BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Association’s Board of Directors had a conference call on May 2, 2019. The following actions were among those taken:

➢ The Minutes of a conference call on March 7, 2019 were approved as distributed.

➢ President Susan Hanrahan reported that the 2019 ASAHP Summit will be held in St. Louis on May 31, 2019 in partnership with Kindred Health Care and Saint Louis University; ASAHP will be represented at the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Meeting in Las Vegas in June with presentations by Association members; and the Clinical Education Task Force and Kindred Health Care will be involved in presentations at the AAHC 2019 Global Issues Forum on Strategic Partnerships on May 6, 2019 in Washington D.C.

➢ Treasurer Gregory Frazer reported on assets and investments, noting that for the 6th straight year an independent’s auditor’s report showed no findings of concern.

➢ The revised Institutional Profile Survey (IPS) involved 82 member institutions that participated in the study, which will be a topic at the Board meeting in June.

➢ President Hanrahan reported a MOU with CGFNS and ASAHP has been signed to delineate responsibilities toward the development of a global certification program for rehabilitation professions.

➢ The Journal of Allied Health Review Committee was charged with developing a succession/transition plan for the Editor and a mentorship program for Journal activities and organizational communication.

➢ The Finance Committee recommended no increase in membership dues or conference registration fees for 2019-2020.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
Each year, the Association sponsors the Scholarship of Excellence Program for allied health students enrolled in its member institutions. The purpose is to recognize outstanding individuals who excel in their academic programs and have significant potential to assume future leadership roles in the allied health professions. Each student chosen for an award will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

In 2018, ASAHP gave scholarships to 12 students. Five of these awards were provided by the firm of CertifiedBackground.com, a company that offers criminal background check and immunization status check services to member institutions.

The year 2013 marked the inauguration of the Elwood Scholar Award. Created by the Board of Directors and named for ASAHP’s former Executive Director Thomas W. Elwood who retired from that position in 2012, at the conclusion of the selection of the Scholarship of Excellence Award recipients, an additional review process will commence to identify the most outstanding applicant.

That individual will receive an additional $1,000 scholarship and a complimentary registration to the 2019 ASAHP Annual Conference in Charleston, SC where he or she will be recognized formally as the award recipient. All travel and rooming costs will be paid by ASAHP.

Only one candidate from each member institution can be nominated. All degree levels are eligible. An application form and additional information about criteria can be obtained at https://asahp.squarespace.com/scholarship/.

A key point to observe is that each application must include a letter endorsed by the dean or director who serves as the official ASAHP Institutional Representative that supports the nomination and describes qualities of the candidate. A letter from a chairperson or faculty member also may be included. The deadline for submitting an application and necessary information is June 7, 2019.
ASAHP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association’s 2019 Annual Conference will be on October 16-18 in Charleston, SC. The theme of the event is “Keeping Ahead of the Curve-Allied Health Education in the Evolving World of Health Care Delivery.” Interested parties are invited to contribute to the program by submitting abstracts to be presented in one of two formats: (1) Paper Presentation during a 35-minute Concurrent Session, or (2) Poster Presentation during a two-hour Poster Session. The deadline for submitting abstracts is June 14, 2019. More information can be obtained at http://www.asahp.org/2019-call-for-abstracts.

An opportunity exists to provide support as Advertisers, Sponsors, and Exhibitors. Additional information can be obtained at http://www.asahp.org/conferences.

HEALTH CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

The Clinical Prevention and Population Health Curriculum Framework is a product of the interprofessional Healthy People Curriculum Task Force. Each domain includes topic areas with examples and resources.

Component 1: Foundations of Population Health
Component 2: Clinical Preventive Services & Health Promotion
Component 3: Clinical Practice & Population Health
Component 4: Health Systems & Health Policy

Additional information can be obtained at https://www.teachpopulationhealth.org/components.html.

ACCREDITATION ACCOUNTABILITY

The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) issued a position paper on Appropriate Accountability for Accreditation and Federal Policy. The document updates and reframes the position paper on accreditation regulation originally released by CHEA in 2017. That initial position paper focused specifically on federal law and regulation in relation to CHEA’s three goals of accreditation as protecting students, advancing innovation, and sustaining accreditation’s strengths. The updated version broadens the focus by dealing with appropriate accountability for accreditation in relation to these goals and how suggested changes in federal law and regulation can be part of this effort. The paper can be obtained at https://www.chea.org/sites/default/files/other-content/Appropriate-Accountability-and-Federal-Policy-May2019.pdf.

TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT REDUX

Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives aim to resurrect Congress’s long-deceased science advice office. A recent House spending panel approved a fiscal year 2020 funding bill that includes $6 million to reestablish the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA). Originally created in 1972, it existed until 1995 when Republican lawmakers decided that it should be eliminated.

The OTA produced approximately 750 reports assessing potential promise and peril in a wide range of emerging fields. At its peak, 140 individuals were on the staff with a budget of $21 million when operations ceased. Resurrecting the OTA could help Congress understand technological developments and policy options to address.

STATE SNAPSHOTs

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) has redesigned its State Snapshot Advocacy Resource for 2019. New state-specific factsheets now contain data on certain federal research funding streams, projected workforce demands, and CGS-member institutions by Congressional districts, along with CGS data on graduate enrollment and degrees. The snapshots highlight points of interest for policymakers, campus leaders, and other parties with an interest in graduate education in each state. The resource can be obtained at https://cgsnet.org/state-snapshots-graduate-education-research-workforce?utm_source=CGS+News+Network&utm_campaign=2b6bb917f8-CGS_News_Network_5_1_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5fa324a391-2b6bb917f8-88931205.

ECONOMIC MOBILITY OF YOUTH

Sorting children into have and have-nots begins long before attending college, according to a new report from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce (CEW) in partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. It finds that the most talented disadvantaged youth don’t do as well as the least-talented advantaged youth. A child from a family in the highest quartile of socioeconomic status (SES) who has low test scores in kindergarten has a 71% chance of being above-median SES at age 25, but a child from a low-SES family with high test scores has only a 31% chance of reaching above-median SES by 25. The report can be obtained at https://1gyhoq479ufd3yna29x7ubjn-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/Born_to_Win_Schooled_to_Lose.pdf.