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STATUS REPORT

As I write this Status Report, I anticipate some of you are gearing up for summer school while others of you are heading out for summer vacations. Three guesses which of you I wish I was accompanying! Whichever situation in which you find yourself, I hope your Spring semester went well and that you had some opportunity for downtime to rejuvenate after exams and commencement. Below I provide you with some updates on news of the Council and the work of your Board of Directors (BOD).

CHANGES ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The elections are over, and we have a new slate of incoming elected officials who begin office on July 1st. Dr. Judith (“Judy”) VanderWoude is our new President-Elect. Judy is Professor and Program Director of Speech Pathology and Audiology at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. She previously served as the Council’s Vice President for Communications. Dr. Colleen O’Rourke (Georgia State University) has been elected to serve as the Council’s Secretary. Colleen currently serves as the Secretary, filling the last year and a half of Dr. Neil DiSarno’s tenure who resigned to take his position at ASHA.

The Council also will be seeing several members leaving the BOD, including Drs. Michael Kimbarow (Past-President), Jennifer Taylor (Vice President for Professional Development), Michael Flahive (Vice President for Standards and Credentials), and Richard Hurtig (Vice President for Student Development). On behalf of the rest of the Board and the entire membership, I wish to thank them for their tremendous work and contributions to the Council. They will be missed.

NEW ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY

As you know, Frances Laven, who has been our Executive Director for the last 25 years, retires June 2013. Starting June 1, 2013, The Council will have a new Association management company: JMS Association Management Professionals, located in Aurora, Colorado. Our new Executive Director is Dr. Mary Chavez Rudolph. Mary has a significant history with higher education, having worked at

the University of Colorado for some time. Other significant members of the JMS team include Josie Griffith and Scott Hall. Mary and the JMS team have been working with the BOD and Frances for the last few months to make the transition smooth. We look forward to a strong and fruitful relationship with JMS for many years.

2013 CAPCSD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In case you were one of the few who did NOT attend our conference this year, it was a smash! We had the largest attendance ever recorded – over 410 individuals! The preconference received rave reviews as did all the sessions of the main conference. We also had some wonderful social events, including the special tribute to Frances Laven on Thursday night. It seemed everyone appreciated the venue: the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort was a great space for meetings and for leisure activities. Sure, we had some bumps in travel for some attendees (e.g., American Airlines' computer glitch), but on the whole, it was an outstanding conference and one that will go down in the history books. So much of the credit for the success of the conference, other than to all of the presenters, goes to Jennifer Taylor, Chair of the conference, and her excellent conference committee: Lisa Scott, Donna Colcord, and Linda Milosky. Thank you to all of the attendees. We expect to see you again in Orlando next year!

POTENTIAL NEW INITIATIVES

At the Council's conference, the BOD discussed several potential new initiatives at the Saturday morning meeting. One of these was a Leadership Academy for future leaders. The idea would be to have one to two day academy prior to the annual conference to provide leadership training for new or future academic and clinical leaders. The Vice President for Research and Academics will be developing a proposal around this initiative. We also discussed the possibility of developing on-line training modules for basic knowledge and skills related to supervision, perhaps in collaboration with others, and offering them at no-cost to member programs. The Vice President for Standards and Credentials will be taking responsibility for exploring options around this initiative. Finally, we talked about the use of additional technology for the annual conference (e.g., providing all materials on thumb-drives). The Vice President for Professional Development will take the lead for exploring and implementing this initiative.

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

Last week, President-Elect Melody Harrison and I attended our second workshop of the Institute of Medicine's Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education. This workshop, which drew individuals from around the world, was focused on interprofessional professionalism in the context of interprofessional education (i.e., "when two or more professions learn from and about each other to improve collaboration and the quality of care"). Reflecting on the Forum, I was struck by several main take-away points. First, interprofessional education (IPE) is here to stay. It does not appear to be a "flash in the pan" so the Council's presence at this workshop and membership in the Forum is timely and crucial to ensuring that communication sciences and disorders is part of the national and international dialogue on this topic. Second, for many, particularly in the US, IPE involves the fields of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy. There seems to be difficulty thinking about others in the health sciences outside of those disciplines. Thus, it is good for the Council to be a presence on the Forum reminding all about the disciplines of speech-language pathology and audiology. Finally, there is much we can learn about IPE (e.g., how to teach it, how to create an atmosphere of interprofessional professionalism) from others, particularly from international colleagues. The BOD has added IPE formally to the responsibilities of the Past-President and will

be determining ways to help members learn more about IPE and highlight what current members are already doing in this area. Stay tuned.

Because this is my last Status Report as President, I want to mention that it has been my honor and privilege serving with an incredibly hard-working and dedicated group of colleagues. They have worked tirelessly and passionately on your behalf this year, a particularly demanding one because of the transition in management. I thank them all for their work, their dedication, and their good-humor. They are one-of-a-kind. I also wish to thank one last time Frances Laven for her many years of commitment to and passion for the Council. Across the 25 years, through her endless energy, she helped this Council grow. May she always know the depth of our gratitude.

Sincerely,



Kenn Apel

Future CAPCSD Annual Conferences:

- 2014 - April 9-12, Orlando, FL
 - 2015 - April 15-18, Newport Beach, CA
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ⁱ 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.