

## STATUS REPORT

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The Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD) was presented with many challenges during the past year. The annual meeting in Sarasota provided an excellent forum from which we could begin to address several important issues in CSD as they relate to higher education. 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.

- **Executive Board Membership.** The membership elected Rick Talbott as President-Elect and Harriette Gregg as Secretary of the EB. Harriette replaces Rick as Secretary. Trish Hargrove was reappointed to a two year term as Vice President for Communications. Jerry Carney, after a fine term as President, now serves as Past-President. John Saxman (VP for Standards and Credentials, Kim Oller (VP for Research and Academic Development), Mick McNeil (Treasurer) and Jim Mahshie (VP for Professional Development) complete the membership of the board. This team has worked very well together, and are dedicated advocates of the Council and its mission.
- **Summer Meeting of the Executive Board.** The Executive Board met on July 27-28, 2001. A variety of issues were addressed. The EB is investigating alternative models for web page management to ensure stability and continuity. The Joint Committee on Doctoral Education (comprised of members from CAP,AAA, and ASHA) compiled a set of recommendations and principles and submitted those recommendations to each of the three organizations. The CAPCSD EB, by motion, endorsed the recommendations of the joint committee. Rick Talbott and Jim Mahshie represented the CAPCSD on the joint committee. Rick will provide an overview of the recommendations at the Corporate Business Meeting in New Orleans.

John Saxman, Vice President for Standards and Credentials, provided an overview of the transition to the new CAA standards. The EB discussed issues related to the interaction between the CAA and the CAPCSD during the transition process. A Joint Committee on Academic Assessment has been established to provide materials, information and guidance regarding the implementation of the new standards for the CCC in speech-language

pathology (effective 2005) and Audiology (effective 2007). Representatives from the CAPCSD, ASHA, the American Academy of Audiology, the National Association of Preprofessional Programs and SID 10 will participate.

The EB engaged in discussions regarding revision of budgetary procedures, including mechanisms for submitting budgets and management of budget by the EB Treasurer and the Central Office.

Other business addressed at the EB meeting is presented below.

- **Nominations Committee.** Judy Brasseur and Nick Bankson were appointed to join Jerry Carney on the Nominations Committee.
- **Honors and Awards Committee.** Honors and Awards Committee appointees are Steve Oshrin (Chair), Cindy Bartlett and Dianne Meyer. A nomination form was submitted to members at an earlier date. Nominations will be accepted until January 1, 2002 and can be submitted directly to Steve Oshrin (Speech and Hearing Sciences, Box 5092, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, 39406-5092). 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.
- **Corporate Business Meeting at ASHA Convention.** The CAPCSD is scheduled to hold the Corporate Business Meeting in conjunction with the 2001 ASHA Convention in New Orleans. Representatives, faculty members and clinic coordinators from graduate and undergraduate member programs are welcome to attend this meeting. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 14 in Convention Center # 214 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Keep in mind that the ASHA town hall meeting of researchers will follow at 7:00 P.M.

- **Executive Board Meeting at ASHA Convention.** The CAPCSD Executive Board will meet in Convention Center Room # 214 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 14.. All board meetings are open to members. If you would like to have an item added to the agenda of the meeting, please contact Mick Hanley by e-mail at [john.hanley@wmich.edu](mailto:john.hanley@wmich.edu).
- **Executive Board Meeting with ASHA Executive Board.** Last year, the Council EB had a very useful and positive exchange with the ASHA EB at the ASHA office. Each group provided an update of current activities. Additional discussion regarding the doctoral shortage, outcomes assessment, medicare coverage of student-provided services, acquisition of useful data from the Educational Testing Service and exploration of other collaborative projects. We will again work toward scheduling a similar meeting this year to address these and other pertinent topics, hopefully before the annual Council meeting in Palm Springs.
- **Executive Board Meeting with AAA Executive Board Representatives.** A meeting with AAA EB representatives Dave Fabry and Angela Loavenbruck and CAP representatives Jerry. Carney, Mick. Hanley and Rick Talbott took place on May 5, 2001 in Chicago. Current activities of the AAA and CAPCSD were summarized. The group discussed the potential for future joint activities and joint committees that might address common issues and concerns. A variety of topics were discussed including doctoral shortages, accreditation of AuD. Programs, certification/licensure concerns of audiologists, support personnel issues and activities/philosophies of other professional organizations. Rick Talbott chaired a subsequent meeting with the AAA. We will attempt to meet again this spring to continue discussion of these and other issues in audiology (professional and higher education) which should receive the attention of both groups.
- **Meeting with CAPCSD and NAPP board members.** We will attempt to schedule a meeting with NAPP representatives at the ASHA convention in New Orleans. 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.** Kim Oller, as Vice President for Research and Academic Development, has been working very hard to establish a joint conference to seek mechanisms and strategies for addressing doctoral shortage issues as they relate to communication sciences and disorders. At its summer meeting the EB approved the appointment of Kim, Howard Goldstein, Ray Kent, Yvonne Sininger, and Anne Van Kleek as representatives of the CAP on this joint committee. Rick Talbott and Mick Hanley will also attend the Cincinnati meeting. ASHA committee members will join with our member representatives to discuss and propose next step actions that must be taken. The joint ad hoc committee was charged to

develop a set of strategies and proposed actions to address the doctoral shortage. Specifically, the work of the committee would lend to the development of a plan of action addressing the need to increase the number of doctoral level graduates, retain current faculty in educational settings, and educate students in the current climate of doctoral shortages. A meeting of the joint committee was scheduled for September 13-14, 2001 in Washington D.C. It was necessary to cancel the meeting because of the September 11 tragedy in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. The rescheduled meeting will take place in Cincinnati on November 30-December 1. Vice President Oller will present an update of the committee's plan of action at the Corporate meeting in New Orleans and at the Executive Board meeting during the ASHA Convention..

- **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 will attempt to establish a state by state network and a CAP liaison from each state. This network will develop data on politicians and other influential individuals who might become sensitized to and act for the higher education interests of the CAPCSD. President-Elect Rick Talbott, as sponsor of this initiative, has been charged to make initial contacts with individuals in each state (Presidents of state organizations, program directors). Rick has already received a very strong response from states across the nation. We hope that those who have not yet responded to Rick's request will do so soon.
- **Conference Proceedings, Salary Survey and National Survey.** As approved at the April 6 Business Meeting in Sarasota (Resolution 01.01), all future editions of the conference proceedings, salary surveys, and national surveys will be published **only on line** and located and accessible to members and other interested parties on the CAPCSD website. The Proceedings and Salary Survey are scheduled to appear online shortly. Representatives will be informed by email when the publications are on the website. The work of the Communications Committee (Trish Hargrove, Rick McGuire, Colleen O'Rourke, Wayne Swisher), the Demographics Committee (Roy Shinn, Don Goldberg, Michael Kimelman, Cheryl Messick) and the Webmaster (Maurice Mendel) is deeply appreciated.
- **Singular Scholarship.** The Singular Scholarship will be awarded at the annual meeting in Palm Springs. Program representatives should announce this scholarship competition in their respective departments.
- **Attached Fliers.** An "early alert" regarding upcoming meetings, singular scholarship information, a recommendation for honors and awards and a form for nominations for Executive Board vacancies accompanies the status report.