ASAHP BOARD MEETING

The Association’s Board of Directors met on July 10-11 in St. Petersburg, FL. The following actions were among those taken:

- The Minutes of the May 18, 2017 Board conference call were approved as presented.
- Treasurer Gregory Frazer presented the financial report. ASAHP’s total assets are $1,901,705 with the financial status stable. ASAHP’s current budget is $947,917, which is based primarily on institutional memberships that total 118 institutions. A motion to approve the report was passed.
- A 2018 spring Board meeting on March 12-14 was discussed. The scheduling of a two-day Leadership Development Program was suggested to be at the same time. The cost per applicant is $1,500.
- Director Julie O’Sullivan Maillet provided an update on the Institutional Survey Profile (ISP) project, indicating the need for a programmer to develop the revised ISP. The timeline is to test for actual implementation in late 2018. A draft of the concept has been developed and now programming is needed.
- President Linda Petrosino led a discussion on recruitment activities aimed at increasing both institutional and industry membership.
- Strategic Plan reports were provided to the Board by Director Barry Eckert (Interprofessional Education), Director Shelley Mishoe (Advocacy); Director Brian Shulman (Marketing, Promotion, & Growth), Director Peggy Valentine (Innovations & New Services Development), and Director Barbara Wallace (Alliances & Partnerships)
- Executive Director John Colbert furnished an update on regulatory rollbacks in education and Jacoby Lawrence added information on legislative reauthorization of Titles VII and VIII health workforce provisions.

ASAHP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions will hold its 2017 Annual Conference on October 18 – 20 at the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX. The theme of this year’s conference is: ASAHP At 50 - Reflections On The Past, A Window To The Future Of Healthcare.

Rooming rates start at $209 per night. Attendees may book within the room block through Monday, September 25, 2017. The special room rate will be available until the group block is sold-out. Rooms can be reserved online at https://aws.passkey.com/event/49276087/owner/13181/landing?gid=bf388d33587faf5ebd95f3e0c80593d5 or by telephone at 1-800-648-4462. Attendees should make sure to indicate they are with the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions to identify being part of the room block.

The content of the conference program is designed to address issues of interest to attendees. Approximately 100 concurrent session and poster session presentations will be offered that involve emerging issues on interprofessional education and other topics relating to allied health. The July 17, 2017 issue of the ASAHP UPDATE listed plenary session presenters. The newest addition is Barbara Jacobsmeyer, Executive Vice President of Operations, HealthSouth.

JOURNAL INVITATION

The well-known policy journal Health Affairs is planning a theme issue on precision medicine to be published in May 2018. Original research, systematic reviews, well-designed case studies, analyses, and commentaries will be considered. Abstracts must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM Eastern time, August 14, 2017. Guidelines and answers to frequently asked questions can be obtained at http://www.healthaffairs.org/Abstract_Submission_FAQ.php.

The online submission system is at https://healthaffairs.submittable.com/submit/eb9f80ec-af49-4d9f-b1f1-af1be2037f3b/call-for-abstracts-precision-medicine.
JOURNAL OF ALLIED HEALTH

According to a report from a company in Oxford, England that tracks the number of downloads from 19,200 periodicals, the Association’s Journal of Allied Health was among the top 67 in each of the first six months of 2017. February had the best showing with a mark of being ranked at 58th.

Given the emphasis that ASAHP places on a wide range of activities involving the topic of interprofessional practice and education, a dedicated section for Interprofessional Practice and Education will become a regular feature of upcoming issues, beginning with the Winter 2017 issue.

Meanwhile, the Journal continues to attract submitted manuscripts at a record pace. For the first seven months of this year, 79 articles have been submitted, with several papers originating in Canada, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2030

Healthy People is a national effort that sets goals and objectives to improve the health and well-being of individuals in the United States. An online public comment period is open through September 29, 2017 to participate in the development process for Healthy People 2030. Comments on the proposed framework refer to the vision, mission, foundational principles, plan of action, and overarching goals, which include:

- Foundational Principle #3 - Achieving health and well-being requires eliminating health disparities, achieving health equity, and attaining health literacy.

Additional information can be obtained at https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/About-Healthy-People/Development-Healthy-People-2030/Public-Comment/Items-for-comment.

STUDENT EDUCATION PROFILES

A new report from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) profiles current conditions and recent trends in the education of students by racial and ethnic group. The report summarizes data on topics, such as demographics; student achievement; student behaviors and persistence in education, postsecondary education, and outcomes of education.


ASAHP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

In 2017, 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. Four 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 Elwood who retired from that position in 2012.

The recipient of this award is Michael Chamberlain of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, a student in physical therapy. Along with the scholarship, he will receive a complimentary registration to the 2017 ASAHP Annual Conference in San Antonio, where he will be recognized formally as the award recipient. All travel and rooming costs will be paid by ASAHP.

Among the students who were nominated, the following were awarded scholarships:

- Maholly Ramos—Rutgers University (Physician Assistant)
- Asia Sullivan—University of Alabama at Birmingham (Physician Assistant/Public Health)
- Joseph Longmire—Alabama State University (Rehabilitation Services)
- McKenna Zeller—University of Nebraska Medical Center (Radiography)
- Melissa Neagles—Mercy College (Occupational Therapy)
- Piper Prange—Indiana University (Physical Therapy)
- Erica Williams—University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Physician Assistant)
- Meredith Chaput—Creighton University (Physical Therapy)
- Chloe Williams—The Ohio State University (Occupational Therapy)
- Giovanna Calloway—University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ((Occupational Therapy)
- Emma Shaver—University of Kansas (Occupational Therapy)

2017 HEALTH CARE HIRING

According to a July 2017 Labor Brief from the Altarum Institute, health care added 36,500 new jobs in June 2017. With that month’s reading, health jobs in the first half of 2017 are growing at three-quarters the pace of 2015 and 2016, averaging 24,000 jobs per month compared to 32,000.