member or a department at a member institution involved in furthering the principle of cultural pluralism in the academic setting by demonstrating leadership in promoting it.

**Fellows Program Award**

Nominees must be members of ASAHP for five years and be actively involved in allied health. They will be selected by a committee of current Fellows.

Members who wish to nominate their colleagues for any of these awards are requested to do so by September 15. A statement justifying why anybody should receive an award must accompany each nomination. Please send this information by e-mail to Jacoby Lawrence at jacyb@asahp.org.

Names of nominees will be forwarded to members of the ASAHP Board of Directors who will be involved in the selection process. The names of students who will receive scholarships from the Scholarship of Excellence Fund will be included on the program at the Awards Dinner. Each recipient will receive both a certificate and a check for $1,000. Students who were not selected will receive a certificate. These items will be sent to deans/directors to be distributed.
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS WEEK

Allied Health Professions Week in 2015 will be celebrated on November 1-7 to honor educators and providers in the allied health professions. A wide variety of activities may be undertaken that week on campuses at ASAHP member institutions to highlight the allied health professions and achievements undertaken at the school. Examples are:

- Designate an “Allied Health Professional” or “Allied Health Student” to be honored each day of that week.
- Sponsor a luncheon to recognize honorees and invite allied health leaders/faculty from area institutions.
- Invite a guest speaker to celebrate contributions of the allied health workforce to health care. Host a breakfast or lunch with the college/university president or provost.
- Display Allied Health Professions posters throughout the institution.
- Furnish profiles of a variety of allied health professionals, educators, and students for the campus newspaper.
- Provide local media representatives with ideas for articles and opinion pieces about allied health.
- Set up a display table in a central location to distribute promotional literature, provide brief demonstrations, and highlight the various allied health professions.
- Invite high school guidance counselors to a luncheon on campus to discuss career opportunities in allied health.
- Invite a select group of local high school students to “shadow” allied health professionals for a few hours to obtain first-hand knowledge and experience.
- Provide students and faculty with allied health ribbons or buttons to wear.

Members are requested to inform ASAHP staff about events that occur during Allied Health Week. This information and any photos that are submitted will appear in one or more upcoming issues of the Association’s newsletter TRENDS.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES

Kyle Meyer was approved by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to serve as the Founding Dean of the new University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Allied Health. He previously served as associate dean and later as senior associate dean when allied health programs were part of the College of Medicine.

PCORI ANNUAL MEETING

General registration is open for the Join Us October 6-8, 2015 first annual meeting of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) that will be held in the Washington, DC area. The event will highlight progress in building a patient-centered comparative effectiveness research community. A byproduct of the Affordable Care Act, PCORI recently exceeded $1 billion in funding approved for research projects and other initiatives that will help patients and those who care for them make better-informed healthcare choices.

The deadline to register for the meeting is Friday, September 4, 2015. More information can be accessed at http://www.event.com/events/pcori-annual-meeting/event-summary-5f062669c21b49658451d426d2e5c58c.aspx?utm_source=PCORI+Ealert%3A+Funding+Approval+and+Research+Topics++081815&utm_campaign=PCORI+Ealert%3A+Funding+Approval+and+Research+Topics++081815&utm_medium=email.

HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP

The NCHS/AcademyHealth Health Policy Fellowship Program was created to foster collaboration with the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) staff and visiting scholars on a wide range of health services research (HSR) topics of mutual interest. The 13-month fellowship, at NCHS headquarters in Hyattsville, MD, allows visiting scholars to work closely with NCHS staff on collaborative projects using NCHS data resources to address important issues in health policy.

Applicants may be at any stage in their careers-- from doctoral students in the dissertation phase of their program to senior investigators. The submission deadline for applications is November 9, 2015.

Additional information can be accessed at http://academyhealth.org/Training/content.cfm?ItemNumber=1435. Questions about the application process can be answered by sending a message to nisha.kanani@academyhealth.org.