

## STATUS REPORT

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The Chinese curse, “May you live in interesting times” comes to mind when reviewing the many current challenges facing higher education in general and communication sciences and disorders in particular. These challenges are exacerbated by the continuing economic downturn (recession?) pressures that negatively affect almost all of our institutions. However, the one area that continues to provide encouragement and heightens the spirit is the consummate energy and dedication of our colleagues who are serving the Council in so many ways. The following summarizes some of the major activities of the Council since the last Status Report. Obviously, none of this would be possible absent the unselfish contributions of so many of our members and the Executive Board would like to applaud those who give of their time and talent toward fulfilling our goals.

- **Executive Board Membership.** The new Executive Board took office at the July meeting in Scottsdale. The following officers serve as the current membership of the Board: Mick Hanley, Past President; Rick Talbott, President; John Saxman, President Elect; Harriett Gregg, Secretary; Mick McNeil, Treasurer; Trish Hargrove, VP for Communications; John Ferraro, VP for Standards & Credentials; Jan Ingham- VP for Research and Academic Development; and Brooke Hallowell, VP for Professional Development. Maurice Mendel continues to do an outstanding job as our Web Master and we are pleased to continue our relationship with Executive Administrative Services, Inc., our professional management firm now headed by Frances Laven following the retirement of our long standing friend and colleague, Mary Ambroe.
- **By-laws Changes.** As you are aware the Executive Board recently submitted a By-laws change to the membership that would change the annual audit procedures used by the Council. The proposed change was approved by an overwhelming majority of those voting and thus will be reflected in publications of the By-laws and on the WEB page.
- **Joint Executive Board Meetings.** The Council and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association some time ago established a policy of having a joint annual meeting with representatives from each Executive Board. This policy has served as an excellent communication link and led to the initiation of several joint ventures on behalf of our respective members. For example, the joint ad hoc committee on the doctoral shortage in the discipline was an outgrowth of discussions started at such a meeting. To this end, the Executive Board has also initiated a similar annual meeting with the Academy of Audiology and recently entered into discussions with representatives of the

Council of State Association Presidents to set up such a meeting. The Council also continues to work and meet with representatives of NAPP on matters of mutual concern. It is anticipated that maintaining close communication and positive working relationships with related professional organizations will serve the Council well when matters affecting higher education in general and CSD in particular need cooperative advocacy.

- **Joint CAP/ASHA ad hoc committee on doctoral shortages.** As reported in the last update, this 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. The committee has been very active during the past year under the leadership of Kim Oller and Kim Wilcox with considerable assistance and contributions by the ASHA national office staff, Cheryl Scott, ASHA VP for Academic Affairs, Jan Ingham, CAP VP for Research and Academic Development and many others who have served on the committee. The work of this committee is very critical to the future of both professions and the committee members who participated in this endeavor are listed below. The committee met in July in conjunction with the CAP Executive Board and has been working on its final report since that time. An oral report of their recommendations will be given at the CAPCSD business meeting in Atlanta and will be available shortly on the WEB. This will obviously be a major agenda item for consideration by the Executive Board at its meeting in Atlanta as well. The importance of this endeavor to the Council is reflected in the planning of the annual meeting in Albuquerque this year. One of the three major themes of the meeting will focus on the doctoral and faculty shortages and the outcomes of the ad hoc committee's work.

**ASHA**

Members:

Noma B. Anderson  
Michael Chail  
Claire Melanie Schuele  
Kim A. Wilcox (Co-Chair)

Participants:

John E. Bernthal  
Nancy A. Creaghead  
Julie J. Masterson

ASHA Staff Liaison:

Debra Busacco

**CAPCSD**

Members:

Howard Goldstein  
Janis Costello Ingham  
Co-Chair)  
Raymond Kent  
Anne van Kleeck  
D. Kimbrough Oller  
(Co-Chair)

Participants:

John M. Hanley  
Richard E. Talbott

- **Leadership in Higher Education: Political Advocacy.** As reported to the membership at the last corporate meeting and in the last update, a major initiative for the Executive Board over the past year has been to establish a political action network across the country. The ultimate goal of this initiative

is to have a representative of the Council in every state that would serve as the liaison between the Council and the local political leaders. Work continues on this endeavor under the leadership of Mick Hanley, Past President and updates on the efforts in this regard will be presented at Council meetings.

- **Publications/Communication Initiatives.** Trish Hargrove continues to do an excellent job coordinating the publications and information disseminations for the Council. Everyone should keep an eye out for the new look of the Council WEB page. We are changing the format and hopefully this will help in both the aesthetics and the functionality of our WEB services. The Proceedings of the national conference will go out the first week in November, so look for them shortly thereafter. Trish has also been investigating the feasibility and practicality of the Council launching an on line journal. She will be reporting to both the Executive Board and the members at the business meeting in Atlanta and we look forward to receiving her report. We want to especially thank Maurice Mendel for the excellent work on the WEB site that he continues to provide the Council. He has been very generous with his time and dedication to this effort and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. While we are on the WEB services, for those who are new representatives to the Council, please make sure to add your names to the Council Forum and avail yourselves of the Forum. If you have any questions in this regard please contact us.
- **Executive Board Member Nominations.** Past President, Mick Hanley is the Chair of the Nominations Committee for the Council. The Call for Nominations form is included with this status report and must be submitted to Mick Hanley on or before January 1, 2003. Two offices will be open for election this coming year. The office of President-Elect and the office of Secretary are open for nominations.
- **Honors and Awards.** The Honors and Awards Committee for 2002-2003 has been approved by the Executive Board. Elaine McNiece will chair the committee. Dianne Meyer and Colleen O'Rourke will serve on that committee. The committee will make recommendations for the following: Award of Appreciation, Diversity Incentive...and Honors of the Council.
- **2003 Conference.** The Council continues to provide an excellent program for its members each spring and this years meeting in Albuquerque will be no exception. VP for Professional Development, Brooke Hollowell, Bob Novak, Asst. Chair, and Ellen Reuler, the At-Large member are all busy putting together another outstanding program. Each year the annual meeting brings program chairs, clinic directors, and faculty together to hear presentations from experts in topic areas of importance to higher education and to share information and network with others from across the country. This year's meeting will be at the Sheraton Hotel next to Albuquerque's famous Old Town and will provide opportunities to enjoy the southwest ambiance. Brooke will also update us on plans for the meeting at the business meeting in Atlanta.

- **Minutes of Meetings.** Please recall that all minutes of the Executive Board and the Corporate Business meetings are filed on the WEB page and available for our members to review. In addition, the members of the Executive Board invite anyone with suggestions for improving any of the Council's activities to please contact any of us. Our contact information is also located on the WEB page.
- **See you in Atlanta.** We look forward to seeing everyone who is able to attend the business meeting in Atlanta. **The Corporate Business meeting will be held in the Georgia World Congress Center- Room B308, Wednesday November 20 at 5:30 pm.** Safe trip to everyone and please keep in touch.

Rick Talbott  
CAPCSD President