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**STATUS REPORT**

Happy New Year colleagues! I hope your new semester has begun uneventfully and that your holidays went smoothly and joyfully. I bring you this Winter Status Report to keep you up to date on the work of your Board of Directors (BOD) and report some important news items and upcoming planned events. Your BOD has been hard at work and I am honored to be able to share the news about the fruits of their labor (albeit just a few highlights).

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND IOM'S GLOBAL FORUM ON INNOVATION IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

In late November, BOD members, Melody Harrison, Sarah Ginsberg, Jennifer Taylor, and I attended the Institute of Medicine's Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education. This Forum, which drew individuals from around the world, was focused on issues related to interprofessional education (i.e., "when two or more professions learn from and about each other to improve collaboration and the quality of care"). The BOD has recognized the importance of interprofessional education and the growing need for members to understand and be informed about this type of educational model. As such, the Council is now a member of the IOM's Global Forum so that it has a voice at the national level in educational offerings and, potentially, policy decisions regarding interprofessional education. Not surprisingly, quite a few of our member programs already are actively involved in interprofessional education. Kenn and Patty Prelock will be reviewing these programs and discussing interprofessional education at our April conference.

**SEARCH FOR NEW ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY UPDATE**

As you know, the BOD has been in the process of searching for an Association Management Company (AMC) because Frances Laven, who has been our Executive Director for the last 25 years, will be retiring in June, 2013. As I write this update, the BOD is fresh from its return from a long Board meeting this past weekend that included interviews with our top three candidate AMCs. Across two days, we interviewed representatives from these three companies. The interviews were both enlightening and intensive. After a great deal of discussion, we narrowed the field to two of the

companies and called references for each. We now will be calling one of the AMCs later this week to ask a few additional questions and, barring any unforeseen surprises, we believe we will be entering into negotiations with that company to become our next association management company. We are quite excited for the process to be moving forward and positive with its outcome. Our intent is to be able to introduce you to our new management team and our new Association Manager/Executive Director at our April conference.

### **2013 CAPCSD ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Speaking of the conference, I assume you already have your bags partly packed for your trip to the April 17-20, 2013 annual conference in Phoenix. The registration form will be online soon. Information about the hotel is already available <http://capcsd.org/conference/registration.php> As you know, Vice President for Professional Development Jennifer Taylor and her outstanding team have put together a superb program based on the theme of "Putting the Pieces Together." I wanted to alert you to one special change for this year. Instead of the typical-style business meeting we have had in the past, we are breaking tradition! This year, on Saturday morning, we will be holding a new event entitled, "Framing CAPCSD's Future." At that business meeting, your BOD will present some innovative ideas and projects that we are considering targeting in the future and will be asking for your input on these. Please come and let your voice be heard.

### **HONORING FRANCES LAVEN**

Frances Laven has been an integral part of CAPCSD for the past twenty-five years. She has been there when we had questions, needed advice or a smile. Help us to honor Frances and her service to CAPCSD by sending us your favorite memory, words of encouragement and/or picture! We will be accepting these through March 15, 2012. Email them to Donna Colcord at [donnaco@bgsu.edu](mailto:donnaco@bgsu.edu).

### **OTHER UPCOMING BOARD BUSINESS**

This is the time of the year when you will be seeing calls from the BOD for nominations for open seats on the Board. This year, we will be looking to fill the seats of President-Elect and Secretary. Please consider whether you might wish to answer the call for nominations. Additionally, you will be receiving an email reminding you that you can submit a resolution any time, not just at the conference (though that is certainly welcomed). The process for resolutions can be found in our Policies and Procedures Manual at: <http://capcsd.org/about/historical.php> Finally, please watch your email box for a call for nominations for the assistant conference chair for next year. We are looking for an audiologist to join the conference planning team.

I close this update by letting you know that you have one heck of a phenomenal BOD! I am continually impressed with the amount of effort and enthusiasm that each member of this Board brings to his/her position. I am so honored and pleased to serve with them. When you see them at the conference, make sure you give them a high five or the equivalent!

If you are going, I look forward to seeing you at the conference. If not, please know we will post the Proceedings. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about any information in this Update or any other Council issues.

Sincerely,



Kenn Apel

Future CAPCSD Annual Conferences:

- 2013 - April 17-20, Phoenix, AZ
  - 2014 - April 9-12, Orlando, FL
  - 2015 - April 15-18, Newport Beach, CA
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<sup>i</sup> Committee of Deans of Australian Medical Schools (CDAMS). (2005). Submission by CDAMS to the Productivity Commission Health Workforce Review (Submission 49). Canberra: Australia Government Productivity Commission.