ASAHP ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Association’s 2017 election are as follows:

Secretary (two-year term):
Ruth Welborn (Texas State University)

Board of Directors (three-year term):
Craig Jackson (Loma Linda University)
Phyllis King (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
Brian Shulman (Seton Hall University)

Nominations & Elections Committee (two-year term):
Andrew Butler (Georgia State University)
Carolyn Giordano (University of the Sciences)
Cesarina Thompson (American International College)
Jon Williamson (University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center)

President-Elect Susan Hanrahan (Arkansas State University) will be the next ASAHP President.

Current President Linda Petrosino (Ithaca College) will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for one year as Immediate Past-President.

Terms of all individuals listed in this issue of the ASAHP UPDATE officially become effective at the close of the Annual Conference on October 20, 2017.

ASAHP AWARDS

The following individuals will be honored as ASAHP Fellows during the 2017 Annual Conference:

Jimmy Cairo (Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center--New Orleans)
Charles Gulas (Maryville University of Saint Louis)
Elizabeth Protas (University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston)
Charlotte Royeen (Rush University Medical Center)

Award winners in other categories of honors are being notified of their selection. Their names are scheduled to appear in the next issue of the ASAHP UPDATE.

2017 ASAHP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

Readers of the ASAHP UPDATE are requested to mark their calendars and plan on attending this important event. Apart from an Awards Dinner, opportunities to engage in networking and a Town Meeting to discuss key issues, the event will feature several plenary session presentations, along with a series of approximately 100 presentations both in concurrent sessions and at a poster session.

Today is the last day to register at the early discount rate before prices increase and also is the deadline to register as a sponsor, advertiser, or exhibitor.

Rooming rates begin 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=bf388d335877af5ebd95f3e0c80593d5 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.

NEXT GENERATION RESEARCHERS

NIH launched the Next Generation Researchers Initiative to address longstanding challenges faced by investigators trying to embark upon and sustain independent research careers, and to take steps to promote the growth, stability, and diversity of the biomedical research workforce. The policy amends the definitions of, and policies supporting, early stage investigators (ESIs) and creates a new policy for early established investigators (EEIs), previously referred to as mid-career investigators. Policy details regarding implementation can be obtained at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-101.html.
HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program is a non-partisan opportunity that offers exclusive, hands-on policy experience with the most influential congressional and executive offices in the nation’s capital. Fellows participate in the policy process at the federal level and are able to use that leadership experience to improve health, health care, and health policy while advancing their own careers.

As many as six awards of up to $165,000 each will be made in 2018. The fellowship requires a minimum commitment of 12 months in Washington, D.C. The 2018-2019 Call for Applications (CFA) is open until Wednesday, November 15 at 3:00 PM Eastern Time. Additional information about the program can be obtained at http://www.healthpolicyfellows.org/apply/overview/.

MENTORED CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), in partnership with the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), invites applications for funding to support institutional career development awards designed to train clinician and research scientists to conduct PCORI research within learning health systems (LHS) focused on generation, adoption, and application of evidence in order to improve the quality and safety of care.

The Letter of Intent Due Date is October 6, 2017 and the Application Due Date is January 24, 2018 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

More information can be obtained at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=297101.

HURRICANE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

Hurricane Harvey had a devastating impact on students at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston whose homes, cars, books, and computers were destroyed by flooding. In response, the University has developed a Student Recovery Fund to assist these individuals.

The Fund offers a way to show support for these students in their time of need. Donor generosity will ensure that students can return to the business of being students, preparing to become tomorrow’s caretakers of our health, and tomorrow’s biomedical research pioneers. Contributions can be made through the website at https://alumni.utmb.edu/student-recovery or mailed to: UTMB Development Office

301 University Blvd.
Galveston, TX 77555-0148

SHARED DECISION-MAKING

A Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funding announcement promotes the targeted implementation and systematic uptake of shared decision-making (SDM) in healthcare settings, in line with PCORI’s goal of supporting patients in making informed decisions about their care. This initiative will support projects that propose active, multi-component approaches to implementing effective SDM strategies that address existing barriers and obstacles to uptake and maintenance, so that these interventions are effectively and sustainably integrated into practice.

Letters of Intent (LOIs) are being accepted through several PCORI Funding Announcements (PFAs). An informational town hall webinar on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 will offer applicants some advice on what goes into a successful LOI. The webinars apply to the following PFAs: PFA on implementation of effective shared decision making approaches. Also, users can learn how to navigate and use the application system, PCORI Online, through another webinar on Wednesday, September 20. More information can be obtained at https://www.pcori.org/events/2017/implementation-effective-shared-decision-making-approaches-practice-settings-applicant.

COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION

The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation issued a set of recommendations to guide health professions educators in moving away from the traditional time-based educational system toward a competency-based, time-variable system in which students advance after required competencies and skills have been mastered. The recommendations in the report Achieving Competency-Based, Time-Variable Health Professions Education stem from a June 2017 Macy Conference that brought together 39 health professions educators and experts in educational theory and reform, medical residents, and education and residency program accreditors.

The report outlines actionable recommendations in five areas, providing a blueprint for designing and implementing competency-based, time-variable health professions education systems. It can be obtained at http://macyfoundation.org/publications/publication/conference-summary-achieving-competency-based-time-variable-health-professions-education/