

STATUS REPORT

OCTOBER, 2000

The Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD) has a full agenda this academic year. There are many important issues impacting academic programs that the CAPCSD is addressing and the Executive Board continues to seek independent solutions and to look for ways to collaborate with other groups to solve our common problems. The following highlight some of the Council's activities since we last met in April.

- **New Executive Board Members.** You elected Mick Hanley, President-Elect and Mick McNeil, Treasurer and under the new EB reorganization, the EB appointed Patricia (Trish) Hargrove, Vice President for Communications, John Saxman, Vice President for Standards and Credentials, D. Kim Oller, Vice President for Research and Academic Development and R. Jane Lieberman, Vice President for Professional Development. These new members joined Elaine McNiece, Past President, Rick Talbott, Secretary and me. There are many things that I could tell you about each of these Board members.... the most important to you is that they are hard-working, conscientious leaders and they all take their responsibilities very seriously. It's great to be working with them!
- **Executive Board Reorganization.** The CAPCSD Board reorganization has been accomplished with a minimum of confusion because of the outstanding work and cooperation of the new Executive Board members. The first Board meeting under the new governance and organizational by-laws structure was held during the summer and the transition has essentially been accomplished. President-Elect Mick Hanley, Secretary Rick Talbott, and Past President Elaine McNiece are currently completing the final task involved in the transition by revising the Policy and Procedures Manual. As you recall, the new system was approved to insure that the Council could aggressively address the ever-changing demands of higher education and allow the Council to be more proactive than reactive in achieving our goals.
- **2001 Conference.** At our meeting in San Diego, we shared with you the Board's decision to move the 2001 Conference from Charleston, South Carolina if the Confederate Flag issue was not resolved. As you recall, the Board first addressed the issue of the 2001 Conference in the Winter meeting last year. We negotiated a change in the contract with the Charleston Westin Hotel. The hotel agreed to allow us to move the conference without penalty if we would delay our decision until November 1, 2000. That is, the hotel would waive the cancellation fee if we would delay our decision until after the South Carolina legislature had an opportunity to solve the problem. The difference in the cancellation fee from April to November was a significant amount. The important point is that both the Board and the Charleston Westin were searching, in good faith, for a solution. The Board did not feel that we could meet in any state where a significant number of our members would feel unwelcome. The Westin agreed to the contract change because they were confident that the legislature would resolve the issue. Although the South Carolina legislature made a change, the hotel informed us in September that there would be no further action taken by the legislature this year. In our opinion, the flag issue was not resolved and acting from a Board mandate at the Summer meeting, the president moved immediately to find an alternate location. Finding a location in September for a

conference of 300+ attendees in the Spring and trying to have the conference on certain dates proved to be an impossible task. Vice President Jane Lieberman spent many additional hours reviewing different locations and finally found an alternate site, the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sarasota, Florida. Unfortunately, we were not able to keep the same dates and we tried to keep the same days, Thursday through Saturday because that is the schedule that most of the members prefer according to our conference evaluations. Here again, we had to move the conference back one day to accommodate our members of the Jewish faith. Therefore, the conference will be held from April 3-6, 2001 (Tuesday through Friday), rather than the usual Wednesday through Saturday schedule. Finding a “non-conflicting” date this late in the year inevitably was impossible. We have subsequently been informed that the Conference is scheduled at the same time as the California State Speech-Language-Hearing Association which means that some of our very active and valued members will be unable to attend the conference because of previous commitments. Naturally, we are very disappointed but we hope that every program will send at least one faculty representative to the conference.

The 2001 Conference Committee consisting of Jim Mashie, Assistant Chair and Vicki McCready and Susan Bartlett - both Clinic Directors, Frances Laven, ex-officio and Vice President Jane Lieberman are developing an outstanding program which is responsive to the input we received in San Diego. The two major issues are: Issue I. The New Standards: Impact on Curriculum and Issue II. The New Standards: Impact on Practicum. We will also have our usual, Pre-Conference Workshops, “How To’s”, Emerging Issues and Updates. Having resolved these problems, we are looking forward to another very successful conference. Special thanks to the Conference Committee and especially Jane Lieberman for the extra work required for this year’s conference.

Corporate Business Meeting at ASHA Convention. The Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders is scheduled to hold the Corporate Business meeting in conjunction with the 2000 ASHA Convention in Washington, D.C. Representatives and faculty members from all academic programs, both graduate and undergraduate, are welcome. Please plan to attend on Wednesday, November 15, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel, Meeting Rooms 12, 13, and 14. The Town Meeting for Scientists/Researchers will follow the Corporate Business Meeting in the same room.

Executive Board Meeting at ASHA Convention. The CAPCSD Executive Board will meet in Room 6, Washington Renaissance Hotel from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15, 2000. All Board meetings are open to members and we invite you to come and observe, if you wish. If you’d like to have an item added to the Board’s Agenda, please contact Jerry Carney by email at jcarney@utk.edu.

Council Membership Continues to Increase. WELCOME to our new members who have joined the Council since the last Status Report:

New York - Mercy College (Joan C Kosta, EdD)
Tennessee - Middle Tennessee State University (Kay R. Garrard, PhD)
Pennsylvania - East Stroudsburg University (Jane B. Page, PhD)
California - Biola University (Matthew H. Rouse, (M.S., M.A.)
Ohio - The College of Wooster (Donald M. Goldberg, PhD)

The Council currently has 248 member programs; 233 graduate and 15 undergraduate only programs. There are currently 17 graduate programs and 33 undergraduate only programs that are not members of the Council. We need your help. If you know of nonmember programs in your state, invite them

to our meeting at ASHA, introduce them to other members, and encourage them to attend our April conference. Our goal is to represent all higher education programs.

· **1998-99 Salary Survey of Undergraduate and Graduate Programs
Proceedings of the 2000 Conference.**

You should have received copies of both of these impressive documents in the mail. Special THANKS to current and former members of the Council's Committee for the Study of Demographics (formerly the Information Exchange Committee): Roy Shinn, Linda Petrosino, Trish Hargrove, Mikael Kimelman, Mick McNeil, Mary Ambroe, and Jane Lieberman all of whom made major contributions of time and effort to publish this first edition of the Salary Survey. Also included in your last mailing is *The Proceedings of the 2000 Conference*. We know you will appreciate the work of the Publications Committee. THANKS to Trish Hargrove, Richard McGuire, Colleen O'Rourke and Wayne Swisher. Additional copies may be purchased from the office: \$12.00 for member programs, \$25.00 for others.

· **Resolution Ballot Outcomes..** There were 244 ballots mailed and 119 (48.8%) were returned. I have included the actual vote count for each of the three resolutions.

Executive Board Action on Resolution 2000-1 (CAPCSD supports the development of innovative and/or alternative educational programs.) For-93, Against-19, Abstain-7

The Council is supporting the development of innovative and/or alternative educational/instructional programs through inclusion of multiple presentations in our continuing education/conference presentations.

Executive Board Action on Resolution 2000-2 (Seek additional information from ETS on student performance on the NESPA) For-114, Against-1, Abstain-3

A letter has been sent to the Clinical Certification Board (CCB) requesting them to join us in our petition. ASHA has indicated that they would welcome our assistance in convincing ETS that we need the information.

Executive Board Action on Resolution 2000-3 (Encourage cooperative efforts to facilitate the development of quality clinical doctoral programs in audiology at meeting of CAPCSD, ASHA and AAA.) For-95, Against-14, Abstain-7.

The Board will continue to promote the excellent communication between ASHA and the Council and the president will initiate an invitation to the AAA Board for a joint meeting to discuss matters of mutual concern and areas of future collaboration.

· **Executive Board Action on Working Group Reports**

The Board took positive action on all of the recommendations of the Working Group on Diversity. We reviewed and by motion, endorsed the recommendation for the establishment of a diversity award and asked the Committee on Honors and Awards to implement the recommendation. After considerable discussion, the Board asked the President to seek additional clarification about the intent of the recommendation on mentoring.

· **Working Group on Projected Personnel Needs**

At the request of Secretary Talbott, the Board discussed the establishment of a Working Group on

Projected Personnel Needs. By motion, the Board approved the establishment of the Working Group which includes two speech-language pathologists and two audiologists with Bob Turner as Chair. The Board also approved budget expenditures for a face-to-face meeting with a report to be submitted to the Board by the February meeting.

Joint Committee on Outcomes Assessment

At the request of the President, the Board discussed and approved the establishment of a Joint Committee on Outcomes Assessment. The President was authorized to invite representation from the ASHA SID 10, the ASHA Academic Affairs Board, AAA and NAPP. The Board also approved appointment of Brooke Hallowell as the Council's representative and provided funding for Brooke to attend a meeting.

Executive Board Resolution on the Quality of Doctoral Education in the Professions

The Board passed a resolution, proposed by Rick Talbott, requesting that ASHA take whatever steps are necessary to establish and maintain standards for entry-level doctoral education in the professions, specifically the postmaster's audiology programs and encourage ASHA to collaborate with the Council and other appropriate national scientific and professional organizations in this endeavor.

CAPCSD/ASHA Executive Boards Conference Call

We continue to hold periodic discussions with the ASHA Executive Board about issues of mutual concern. In our most recent telephone conference call last month, the Board updated ASHA on our activities (as reported in this Status Report). Members of the ASHA Executive Board identified the following issues for us: a decline in student membership in NSSLHA and ASHA Certification, an update on the status of the proposed SLP standards, Vice President Jan Ingham's visit to the U.S. Department of Education, the 2000 Research in Higher Education Mentoring Program which is part of the ASHA 2000 priority budget and an update on the National Association of Future Doctors of Audiology organization. Minutes of the conference call are available upon request.

NCATE Clarification. Given the recent discussion on the SID 10 listserv, I thought it would be helpful to reprint information from Past President Elaine McNiece's Status Report, October 1999 about NCATE accreditation.

There have been questions raised by member programs regarding the curriculum guidelines, standards, and process for programs in communication sciences and disorders when their institution is preparing for an accreditation review by NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education). The Executive Board asked that I follow-up on members' concerns. The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the specialty professional organization that initiates guidelines for and reviews special education programs within NCATE. Neither CEC nor NCATE have separate standards or guidelines for programs in speech-language pathology or audiology. According to an agreement established with ASHA in 1995, CEC accepts accreditation by the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association in speech pathology and audiology; consequently, the institution need only to submit a copy of its approval letter from the Council on Academic Accreditation. This should be submitted even though the program may be in a college other than education in the institution. (See page 92 of the *NCATE Program Standards, Program for Initial and Advanced Preparation of Teachers of Special Education*, available on the NCATE Web site <http://www.ncate.org>) The individual with whom I spoke at CEC is Margie Crutchfield, CEC/NCATE Liaison for Standards. She indicated a willingness to answer additional questions from program directors (703-620-3660 or margiecc@cec.sped.org).

Coming with your Directory

✓ **Call for Nominations for Candidates for the CAPCSD Executive Board**

We want to encourage you to submit nominations for President-Elect and for Secretary of the Council. If you are selected by the Nominations Committee, please respond affirmatively to Past President McNiece. You can make a difference and the Council needs your leadership!

✓ **Call for Nominations for Honors and Awards**

We need your help in identifying individuals who should be nominated for Council Honors and Awards. Please participate in this important activity of the Council by sending your nominations to Rosalind Scudder.

✓ **Call for Applications for the Singular Publishing Group Scholarship**

Last year we were honored to award the first Singular Publishing Group Scholarship which was designed for students enrolled in doctoral study to encourage projects that develop technological innovations. Dr. Sananand Singh initiated the award and we are seeking applications for this year's award.

I look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C. at the ASHA Convention. The Board is interested in hearing from you. Please let us know if you have any questions, suggestions and opinions, and concerns about our work on behalf of the Council. Finally, a very special THANK YOU to all who are working for your Council.

Jerry Carney
CAPCSD President