

President's Report

I am pleased to report on the CAPCSD Executive Board and committees' work in the past few months. First, the 2015 Annual Conference at the Newport Beach Marriot Hotel was a tremendous success due to the incredible work of Elaine Mormer, conference chair, and her committee members. A record number of 477 persons attended this year. Plenary sessions addressed challenges we encounter while working at the crossroads of higher education and big business. Invited sessions highlighted evidence-based practices in instruction across classroom and clinical settings. Other topics included instructional design, online education, and clinical teaching models. Congratulations to Kenn Apel who received Honors of the Council, Martine Elie who received the Diversity Award and Mark DeRuiter and Jennifer Taylor who both received the Award of Appreciation. Look for the proceedings to appear online by June.

In addition to the annual conference, a few other highlights of our accomplishments this year include:

- 20 persons participated in the inaugural Leadership Academy on *Best Practices in Academic Leadership* with Dr. Jeffrey Buller. Over 75 applicants applied for this initiative. We plan to offer it again next year.
- Three \$5000 *Current and Alternative Outcomes* Grants were awarded in December with over 30 applicants.
- Seven \$20,000 PhD scholarships were awarded this April with over 30 applicants.
- The \$5000 France J. Laven Scholarship was awarded this April with 44 applicants.
- Two Plural Scholarships were awarded in April with over 75 applicants.
- 93% of all CSD programs participated in the ASHA-CAPCSD HES CSD Survey. Thank you all who completed this important survey. Look for the report in June. The next survey will be launched in August 2015.
- A plan was developed by a task force to create web-based Clinical Education Resources which will be free to CAPCSD member programs. Look for the first online modules in Spring 2016.
- A financial audit was completed and we are pleased to report that CAPCSD is in strong financial shape.

Thank you so much to the Board and to all the volunteers on committees who have contributed so much of their time this year. We would not be able to offer these benefits without our member volunteers ...and we are looking for more! Please contact Mary at the CAPCSD office (mchavez@capcsd.org) to participate in one of these exciting initiatives.

As you know, CAPCSD could not offer these opportunities without CSDCAS revenue. Again this year the CSDCAS committee has worked successfully to recruit and provide information for many more programs. The committee also began holding CSDCAS Education Days this year in various states with a focus on exchanging ideas and determining best practices in admissions based on CSDCAS data. What a brilliant idea! The Board has been intentional about using CSDCAS revenue to

support initiatives that fit CAPCSD's mission and ultimately benefit CSD students through faculty and program development. The projects we have elected to support must be sustainable over the long term with an excellent return for the money and volunteer time expended. We are all very pleased to see some of those projects, such as the PhD Scholarships and the Leadership Academy being implemented. It has been a busy and exciting year.

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