The Association’s Board of Directors met on October 19, 2017 in San Antonio, TX. The following actions were among those taken:

- The Minutes of a conference call on September 21, 2017 were reviewed and approved.
- President Linda Petrosino welcomed new Board Members Craig Jackson and Phyllis King, and thanked Directors Julie O’Sullivan Mailet and Director Teri Stumbo who are leaving the Board.
- Treasurer Gregory Frazer reviewed the financial state of ASAHP, which is positive, and provided an update on the Institutional Profile Survey (IPS) project, noting that it is conducted every two years. Membership institutions will be given this information.
- Strategic Planning Committee reports were provided by Board Members Barry Eckert (Interprofessional Education Committee), Barbara Wallace (Alliances and Partnerships Committee), and Julie O’Sullivan Mailet (Clinical Education Task Force).
- The Leadership Development Program will be offered in March 2018. The agenda and the call for applicants is forthcoming.
- President-Elect Susan Hanrahan, who became President when the 2018 Annual Conference ended on October 20, outlined her ideas for ASAHP’s future. The focus of her Presidency will be on the Mission with specific emphasis on interprofessional education, collaboration, leadership, research, and advocacy. Five committees will be created or revamped to include: professional education, alliances and partnerships, leadership, research, and advocacy. Chairpersons will be named later.
- A motion was approved to have Board Members work on organizational tasks.

ASAHP is pleased to welcome some new members that recently joined the Association. Additional information will be included in the next issue of the newsletter TRENDS. The members are:

- The College of Health Science and Public Health at Eastern Washington University. The Founding Dean is Laureen O’Hanlon.
- The College of Nursing & Health Sciences at the University of Vermont. The Dean is Patricia Prelock.
- Health Sciences at Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Inaugural Dean is Christopher O’Brien.
- HealthSouth. The Executive Vice President of Operations is Barbara Jacobsmeyer.

2017 ASAHP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A brief survey developed for the purpose of evaluating the 2017 ASAHP Annual Conference was sent to attendees on October 24. As a reminder, please respond no later than Wednesday, November 1.

Also, please mark your calendars for the 2018 ASAHP Annual Conference that is scheduled to be held on October 10-12 at the Vinoy Renaissance in St. Petersburg, FL.

The 2017 ASAHP Annual Conference that was held in San Antonio, TX opened with the showing of a video about major events that have occurred in the Association since its founding in 1967. Along with scenes of students working with patients at Ithaca College’s School of Health Sciences and Human Performance, perspectives are provided by:

- Linda Petrosino (President 2015-2017)
- Richard Oliver (Past President 2013-2015)
- Thomas Elwood (Executive Director 1993-2012)

The video can be viewed at http://www.asahp.org/asahp-at-50.
COLLEGE PRICING TRENDS

A new report, Trends in College Pricing, provides information on changes over time in undergraduate tuition and fees, room and board, and other estimated expenses related to attending colleges and universities. The report, which includes data through 2017-18 from the College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges, reveals the wide variation in prices charged by institutions of different types and in different parts of the country.

Of particular importance is the focus on the net prices students actually pay after taking grant aid into consideration. Data on institutional revenues and expenditures and on changing enrollment patterns over time supplement the data on prices to provide a clearer picture of the circumstances of students and the institutions in which they study. The report can be obtained at https://trends.collegeboard.org/sites/default/files/2017-trends-in-college-pricing_0.pdf.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

States funded and awarded about $12.4 billion in total student financial aid, according to the 46th annual survey from the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs, which is up 6% nominally and 5.8% adjusting for inflation. Both grant and non-grant student aid grew in 2014-15. Grants continued to account for the vast majority of student aid, almost 85%. The report can be obtained at https://www.insidehighered.com/sites/default/server_files/files/NASSGAP_Report_14-15_final%20(1).pdf.

HOSPITAL REGULATORY BURDEN

Hospitals, health systems and post-acute care providers spend nearly $39 billion a year on administrative activities related to regulatory compliance, according to a recent by the American Hospital Association (AHA). According to the report, the average-sized hospital spends $7.6 million annually to comply with federal regulations, equal to $1,200 every time a patient is admitted, and dedicates 59 full-time equivalents to the task, more than one-quarter of whom are health professionals who would otherwise be caring for patients. Physicians, nurses, and allied health personnel make up over one-quarter of the FTEs dedicated to regulatory compliance, pulling clinical staff away from patient care responsibilities.

The study can be obtained at http://www.aha.org/content/17/regulatory-overload-report.pdf.

CAREGIVERS AND PATIENTS

Millions of patients in the United States currently are coping with serious illness. Efforts are intensifying to improve overall care quality through the delivery of person-centered and family-oriented services for patients of all ages and across disease stages, care settings, and specialties. While aging Baby Boomers are increasing the proportion of patients in the Medicare population over time, the sickest and most vulnerable patients needing health system support and other services to meet their complex needs can be found across the age spectrum and in a broad range of care settings, from perinatal care to geriatric care.

Recognizing the need to consider and address challenges and opportunities in efforts to improve care quality and value, the Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine held a public workshop Integrating the Patient and Caregiver Voice into Serious Illness Care. A publication that summarizes workshop presentations and discussions can be obtained at https://www.nap.edu/read/24802/chapter/1.

STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER CONTEST

Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD), a publication of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is accepting submissions for its 2018 Student Research Paper Contest. The journal is looking for students at the high school, undergraduate, or graduate level and recent post-graduates to submit papers relevant to the prevention, screening, surveillance, or population-based intervention of chronic diseases, including but not limited to arthritis, asthma, cancer, depression, diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease. Manuscripts must be received electronically no later than 5:00 PM EST on Friday, February 23, 2018.

More information can be obtained at https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/announcements.htm.

ACA HEALTH REFORM

The latest effort to modify the Affordable Care Act came in the form of a bipartisan stabilization bill that was developed by Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee, and Patty Murray (D-WA), Ranking Committee Member. Their proposal was rejected by key Republican senators who presented their own version of the stabilization bill.