

President's Fall Report

It's difficult to believe that it's fall, but here we are! Below are the highlights of the Board's and Committees' work in the past few months. For more details, plan on attending the CAPCSD Business Meeting in Orlando on Wednesday, November 19th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Orlando Ballroom N at the Hyatt Regency Orlando. As usual, a cash bar and light fare will be available.

According to Elaine Mormer, Conference Chair, the Annual Conference committee has been busy planning for the 2015 CAPCSD Conference at the Newport Beach Marriot Hotel in Newport Beach, California, April 15-18. All invited speakers have been confirmed and the review of submitted proposals for presentations is underway. This year's conference theme is focused on leading the change necessary to be successful. Plenary sessions will address the challenges we encounter while working at the crossroads of higher education and healthcare. Invited sessions will highlight evidence-based practices in instruction across classroom and clinical settings. The committee has tapped resources from outside of CSD departments to address topics such as instructional design, online education, and clinical teaching models. There will be many opportunities for networking and discussion via facilitated chat rooms and information exchange sessions.

In addition to the Annual Conference, we have been working on this year's targeted initiatives. Over 30 proposals for the brand-new Current and Alternative Outcomes Grant Program are now in review. Look for the announcement of awardees in December. A call for applications for PhD Scholarships will be announced later this year along with the information and application process for the first-ever Leadership Institute. That institute will be held in Newport Beach before the annual conference. Please remember to complete the ASHA-CAPCSD HES CSD Survey soon. Results provide excellent data about our programs and your input automatically updates ASHA's EDFIND, a search engine that gives potential students key information about our programs.

A new ad hoc committee has been formed to guide the CAPCSD Website Revision. Goals include improving the site's navigation, developing a better academic postings interface, and creating more efficient databases for membership, conference attendees and CSDCAS users. By the way, we have many more programs using CSDCAS this year and we expect more to join next year. Programs and student applicants who use CSDCAS have given us very positive feedback. Look for news from the CSDCAS committee on regional CSDCAS Education Days and about the platform that interfaces well with each program's branding information. Also look for the CSDCAS booth at ASHA near the Grad Fair and hands-on training opportunities at CAPCSD's Annual Conference. We are also working on developing the RFPs for the Clinical Educator Preparation modules. Look for further announcements in the spring. Last but not least, we are planning for new Undergraduate Mentoring Grants and for Grants for Master's Degree Programs in 2015-2016.

As you know, Council could not offer most of these opportunities without CSDCAS revenue. The Board is very intentional about supporting initiatives that ultimately benefit CSD students. The proposed projects must be sustainable over the long term with an excellent return for the money and volunteer

time expended. We are not able to offer these benefits without your help, seriously. If you would like to volunteer, please do contact Mary today at the CAPCSD office (mchavez@capcsd.org). We need your help.

That's the news for the fall. On behalf of the Board, I wish you a fine semester and look forward to seeing you at the business meeting in November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Vander Woude". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Judith Vander Woude