

TO: Members, Council of Academic Programs in CSD

FROM: Julie Masterson, President

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Greetings, everyone,

I hope your summer is off to a good start. I wanted to give you an update on the recent activities of the Council. At this time, we have 261 members, including 94% of the graduate programs and 44% of the undergraduate-only programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Don't forget that membership fees are due to the Council office by July 1.

First.... the Fall Business Meeting will be held in Boston on **November 14 at 5:30 p.m.**, so please make your travel arrangements to attend. You will absolutely want to be there... we will devote the majority of the meeting to discussion of the **Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application System (CSDCAS)**.

We have several initiatives currently underway, and the monitoring officers reported on these at the Business Meeting in Palm Springs. Minutes from this meeting are posted on the Council website ([http://www.capcsd.org/minutes/MembershipMtgMin\\_Apr2007.pdf](http://www.capcsd.org/minutes/MembershipMtgMin_Apr2007.pdf)), and I encourage you to take a look. I'd like to highlight a few additional developments that have occurred since the conference.

#### Executive Board

I'm pleased to tell you that Mikael Kimelman is our new President-Elect, and Ellen Reuler was elected to another term as Council Secretary. Mikael has done an incredible job in his role as VP-Communications, and I want to express the Council's appreciation in particular for his efforts related to the Higher Education System. I'm thrilled that Cheryl Messick has agreed to serve as our new VP-Communications, beginning July 1. A shift in presidential roles also will occur at that time. Celia Hooper will begin her term as Council President, and Richard Hurtig will complete his duties as Past-President. Richard's dedication, loyalty, and service to the Council are incredible. He has worked tirelessly on important issues such as accreditation and the Summer Institute and will now continue to serve as chair of the planning committee on CSDCAS. Kenn Apel completed his term as VP-Professional Development, and attendee feedback regarding the 2007 conference in Palm Springs indicates that he and his team of Larry Small and Linda Louko did an outstanding job. Larry joins the board as VP-Professional Development, Linda will continue on the conference planning committee, and Judy Vander Woude has agreed to serve as Assistant Program Chair. Executive Board members who'll continue service through 2007-08 include Lisa Mendel (Treasurer), Ilsa Schwarz (VP-Standards and Credentials), and Rob Fox (VP-Research and Academic Development). As always, France Laven continues to keep board members on track and Council business running smoothly.

## Resolutions

Attendees at the Palm Springs business meeting voted to send two resolutions to the membership, and both were passed. Resolution 2007-2 indicates that the CAPCSD will form a committee to review a) the support for specified numbers of clinical clock hours of client/patient contact as the exclusive vehicle for certification purposes, and b) the efficacy of including a variety of other forms of clinical training for the purpose of developing clinical skills and report to CAPCSD possible alternatives that could ease the burden of 400hrs/student yet assure quality pre-graduation clinical preparation. VP Schwarz will be assembling this committee and giving them their charge within the next few weeks. We will have a progress report for you at the November Business Meeting in Boston.

Resolution 2007-3 indicates that the Council should continue to use our resources to encourage CAA and ACAE to work together to establish a single, accrediting body. Over the past two years, CAPCSD hosted three meetings with representatives from the AAA, ASHA, CAA, and ACAE. Following the last meeting, which occurred in October, 2006, individuals from CAA and ACAE developed a White Paper outlining issues needing to be addressed. The paper was disseminated to the professional organizations and accrediting bodies late last year. We are asking ASHA, AAA, ACAE, and CAA to respond by the end of the summer.

## CSDCAS

This is such an exciting project! We have a contract with Liaison International to develop a centralized application service for clinical graduate programs in CSD. We will be appointing members of the planning committee over the next two weeks and will post the names when finalized. Please visit <http://www.csdcas.org/> to find out more information. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to email me ([JulieMasterson@MissouriState.edu](mailto:JulieMasterson@MissouriState.edu)); I'll be the monitoring officer for this project.

## Summer Institute in CSD

The first-ever CSD Summer Institute (SICSD) is currently underway at The University of Iowa. Thirty-one doctoral and two post-doctoral participants from 22 programs are participating. The students can earn up to four graduate credits in a consolidated four-week period between June 18-July 13, 2007. Courses include the following:

- Anatomy, Physiology, Biomechanics & Acoustics of Voice (Jerald Moon, Fariborz Alipour, Ingo Titze, instructors)
- Cochlear Implants: Neurophysiology and Speech Perception (Paul Abbas, Christopher Turner, instructors).
- Molecular Genetics and Human Speech, Hearing and Language Disorders (Jeff Murray, Jonathan Bjork, Bruce Tomblin, instructors).
- Connectionist Models in Explanations of Language Processing and Production (Jean Gordon, Gary Dell, instructors)

In addition to didactic lectures during the day, evening lectures and workshops are also being given. Congratulations to VP Rob Fox, Past-President Richard Hurtig, and their

planning committee for putting together such an impressive program. For details on the SICSD, visit <http://www.shc.uiowa.edu/wjshc/enews.html>. The 2008 SICSD will be held at The Ohio State University.

### LOEx

We announced at our meeting in April that Pam Mitchell had agreed to serve as Editor for the Learning Object Exchange. We are currently developing an RFP for the development of the infrastructure and user interface for the LOEx. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Pam at [pr.mitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:pr.mitchell@yahoo.com).

### Surveys

Following intense work by VP Kimelman and the Communications Committee (Cheryl Messick, Paula Currie, Judith Vander Woude, and Jeffrey Cokely) the salary survey was launched and data were analyzed. Preliminary results have been posted on the Council web site and final complete data are pending. VP Kimelman has continued to work diligently with ASHA to design and develop the Council's surveys as part of the Higher Education System, which will be a comprehensive data collection medium for ASHA, the CAA, and CAPCSD. The Council's Demographic survey has nearly been completed. It is waiting for the completion of the survey instrument's help features and then a final review. Because of delays, the launch date for the Demographic survey has once again been postponed. Given the reality of the timeline new discussions are ongoing as to when the survey should be launched. Work on designing and programming the Council's Salary Survey has begun and will be completed during the summer of 2008. In addition to the Demographic Survey and the Salary Survey, John Ferraro and Jennifer Windsor have been working in collaboration with ASHA to design and develop a joint CAPCSD-ASHA doctoral survey. This survey is also in the final stages of development and will be ready to launch at a yet to be determined strategic time.

### Essential Functions Committee

As a result of a resolution passed last year, VP Schwarz established committee to work on the creation of essential functions for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. This committee included Jennifer Horner, Kathy Roberts, Robbie Jackson, Moira Mulligan, McKay Sohlberg, and Patti Johnstone. The committee collected material on essential functions from a variety of courses and presented their findings at the pre-conference workshop at the CAPCSD meeting in Palm Springs. The results of the discussion of the members following the workshop have been collated for further refinement.

### Clinic Directors Survey

The Clinic Director's Survey was distributed electronically in March to all Clinic Directors and hard copies were also available at the CAPCSD Conference in Palm Springs. The data from the survey are currently being analyzed and a report will be sent to clinic directors as soon as it is ready. We are hoping that the information regarding salaries, promotional opportunities, clinical faculty ranks, titles and other clinic information will be useful to clinic directors and departments as they plan and advocate for resources.

Committee members were Ellen Reuler, Ann Michael, Susan Moore, Linda Louko, and Gail Whitelaw. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ellen at [reulere@pdx.edu](mailto:reulere@pdx.edu)

Let me conclude by saying how very much I've enjoyed serving as President of the Council during the past year. I appreciate your giving me this opportunity. I've learned so much, and I'm really proud of the exciting initiatives that our board has developed. We just held our summer board meeting in Iowa City (so we could have a first-hand view of the SICSD), and additional information regarding some of these activities will be provided when the minutes are posted in a few weeks. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and I will see you in Boston in November.