SPRING MEETING SUCCESS

With the persistent guidance of their advisor, Dr. Rich Oliver, the seven members of the Student Assembly (ASAHP-SA) planned for the upcoming year at their first annual spring meeting hosted by the College of Health Sciences at St. Louis University. The weekend was incredibly productive, and served as a great “commemoration” of the board’s first anniversary since coming together in May of 2016. The “magnificent seven” wrapped up six months of Google Hangouts, endless email threads and constant shuffling of documents, with a quality two days of reviewing and planning for the upcoming year. Objectives, by-laws, recruitment and expansion were all major topics of the weekend that proved to be one of the most productive meetings to date.

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ITS OFFICIAL!

It was a monumental weekend in many ways! After months of passing back and forth, endless revisions and consultations with senior board members, the final draft of the official By-Laws have been submitted to the senior board of directors to be reviewed and voted on. Aimee Murray, from Missouri University, has been the driving force behind the bylaws with diligent help of various board members on specific parts. With finished by-laws, it was finally time to nominate and then vote on officers. After little discussion and unanimous decision, the following officer positions were filled, and will be served for a one-year term:

**President:** Aimee Murray  
Missouri University ’18, DPT

**Vice President:** Tyler Kallasy  
Utica College ’18 DPT

**Secretary:** Sara Essler  
Texas Tech UHSC ’18 MS OT

**Treasurer (Interim):** Tyler Kallasy

**Public Relations:** Heather W. Jones  
Stockton University ’18 B.S. Health Sciences

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!

FAREWELL FOR NOW

Graduation brings along retirement of 3 board members. A total of five out of seven members of the board were able to make the trip to St. Louis, while the final two members attended the work sessions via conference call. While the weekend served as a celebration of a successful year, it also served as farewell to three directors who will be stepping down as they graduate from their respective programs and go on to make the health care world a better place. Collin Peterson, Lee Drown and Sara Milligan have served the board for an entire year, and will certainly be missed! They have played an integral role in past initiatives and success as well as a noteworthy role in the future of the assembly. We wish all three of you the best of luck with your future endeavors, and trust that you will make a difference regardless of where you take your professional paths.
MANIFEST DESTINY

After discussing how the ASAHP has impacted their lives in the past year, the student board also looked back at their original short- and long-term goals that were created prior to presenting at the 2017 Annual Conference in New Orleans. With “expansion” being one of the major focuses of the Student Assembly, it was deemed appropriate to have a new goal of establishing twelve chapters at ASAHP affiliated campuses within the next year. The locations of these chapters would be based on the work of newly nominated chapter liaisons, and other interested schools, deans or students. In addition to a monthly newsletter and updated Student Assembly section on the ASAHP website, the board established a few more long-term goals including, but not limited to: (1) Establish regular regional events (2) expand research symposium at the national conference to include student presentations (3) establish scholarships and awards for student members and leaders (4) develop a student section in the ASAHP Journal of Allied Health.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

We entered the weekend with seven board members, and left weekend with eight! With the pending retirement of three founding members, the board decided a few months back that it was time to reach out to member deans and affiliated institutions around the country for new additions to the family. Starting in early March, with the help of ASAHP Director of Legislative Affairs and Program Services, Jacoby Lawrence, letters were sent out to asking for nominations to fill the seats on the board of directors. After receiving a substantial amount of nominations nationwide, the board reviewed applications in detail to choose the most suitable individuals to serve as fellow directors of the Student Assembly. It is with great pleasure to announce the addition of four new members to the Student Assembly Board of Directors. These individuals will serve a two-year term on the board, with eligibility for re-election for a second term (right).
Thank You!

The Student Assembly Board of Directors would like to extend their gratitude to all fellow members of the ASAHP. The experience over the past year has been rewarding in so many ways. The past year has been full of persistence, hard work and flexibility, but has also brought with it plenty of success. With the commencement of the first spring meeting, the board is motivated to continue the momentum and take the ASAHP-SA way beyond the goals that have been established.

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