

## STATUS REPORT

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The Council of Academic Programs October 2001 Status Report noted that “New accreditation standards and new mechanisms of accountability have required our attention. Also, we have found ourselves facing a crisis related to existing and impending personnel shortages in our professorate.” Those two issues continue to be our main focus in 2002. Both topics occupy the main portion of the agenda for the annual conference in Palm Springs. They have dominated the discussions at meetings of the Executive Board and at meetings between CAP Executive Board and representatives of other organizations. Additional summaries and updates are included in the following sections.

- **Executive Board Membership.** In July, Rick Talbott will become the CAP President and Mick Hanley will become Past President. Harriette Gregg will continue as Secretary of the EB. Trish Hargrove continues as Vice President for Communications. Jim Mahshie completes his term as Vice President for Professional Development. Jim’s successor in July will be Brooke Hollowell. Others are completing terms of service on the CAP Executive Board. Past President Jerry Carney, Treasurer Mick McNeil, Vice President for Standards and Credentials John Saxman and Vice President for Research and Academic Development Kim Oller have contributed unselfishly and with a high level of competence. We are all very appreciative of their service. This entire team has worked very well together as dedicated advocates of the Council and its mission.
- **Corporate Business Meeting at ASHA Convention.** The Council held its corporate business meeting on November 14, 2001 in conjunction with the 2001 ASHA Convention in New Orleans. Representatives, faculty members and clinic coordinators from graduate and undergraduate member programs attended. Nancy Creaghead, current ASHA President, provided an update on the state of medicare funding and noted that the ASHA Foundation was winding down its capital campaign. The Foundation is ready to award funds for the education of doctoral students and research. Council President Hanley provided updated membership information and described Council activities with related professional organizations., Treasurer McNeil provided a report on the state of the budget, which is stable and balanced. President-Elect Talbott provided an update on political advocacy activities. Vice President

Trish Hargrove discussed the website postings of the *Proceedings* and *National Survey*. Vice President for Standards and Credentials John Saxman provided information on the process of transitioning to the new standards. Vice President for Research and Development Oller discussed current data on doctoral shortages and plans to address these issues through the Joint ad hoc Committee on the Doctoral Shortage and at the Annual Conference of the Council. Updates from other Council committees were provided.

- **Executive Board Meeting at ASHA Convention.** The CAPCSD Executive Board met on Wednesday, November 14 during the ASHA National Convention in New Orleans. Routine updates of interactions with ASHA, Napp and SID 10 were provided. The Executive Board discussed strategies for altering or refining bookkeeping and budget management procedures. The Council management firm (EAS) and Treasurer McNeil were charged to overview current budget and management strategies and report findings to the Executive Board at the Winter meeting. Other issues discussed were web page activities and management, site selection for meetings and credentialing/certification issues. Executive Board members provided reports relative to their respective areas of responsibility.
- **Winter Executive Board Meeting.** The Winter Executive Board Meeting took place on January 27-28, 2002. In addition to routine reports, the agenda contained discussions of political advocacy activities, strategies to improve coordination of the CAP, ASHA and SID 10 regarding data collection (i.e. surveys), credentialing and clinical certification issues, website transition, and of course, the doctoral shortage.
- **Nominations Committee.** Judy Brasseur, Nick Bankson and Jerry Carney served on the Nominations Committee. They have spent the year developing a fine pool of nominees for the Office of President-Elect and Treasurer.
- **Honors and Awards Committee.** Honors and Awards Committee appointees Steve Oshrin (Chair), Cindy Bartlett and Dianne Meyer submitted their recommendations for honors and awards to the Executive Board. The committee's recommendations were approved. Award recipients will be honored at the CAPCSD Conference in Palm Springs.
- **2002 Conference.** We will be returning to the Riviera in Palm Springs on April 25-27 for the annual conference. Vice-President Jim Mahshie and his hard-working planning committee have developed a very impressive conference agenda. Our thanks are extended to Jim (Chair), Brooke Hallowell (Assistant Chair), Nancy Alarcon, and Fran Laven (ex-officio) for their hard work. The theme of the conference is a "Focus on Action." Clinical and academic exchanges will relate to this year's issue topics addressing the doctoral shortage, standards, and diversity. The conference planning

committee derived these themes from evaluation and feedback comments submitted by members following the meeting in Sarasota. We have also scheduled the annual banquet for Friday evening rather than Saturday. We are hopeful that this format will facilitate and stimulate the development of interactions among members that extend to Saturday and beyond.

- **Board Meeting with ASHA Executive Board.** Representatives of the Council Executive Board and the ASHA Executive Board met at the in Rockville on January 13-14, 2002. Participants provided updates and comments current activities. Issues related to the doctoral shortage and the work of the Joint ad hoc Committee on the Doctoral Shortage were discussed. Additional updates were provided regarding activities of the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Assessment (Cheryl Scott), SLP Assistants Program Review (Kelly Appler), the Hearing Health Care Team Initiative (Vic Gladstone), CAA activities (Patti Tice), Praxis Exam. Test Development (Deb Busacco), and the potential role of SLPs in President Bush's Educational Plan (Julie Masterson).
- **Executive Board Meeting with AAA Executive Board Representatives.** A meeting with AAA EB President Angela Loavenbruck and CAP representatives Mick. Hanley, Rick Talbott and John Saxman took place on March 28, 2002 in Chicago. Current activities of the AAA and CAPCSD were summarized. The group discussed the potential for future joint activities to address common issues and concerns. A variety of topics were discussed including doctoral shortages, accreditation of AuD. Programs, certification/licensure concerns of audiologists and activities/philosophies of other professional organizations. President Loavenbruck noted that the AAA is moving forward with a commitment to establish accreditation standards for the AuD degree. Additionally, She expressed a commitment to develop improved performance based practice models. Currently, the AAA is working to acquire reclassification of audiologists that will allow access to MEDICARE funds to pay for audiological services. Representatives from both groups expressed a commitment to meet annually. The next meeting will occur in April, 2003 at the AAA National Office.
- **Meeting with CAPCSD and NAPP board members.** We will attempt to schedule a meeting with NAPP representatives at the annual conference in Palm Springs. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues common to both organizations and to provide updates on action items being pursued by both groups.
- **Joint CAP/ASHA ad hoc Committee on doctoral shortages.** The Joint Ad Hoc Committee on the Doctoral Shortage convened in Cincinnati, Ohio on November 30-December 1, 2001. The meeting was chaired by Kim Wilcox and Kim Oller. The committee was charged to develop a strategic plan that will increase the total number of doctoral students and recruit and retain

faculty in the discipline of communication sciences and disorders. Kim Oller , CAP Vice President for Research and Development and Cheryl Scott, ASHA Vice President for Academic Affairs worked very hard to assemble reports and a data set from which deliberations were derived. At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee had proposed four overriding strategies for the strategic plan: I. Direct Recruitment Strategies for Students, II. Retention and Mentoring of Students and Faculty. III. Alternative Educational Models and IV. Funding for training, recruitment, curricular innovation and visibility. Additionally, the ad hoc committee initiated the development of a survey sent to doctoral programs regarding relevant issues. At the present time, over 85% of the surveys have been returned.

The Committee proposed that information must be presented and issues discussed with representatives of academic programs. As a result of that proposal, a focused meeting has been scheduled during the CAP meeting in Palm Springs. Member representatives and directors of doctoral granting institutions have been invited to this important meeting.

- **Leadership in Higher Education: Political Advocacy.** The EB, reflecting input from the membership, is committed to develop a more proactive posture and influence in the political arena. In order to accomplish this, the EB (following the initiative put forth by Rick Talbott) is establishing a state by state network and a CAP liaison from each state. This network is charged to develop data on politicians and other influential individuals who might become sensitized to and act for the higher education interests of the CAPCSD. Rick has made contact with several individuals in each state, and the response to this request has been very positive and enthusiastic.
- **Conference Proceedings, Salary Survey and National Survey.** All editions (after April, 2001) of the conference proceedings, salary surveys, and national surveys are published **only on line** and located and accessible to members and other interested parties on the CAPCSD website. The work of the Communications Committee (Trish Hargrove, Rick McGuire, Colleen O'Rourke, Wayne Swisher), the Demographics Committee (Roy Shinn, Don Goldberg, Mikael Kimelman, Cheryl Messick) and the Webmaster (Maurice Mendel) is deeply appreciated. The 2000-2001 Demographic Survey of Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders contains very important and useful information regarding and for the benefit of CAP member programs.

**NOTE: Minutes of the Executive Board meetings are posted on the Council website.**