BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The ASAHP Board of Directors met in Milwaukee, WI on July 28-29, 2018. The meeting included Strategic Visioning Sessions led by ASAHP Past President Richard Oliver and a visit to the Aurora Research Institute. The following actions were among those taken:

➢ Minutes of the March 14, 2018 and the May 17, 2018 Board meetings were approved.

➢ Immediate Past President Linda Petrosino reviewed plans for the 2018 Annual Conference to be held in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 10-12 at the Vinoy Renaissance. The theme is “Allied Health Education on the Front Lines – Expanding Access to Better Health and Health Care.”

➢ Past President Oliver reported on the status of preparing basic rehabilitation workers for international countries. Data from a survey to various countries on training needs will be presented at the annual conference.

➢ President Susan Hanrahan briefed the Board on the “Consensus Statement - The Management of Medication by the Sports Medicine Team” on best practices for athletic trainers submitted by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), which is seeking ASAHP’s endorsement. A motion was approved to endorse the statement.

➢ President Hanrahan reviewed the statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. A motion to endorse the statement and present it to the membership at the annual business meeting was passed.

➢ Upon adjournment, Board Members toured the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee campus. They thanked Director Phyllis King for arranging both the tour and the visit to the Aurora Research Institute.

ASAHP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
In 2018, 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. Five 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 Christina Vivit of Saint Louis University, a student in physical therapy. Along with the scholarship, she will receive a complimentary registration to the 2018 ASAHP Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, FL, where she 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:
Christina Crowder--University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (Nutritional Sciences)
Felicia Duch--Quinnipiac University (Occupational Therapy)
Michael Jones--Nova Southeastern University (Physical Therapy)
Michael Kortbawi--Rutgers University (Health Care Management)
Nicholas Marchello--University of Kansas Medical Center (Dietetics and Nutrition)
Abigail Morales--University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (Occupational Therapy)
Alise Murray--University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Genetic Counseling)
Thuydiem Teresa Nguyen--University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas (Physical Therapy)
Madison Quinn--The Ohio State University (Respiratory Therapy)
Holly Reckers--University of Cincinnati (Speech-Language Pathology)
Whitney Vrha--University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (Physical Therapy)
INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

The Association is a member of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Council, a group of 20 organizations representing health professions (https://www.ipecollaborative.org). Each member has two participants. ASAHP, is represented by President Susan Hanrahan (Arkansas State University) and IPE Chairperson Anthony Breitbach (Saint Louis University).

The theme of the 2018 IPEC Council’s Summer Meeting, held on June 26th at the American Association of Medical College Learning Center in Washington DC, was “Advancing Collaborative Health Care.” The meeting had four parts: (1) IPEC updates on strategic plan implementation, (2) member updates regarding activities addressing the opioid epidemic, (3) keynote speaker Susan Dentzer from the Network for Excellence in Health Innovation (NEHI) and (4) presentation of the 2018 United States Public Health Service (USPHS) IPEC Award to East Tennessee State University (ETSU).

Updates were provided regarding existing IPEC programming and strategic planning activities. IPEC’s Interprofessional Dean’s Leadership Program (IDLP) has been expanded going forward to include dyads of the Dean/academic leader and their institutional IPE leader to participate together and renamed the Interprofessional Academic Champions Program (IACP). The 2019 meeting is scheduled for February 6-9, 2019 in Washington, DC and the call for participants will be posted in August 2018.

IPEC members updated colleagues on their respective efforts addressing the opioid epidemic and how they inform members. Some specific professions have competencies regarding opioid use/abuse in their educational standards. The IPEC is co-sponsoring an Interprofessional Addiction Education Workshop on August 16-17 with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Region 3. A call will be posted for a limit of 60 participants from this six-state area to be a part of this workshop to be held in Washington, DC. There also was an update on the National Academies of Medicine (NAM) Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-being and Resilience. Resources are available from NAM in the Clinician Well-being Knowledge Hub: https://nam.edu/clinicianwellbeing/

Keynote speaker Susan Dentzer, NEHI President and Chief Executive Officer (www.nehi.net), discussed that entity’s “Health Care Without Walls” presenting a challenging new vision for the future of the health system. She gave case examples of how more distributed care are already occurring in the United States. NEHI has developed 5 “work streams” to engage the greater system into this new paradigm: (1) technology, (2) payment/reimbursement, (3) federal/state regulations, (4) human factors, and (5) the health care workforce. A full report will be made available in Fall 2018.

The meeting concluded by recognizing East Tennessee State University with the USPHS IPEC Award for their program entitled “Interprofessional Communication to Prevent Drug-Abuse in Appalachia” and the ETSU Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment. The award was presented by Rear Admiral Pamela M. Schweitzer from the USPHS and followed by a presentation from ETSU faculty and stakeholders. Information on this program is available here: https://www.etsu.edu/cph/pdam/. The program is an excellent example of how an academic institution engages interprofessionally with its community to create systemic change and improve health outcomes.

ASAHP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Several opportunities exist for participation in the 2018 ASAHP Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 10-12 as a Sponsor, Exhibitor, or Advertiser. A description of the different types and fees for each of these activities can be obtained at: http://www.cvent.com/events/2018-asahp-annual-conference-support/custom-17-d79969acdfb54b6fa3cb31dc3f3f195e.aspx.

ONLINE COLLEGE RULE

U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos announced a two-year delay on an Obama-era rule governing state oversight of online colleges that was supposed to take effect this year. "State authorization" rules for distance education programs are postponed until July 2020, which gives the Trump administration time to write its own rule.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES

Michael Iwama, who currently serves as Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Occupational Therapy at Augusta University (formerly the Medical College of Georgia) recently was appointed to serve as the next Dean of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston.