

CAPCSD
President's Fall Status Report
Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Dear CAPCSD Members,

Welcome to fall semester. I hope that this message finds you doing well as you settle into the routine of another academic year.

I'm pleased to provide you multiple updates from your Board of Directors:

- 2018 Conference - We plan to host our 2018 conference in Austin, Texas. The Texas legislature took up the "bathroom bill" for the second time in 2017 during a special session called by Governor Greg Abbott during July and August. The bathroom bill was the primary focus of the special session and while Senate Bill 3 passed in the Senate, the house bill never made it to discussion in committee.

However, there will be a challenge for some of our members. During the Texas regular session, their legislature passed a new adoption law, HB 3859 – Protection of Rights of Conscience for Child Welfare Services Providers. It was signed into law on June 15, 2017 by Governor Abbott and it took effect on September 1, 2017. The legislative intent of this law is: To maintain a diverse network of service providers that offer a range of foster capacity options and that accommodate children from various cultural backgrounds. To that end, the legislature expects reasonable accommodations to be made by the state to allow people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs to be a part of meeting the needs of children in the child welfare system. Decisions regarding the placement of children shall continue to be made in the best interest of the child, including which person is best able to provide for the child's physical, psychological, and emotional needs and development.

This adoption law has been called discriminatory by some including the State of California. In early January, the California legislature determined that California must take action to avoid supporting or financing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. When the Texas adoption law passed in June, California added Texas to the list of states they already had bringing the total to eight (8) states that California state employees are banned for using state funds to travel to the other states: <https://oag.ca.gov/ab1887>. So unless there is a change to the Texas or California laws between now and April, 2018, our California member institutions may find it more challenging to receive approval for travel funds to attend the 2018 CAPCSD Conference in Austin Texas.

As I have communicated in the past, we will continue to search for venues that are inclusive and offer the most opportunities for our member programs.

- Strategic Plan – Over the summer, the Board had the opportunity to review our progress relative to our strategic objectives. I am pleased to report that we are moving forward as outlined in our plan, and we are meeting our benchmarks. If you would like to learn more about our plan or current status, please click [here](#).
- Resolution – A resolution was brought forward to the membership regarding the Clinical Doctorate in Speech-Language Pathology. This resolution had three main points, that CAPCSD would:
 1. Advocate to ASHA for the development of necessary surveys of practice patterns to enable preparation of standards toward program accreditation for the Clinical Doctorate in Speech- Language Pathology.
 2. Advocate for the development of standards for accreditation of the Clinical Doctorate in Speech-Language Pathology from the Council on Academic Accreditation.
 3. Support the sharing of resources from members to support the development of rigorous academic programs for the Clinical Doctorate in Speech-Language Pathology.

This resolution was passed by a majority of member programs. The Board of Directors is moving forward with communications to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). We also plan to discuss this topic in our face-to-face meeting with ASHA leadership in November.

- The Board welcomes these programs that have recently joined CSDCAS:
 - Andrews University
 - Florida State University
 - Kean University
 - Long Island University, Brooklyn
 - Minnesota State University, Mankato
 - Monmouth University
 - Northeastern University
 - Northwestern University
 - Penn State University
 - Samford University
 - San Diego State University
 - Tennessee State University
 - University of Georgia
 - University of Montevallo
 - University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

By joining CSDCAS, these programs are engaging with a streamlined, user-friendly approach to the admissions process. To learn more, [click here](#). Welcome!

On behalf of the Council's Board of Directors, I wish you a happy and productive fall semester. We look forward to seeing you at our fall business meeting at ASHA! As a reminder, our day, time, and location for the meeting are:

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

5:00 p.m. Reception with cash bar and light refreshments

5:30 p.m. Business Meeting

**JW Marriott Platinum Ballroom F-G
900 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA**



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