

STATUS REPORT

OCTOBER, 2004

I suspect that the beginning of the new academic year, ASHA approaching, and a multitude of other activities finds us not wanting for extra reading. I hope that you will be able to find a few minutes to read this status report, and to share it with your faculty and staff. As always, this report reflects the hard work and commitment of your colleagues, working on behalf of CAPCSD. As you read this status report, you will be impressed, as am I, with the many activities with which members of the board, and other volunteers on behalf of the Council, pursue outcomes that will benefit all academic programs. The following summarizes some of the major activities of the Council Executive Board during recent months.

- **Executive Board Membership.** Leaving the Board in July were John Ferraro (VP for Standards and Credentials), Jan Ingham (VP for Academics and Research), Mick McNeil (Treasurer), and Bob Novak (VP for Professional Development. Thanks from the entire CAPCSD for your commitment and hard work on behalf of the Council.

The Board welcomes newly elected President-elect Richard Hurtig, and Treasurer Dianne Meyer. In addition, Judy Brasseur, was appointed Vice President for Standards and Credentials, Julie Masterson was appointed Vice President for Academics and Research, and Vice-President for Professional Development, Rob Fox. They join returning board members: James Mahshie, President, John Saxman, Past-President, Nan Ratner, Vice President for Communications, and Amy Wohlert, Secretary. Amy's term of office will end shortly due to her selection as chair of CAA. Kenn Apel has graciously agreed to serve as the interim secretary for the remainder of Amy's term. Thanks, Amy, for your tremendous service to the board.

- **CAA update.** Past President John Saxman represented CAPCSD at the summer meeting of CAA held at ASHA headquarters in Rockville, MD. Among the initiatives discussed at that meeting was the status of the review of CAA's accreditation standards.

Jim Mahshie joined that meeting on Saturday to discuss the upcoming standards revision, and potential impact on academic programs. One significant outcome of the meeting was for CAPCSD, ASHA, and CAA to jointly endorse a meeting during the winter that would focus on quality indicators for clinical doctoral programs in audiology. ASHA and CAPCSD have financially supported three representatives of the Council to attend a series of planning meetings to design the conference. The representatives are Neil DiSarno, Lisa Lucks Mendel, and Jim Mahshie, The recently announced conference will be held in Ft. Lauderdale on January 14-16, 2005.

- **CFCC report.** Jim Mahshie represented CAPCSD at the CFCC's summer meeting. Discussed were a variety of topics related to certification and the current standards for graduates of academic programs. A report was given by John Bernthal and Sharon Goldsmith on the status of the recently enacted quadrilateral agreement. One topic of great interest involved the qualifications for supervisors of practicum hours that can be applied to certification. Together with Mike Moran, chair of CAA, it was decided that it would be desirable to form a joint ad hoc committee (CAPCSD, CAA and CFCC) to explore the issue of supervisor qualifications. This committee is comprised of Judy Brasseur and John Ferraro (CAP representatives), Fred Britten and Ellayne Ganzfried (CAA representatives), and Pamela Jackson and Rebecca Weaver (CFCC representatives). This committee is working to provide recommendations early in the new year.
- **Survey update.** The Council's Committee for the Study of Demographics conducted its survey in 2004. In an effort to use resources efficiently, this year's survey combined the demographic survey (that has been conducted since the early 1980s) and the salary survey (last conducted in the late 1990s). For the first time the survey was administered on-line.

The University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) of the University of Pittsburgh created the on-line version of the instrument and managed the data generated from the survey. The instrument was e-mailed to all CSD academic programs in late April. The Committee met in July to analyze and draft a written summary of the findings. All data were not available at that time and the Committee is continuing to work on the report, which will be published on the Council website later this fall.

- **Priorities of the Board for the upcoming year.** The Board has discussed a number of priorities for the upcoming year. At the very top of the list is a renewed focus on pedagogical issues (note the topics to be covered at the annual conference in April). Additionally, the Board will continue its effort to explore international collaborations. The interaction of CAPCSD with related professional organizations is an important function of the Executive Board. Thus far the CAPCSD Board has been involved with joint board meetings with representatives from AAA and CSAP, and will soon meet with the ASHA Board (see item below for details). The work initiated a number of years ago on the doctoral shortage is continuing, along with an effort to help Ph.D. programs establish quality indicators that can be used in self study to enhance and improve Ph.D. education. The Board is also exploring ways of improving technology use within the organization, with particular focus on the annual survey and online data entry for the directory.
- **International Initiative.** The ad hoc committee on international membership in the Council has begun preliminary work to explore ways that CAPCSD might interact with academic programs throughout the world. In addition to these preliminary efforts, Past President John Saxman attended the recent conference of

the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics in Brisbane, Australia and met with Chairs of all of the Australian programs, in addition to those program chairs from Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, and Brazil that were in attendance. While in Brisbane, he attended the signing of the quadrilateral agreement between ASHA and the associations in the United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada. This important agreement will facilitate portability of credentials among the four countries. John will report on the outcome of these meetings at the Business meeting in November.

- **Joint Executive Board Meetings.** Past President John Saxman and President Jim Mahshie met with Board members from the American Academy of Audiology (Richard Ganz, Brad Sachs, Gail Whitelaw, and Laura Fleming Doyle). At that meeting, a variety of topics were discussed, including the Council's pedagogy initiative, issues surrounding accreditation, and the shared goal of enhancing the quality of clinical doctoral programs.

A teleconference with Lisa O'Connor and Ellayne Ganzfried, board members of the Council of State Association Presidents (CSAP) focused on a number of issues. Most significant amongst them was the status of Speech Pathology Assistants in many states, and the need for some degree of regulation of training of these professionals. Also discussed was the importance of involvement in state associations by members of the academic community, and the need for a coordinated effort to facilitate state licensure changes so they are consistent with current certification requirements.

Members of the Board are scheduled to meet with the ASHA Executive Board in late October. Among the issues to be discussed are: the joining of CAPCSD and ASHA survey initiatives, efforts to modify state licensure laws to be consistent with current certification standards, training and licensing of speech therapy and audiology assistants, supervisor qualifications, and the impact of accrediting initiatives (CAA, ACAE) on academic programs. Details of this meeting will be given at the CAPCSD General Business Meeting at ASHA.

- **Annual Conference 2005– Scottsdale.** This year's CAPCSD meeting will be in Scottsdale Arizona on April 13 to 16, 2005. Program Chair Rob Fox, Assistant Chair Colleen O'Rourke, at-large member, Barbara Solomon and Office Staff member Frances Laven have been working to finalize the program. The theme for the 2005 CAPCSD Conference is "Facing the Future" and it will address issues and challenges that our disciplines face over the next few years. Some of the highlights of the Conference (some details are subject to change) are as follows:
 - This year, the "preconference" will be replaced by an optional **short course** held on Wednesday afternoon, April 14, 2005. The short course will be moderated by Ro Scudder and will address effective and innovative strategies for professional education in communication sciences and disorders.

- There will again be three “main” issues addressed at the conference, which begins Thursday morning. **Issue I** features Alex Johnson and Bob Novak discussing the current and future challenges related to the academic and clinical preparation of students. **Issue II** addresses increased globalization of our professions in terms of international cooperation, training and research and will be presented by Michael Robb and Gina Tillard. **Issue III** will again feature one session addressing the needs of program directors to be hosted by Ed Conture and Cheryl Messick (Increasing Program Resources and Improving Resource Management) and a concurrent session addressing the needs of clinic directors to be hosted by Judy Brasseur and Liz McCrea (Remediating Poorly Performing Students).
- There will be a set of **Special Interest Roundtables** (e.g., Research Doctoral Program Roundtable, an Introduction to SID 10 and 11, HIPAA Compliance), a number of **Emerging Issues** (e.g., What should be the Qualifications of Clinical Supervisors in both SLP and AuD programs?, Should We Be Developing Clinical Doctorates in SLP? What is the Role of Academic Programs and Professional Organizations in Setting Competence Standards?), and a wide range of **Academic and Clinical Exchanges** (e.g., New and Used Chairs, New and Used Clinic Directors, CAA Updates, Increasing Diversity in Our Professional Programs).
- The Conference will again have the popular “Clinical Swap Shop.”
- **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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark your calendars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPCSD General Meeting – will be held in conjunction with the ASHA meeting in Philadelphia on November 17 Meeting Convention Center, 202A from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. • CAPCSD Annual Conference – Scottsdale, Arizona at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort Hotel. Dates – April 13 (preconference) to April 16, 2005. |
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Have a safe trip to ASHA. See you at the General Business meeting on November 17th.

James Mahshie
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