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STATUS REPORT

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Greetings, everyone. I hope your fall term is off to a good start. I wanted to provide an update regarding Council activities that have occurred since our April meeting in Sandestin.

Executive Board Membership

Leaving the Board in July were Jim Mahshie (Past President), Colleen O'Rourke (VP for Professional Development), Judy Brasseur (VP for Standards and Credentials) and Dianne Meyer (Treasurer). Thanks on behalf of the entire CAPCSD for your commitment and hard work on behalf of the Council.

The Board welcomes newly elected President-Elect Celia Hooper, Ilsa Schwarz as Vice President for Standards and Credentials, Kenn Apel as Vice-President for Professional Development and Lisa Mendel as Treasurer. They join the other returning board members: Julie Masterson, President; Richard Hurtig, Past-President, Mikael Kimelman, Vice President for Communications; Rob Fox, Vice-President for Research and Technology; and Ellen Reuler, Secretary.

CAPCSD Membership and Dues. We currently have 256 member programs: 236 graduate programs and 20 undergraduate-only programs. In addition we have 4 international member programs. I want to remind you that CAPCSD membership dues support the various activities of the council and that a few of you have yet to remit the 2006-2007 dues.

Surveys

The Council continues to work with ASHA on the development of a long-term integrated solution to efficiently survey member and non-member programs. When implemented, ASHA's Higher Education System (HES) will offer a wide range of on-line information gathering capabilities. One of the most significant features will be the ability of the system to share common information across modules. Thus, if a change in program director is reported via a Council survey that same information will automatically be updated in other information instruments (e.g., CAA annual reports, Graduate guide). Furthermore, information, whether shared or unique to one instrument, need only be entered once. The HES will retain that information and the next time you complete an instrument the information need only be checked for current accuracy. Of importance to all of us is that security measures will only allow cross-population of shared information.

Because the HES is taking longer to develop than anyone had thought, on September 16, 2006 the Council launched a MS Excel based salary survey. Member and non-member programs are strongly encouraged to complete and submit the survey by October 31, 2006. The survey can be downloaded at: <http://www.capcsd.org/capsurvey06.html>. Our ability to provide information about salaries that is relevant to all programs depends on our receiving a high response rate. In recent years, because of a low response rate, we have had to qualify the salary survey report. We implore you to make the time to complete the survey as soon as possible. The goal of the Communications Committee is to have a final report available on the Council web site at the beginning of 2007.

Bring in the Best

Tom Thunder and the committee members from CAPCSD, AAA, and ASHA have been working to collect contact information regarding individuals who are in charge of science fairs in each state. They also are developing a list of suggested steps to optimally ensure student participation at each level of the science fair system. We're finding that it involves more than simply offering a cash award! The plan is to have these resources available for CAP members by the end of the fall semester.

CAPCSD Conference, 2007

The CAPCSD Annual Conference will be in Palm Springs, California, April 11-14. The program is shaping up well. At this time, nearly all the speakers invited to present have said "yes". Highlights of the program include multiple sessions on one topic, clinical and academic swap shops that will allow participants to share what they are doing on specific topics, updates on changing standards, and specified time during the day allotted for networking. Details will be posted on the CAPCSD website.

Clinic Directors Survey

As the result of discussions at the Council meeting in April and in previous years, the CAP has established a committee to develop a survey for Clinic Directors to gather data on the administrative structures, responsibilities, salaries, benefits and promotional opportunities. A letter has been sent to clinic directors to solicit input for topics or issues to be included in the survey. An update will be presented at the CAP Membership meeting in Miami. We are hoping to get the survey out in February.

SLP Summit

CAPCSD, ASHA, CAA, and CFCC will be hosting a conference for programs that educate speech-language pathologists to explore, develop and extend paradigms for the preparation of successful speech-language pathologists of the future. Attendance will be limited, and programs will be invited to submit applications to participate. Participants will be selected on first-come-first-serve basis from those applicants to meet criteria of diversity of geography, program size, degree levels offered, public versus private institutions, and student diversity. The conference will be held February 1 through 4 in New Orleans, LA. Programs will receive an announcement with full details about the conference.

Learning Object Repository (Learning Object Exchange)

At the July meeting, the CAP Board felt that the LOR would be better labeled as the Learning Object Exchange since the learning objects will not be stored at a central location, at least initially. Instead, they will remain stored on the developer's site and the LOEx will link to those sites. The website for the LOEx has been developed by Doug Martin and the committee. The next step for the LOEx is to identify an Editor and Editorial Board. An email blast to program directors will be sent soon with Editor and editorial board member qualifications spelled out and program directors will be asked to distribute it to colleagues. The first task of the Editorial Board will be to develop the peer review process over the next year. In the meantime, learning objects can be put on the website to get it started. There will be an update on the peer review process at the CAP meeting in April.

New Form for Treasurer Support/Council Bookkeeping

In the past, the budget for the Council has been organized primarily by each officer's position on the board, and each officer has estimated a total amount of funds needed for the activities that occur under that position. This year, we have modified that format so that each initiative being undertaken by the Council has its own line item within the detailed budget. Each officer still estimates the costs for the activities that occur under his/her position, but this new format allows for more detail to be provided for each specific initiative. The board also voted to move approval of the annual budget from the July board meeting to the April board meeting each year. This shift in timing will allow the annual budget to be in place when a new Treasurer comes on board in July on alternate years.

Accreditation Talks

The Council hosted the third facilitated meeting on accreditation in Chicago September 28 and 29. Representatives from CAPCSD, AAA, ASHA, CAA, and ACAE attended. Efforts to maximize collaboration in accreditation continue.

Summer Institute

The Summer Institute in Communication Sciences and Disorders (SICSD) will be offered for the first time in the Summer of 2007 on the campus of the University of Iowa. SICSD will offer four graduate-level courses for PhD students: Advanced Speech Science (to be taught by Ingo Titze, Jerry Moon, and Fari Alipour), Genetics and Molecular Biology (to be taught by Richard Smith, Jeff Murray and Bruce Tomblin), Cochlear Implants: Neurophysiology and Speech Perception (to be taught by Chris Turner and Paul Abbas), and an Advanced Language Science course that focuses on work in psycholinguistics and language acquisition from a connectionism/statistical learning models viewpoint (instructor to be announced). A webpage will be established on the Council's website providing updated information on the SICSD.

Committees on Nominations and Elections

Nominations are needed for the positions of President-Elect and Secretary of the Council. Please submit recommendations for nominees for either or both of the Executive Board positions by January 26, 2007 to Richard Hurtig (richard-hurtig@uiowa.edu).

Each year, the Honors and Awards Committee recommends to the Executive Board the names of individuals to receive the Council's Honors & Awards. The awards with their descriptions are listed on the Council's web page. Please submit recommendations for nominees for any or all of these awards by January 12 to Richard Hurtig (richard-hurtig@uiowa.edu).

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Council meeting in Miami!

Mark your calendars

- **CAPCSD General Business Meeting – will be held in conjunction with the ASHA Convention in Miami on November 15, 5:30-6:30 pm at Loews Hotel, Poinciana 1.**
- **CAPCSD Annual Conference – at the Palm Springs Wyndham Hotel (Palm Springs, CA). Dates – April 11-14, 2007.**