

Communiqué

A Newsletter for
CAAHEP Members

From the President by Bill Horgan



This is my last message as President of CAAHEP and I would like to take this time to offer a comment, say thanks, ask a favor and welcome our new President.

Comment: CoARC gave notice during my watch of their intent to leave CAAHEP and last month they have given further notice that they have moved up their separation date from January 2010 to November of this year. I do not look at this as a good thing for either of us. I told CoARC when we first received notice that both CAAHEP and CoARC will lose something by their leaving.

I am not an educator; my forty years behind the pump has been clinical. But I know that when there is no oversight or accountability of a profession's education by a third party you have a poor education system.

Thanks: I want to thank Kathy and her staff for helping me look like I knew what I was doing. Kathy and her staff are a very hard working group that made being President so much easier than it might have been. I thank you.

I want to thank the other directors on the Board; without their hard work and collective wisdom we would not have made the progress we did these past two years.

Most of all I want to thank each Commissioner for trusting me and the Board, for taking on some of the ownership of CAAHEP during our Leadership meetings, for doing all of the hard work at the CoA level because you see that as your roll in this accreditation process. It is only because we all worked together we are where we are today. I thank you for that.

Favor: This is not so much a favor as it is a reminder. Since 1994 my mantra has been that CAAHEP is not an "Us versus Them" agency. We are all CAAHEP. Remember, you pay your money, you have a vote; a voice in how this agency operates. This Board is elected from the membership. It is not an outside organization telling you how things will be done. If you are a Chair of a CoA go to the

Leadership meetings. If you are a Sponsor make sure you are not just sending in your dues, get involved. If you are asked to help with a project say, "Yes!" Because we are all CAAHEP it will take all of us working together to make it better tomorrow.

Our New President: By now I hope you know Lacheeta McPherson, but if you don't you soon will. Lacheeta takes over July 1st and because of her organizational skills she is already handing out assignments. I know that if asked to help you will step up and say yes.

I also know that before the January Leadership meeting most, if not all of you will be saying Bill who? And that's just fine with me because Lacheeta and her Board are taking CAAHEP forward. You're going to like working with her.

Once more, it has been an honor serving CAAHEP.

And Introducing...



CAAHEP's New President

M. LaCheeta McPherson takes the reins effective July 1, 2009. LaCheeta has over 34 years of

experience in health-care education with the last 29 years being spent at El Centro College in Dallas. She is currently the Executive Dean of Health and Legal Studies where she administers 17 health career programs.

LaCheeta has been active in her professional organizations, having served on the National Network for Health Career Program in Two Year Colleges (NN2) Board for six years, including President. She has represented NN2 as a Commissioner for CAAHEP since 2004 and has been on the CAAHEP Board since 2006. She has worked on several projects and committees for CAAHEP, including YAM, *Your Accreditation Mentor*. She continues to serve as a site visitor for various accreditation agencies.

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**A special
"thank you"
to Cynthia Powell
for most of the
photographs that
appear in this
issue!**



Calendar of Events

July 2009:

16-18: Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) Meeting in conjunction with AARC Summer Forum - **Marco Island, FL**

18-20: National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) Meeting - **Portland, OR**

23-24: CAAHEP Board of Directors Meeting - **Marriott Crystal City at Reagan National Airport - Arlington, VA**

24-25: CAAHEP Summer Workshop - **Marriott Crystal City at Reagan National Airport - Arlington, VA**

29-Aug. 1: Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) Meeting - **Chicago, IL**

30-Aug. 1: Accreditation Review Committee for Medical Illustrator (ARC-MI) - **Richmond, VA**

30-Aug. 1: Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography - **St. Paul, MN**

August 2009

21-23: Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) Meeting - **Orlando, FL**

September 2009

11-12: CAAHEP - "Generalist" Site Visitor Training - **New Orleans, LA**

16-19: Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC-ST) Meeting - **Denver, CO**

18: Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), Board of Directors Conference Call

October 2009

10: Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology - **Rockport, MA**

17: Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant (ARC-AA) Meeting - **New Orleans, LA**

30-31: CAAHEP Board of Directors - **Tampa, FL**

November 2009

11: Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) separates from CAAHEP

20: Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), Board of Directors Conference Call

December 2009

4: Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) - **Conference Call** Tentatively Scheduled

January 2010

21-22: CAAHEP Board of Directors Meeting - **Clearwater Beach, FL**

22-23: CAAHEP Leadership Meeting - **Clearwater Beach, FL**

March 2010

19: CAAHEP Board of Directors - **Conference call**

April 2010

16-17: CAAHEP Board of Directors - **Louisville, KY**

18-19: CAAHEP ANNUAL MEETING - **Louisville, KY**

To report any changes or make additions to the Calendar of Events, please contact Lorna Frazier-Lindsey (lorna@caahep.org)

Accreditation Actions

March, April and May 2009

Accreditation Actions: March 20, 2009

Cytotechnologist

Continuing

University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN (masters)

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

Continuing

Sanford Brown Institute-Atlanta, Atlanta, GA (general) (certificate)

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-St Francis Hospital. Milwaukee, WI (general) (certificate)

Initial

University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN (general) (baccalaureate)

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-St Francis Hospital, Milwaukee, WI (vascular) (certificate)

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-St Francis Hospital, Milwaukee, WI (cardiac) (certificate)

Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist

Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Minneapolis, MN (diploma, associate)

Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic

Continuing

College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, ID (certificate, associate)

Emergency Training Services, Inc., Santa Cruz, CA (certificate)

Flint Hills Technical College, Emporia, KS (associate)

IHM Health Studies Center, St Louis, MO (associate)

Indian River State College, Fort Pierce, FL (associate)

Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, CA (certificate, associate)

Pueblo Community College, Pueblo, CO (certificate, associate)

Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA (certificate)

Seminole Community College, Sanford, FL (associate)

Tarrant County College, Hurst, TX (certificate, associate)

Utah Valley University, Provo, UT (certificate)

Valencia Community College, Orlando, FL (associate)

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC (baccalaureate)

WestMed College, San Jose, CA (certificate)

Initial

Horry Georgetown Technical College, Conway, SC (certificate, associate)

Jefferson State Community College, Brimingham, AL (certificate, associate)

National College-Roanoke Valley, Roanoke, VA (certificate, associate)

Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, NM (certificate, associate)

Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City, IA (certificate, associate)

Probation

Mendocino-Lake Community College District, Ukiah, CA (certificate)

Medical Assistant

Continuing:

Brown Mackie College-Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH (associate)

Everest Institute-Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (diploma)

Everest University-Lakeland, Lakeland, FL (diploma)

Harrison College-Evansville, Evansville, IN (associate)

Highline Community College, Des Moines, WA (associate)

Ivy Tech Community College-Marion, Marion, IN (associate)

Ivy Tech Community College-Marion, Marion, IN (certificate)

Kaplan Career Institute-Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (associate)

Kaplan Career Institute-Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (diploma)

Macomb Community College, Clinton Township, MI (certificate)

South University, Savannah, GA (associate)

Initial:

National American University, Albuquerque, NM (associate)

National American University, Roseville, MN (associate)

National College-Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN (associate)

Owens Community College, Toledo, OH (associate)

Polysomnographic Technologist

Initial:

Lenoir Community College, Kinston, NC (associate)

Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst, NC (associate)

Accreditation Actions: April 18, 2009

Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist

Initial:

GateWay Community College, Phoenix, AZ (certificate)

Institute of Health Sciences, Timonium, MD (certificate, associate)

Accreditation Actions: May 15, 2009

Cardiovascular Technologist

Continuing:

Darton College - Invasive Cardiology, Albany, GA (associate)

Darton College - Non-Invasive Cardiology, Albany, GA (associate)

University of Toledo - Non-Invasive Cardiology, Toledo, OH (associate)

University of Toledo - Non-Invasive Peripheral Vascular, Toledo, OH (associate)

Initial:

Central Piedmont Community College - Invasive Cardiology, Charlotte, NC (associate)
 Central Piedmont Community College - Non-Invasive Cardiology, Charlotte, NC (associate)

Polysomnographic Technologist**Continuing:**

Northern Essex Community College, Lawrence, MA (certificate)
 Sleep Care Inc, Columbus, OH (certificate)

Initial:

Central Carolina Community College, Siler City, NC (certificate)

Respiratory Therapy**Continuing:**

Casper College - Advanced Level, Casper, WY (associate)
 Community College of Rhode Island - Advanced Level, Warwick, RI (associate)
 Dakota State University - Advanced Level, Madison, SD (associate, baccalaureate)
 Dakota State University - Advanced Level Satellite, Madison, SD (associate)
 Edgecombe Community College - Advanced Level, Tarboro, NC (associate)
 Lake Superior College - Advanced Level, Duluth, MN (associate)
 Muskegon Community College - Advanced Level, Muskegon, MI (associate)
 Muskegon Community College - Advanced Level Satellite, Muskegon, MI (associate)
 Newman University - Advanced Level, Wichita, KS (associate)
 Orange Coast College - Advanced Level, Costa Mesa, CA (associate)
 Pima Community College-Tucson - Advanced Level, Tucson, AZ (associate)
 Pima Medical Institute-Mesa - Advanced Level, Mesa, AZ (associate)
 Pima Medical Institute-Tucson - Advanced Level Tucson, AZ (associate)
 Rolla Technical Center - Advanced Level, Rolla, MO (certificate)
 San Joaquin Valley College - Rancho Cucamonga - Advanced Level, Rancho Cucamonga, CA (associate)
 Skyline College - Advanced Level, San Bruno, CA (associate)
 University of Central Florida - Advanced Level, Orlando, FL (baccalaureate)

Respiratory Therapy**Initial:**

Pulaski Technical College -Advanced Level, North Little Rock, AR (associate)
 Sanford Brown College-Fenton - Advanced Level, Fenton, MO (associate)
 Southeast Arkansas College - Advanced Level, Pine Bluff, AR (associate)
 Southern State Community College - Advanced Level, Washington Court House, OH (associate)

Probation:

Madisonville Community College - Advanced Level, Madisonville, KY (associate)

Withdrawal:

Shelton State Community College - Advanced Level, Tuscaloosa, AL (associate)

Surgical Assisting**Continuing:**

Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA (certificate)

Initial:

NIFA, National Institute of First Assisting, Inc., Centennial, CO (certificate)

Surgical Technology**Continuing:**

Aims Community College, Greeley, CO (associate)
 Albany Technical College, Albany, GA (diploma)
 Anoka Technical College, Anoka, MN (diploma, associate)
 Athens Technical College, Athens, GA (diploma)
 Boise State University, Boise, ID (certificate)
 Catawba Valley Community College, Hickory, NC (diploma)
 Colorado Technical University, Kansas City, MO (associate)
 Concorde Career College-North Hollywood, North Hollywood, CA (diploma)
 Concorde Career College-San Diego, San Diego, CA (diploma)
 Concorde Career Institute-Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL (diploma)
 Dixie State College of Utah, St. George, UT (certificate)
 Foothills Surgical Technology Consortium/Cleveland Community College, Shelby, NC (diploma)
 Ivy Tech Community College, Central Indiana Region, Indianapolis, IN (associate)
 Lamson College, Tempe, AZ (diploma, associate)
 Lorain County Community College, Elyria, OH (associate)
 Louisiana Technical College, Lafayette, LA (associate)
 Madison Area Technical College, Madison, WI (diploma)
 McCann Technical School, North Adams, MA (certificate)
 Monongalia County Technical Education Center, Morgantown, WV (certificate)
 Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA (associate)
 Savannah Technical College, Savannah, GA (associate)
 Somerset Community College, Somerset, KY (associate)
 South College, Asheville, NC (certificate)
 St Luke's Hospital & Health Network, Bethlehem, PA (certificate)
 St Philip's College, San Antonio, TX (certificate)
 Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Rock Island, IL (certificate, associate)
 University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN (associate)
 Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL (certificate)

Initial:

Brown Mackie College-Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH (associate)
 Brown Mackie College-Findlay, Findlay, OH (associate)
 Brown Mackie College-FT Wayne Campus, Fort Wayne, IN (associate)
 Colorado Technical University, Pueblo, CO (associate)
 East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa, AZ (certificate)

McLennan Community College, Waco, TX (certificate)
 Minnesota West Community and Technical College,
 Luverne, MN (diploma)
 National College-Harrisonburg, Harrisonburg, VA
 (associate)
 Rasmussen College-Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Park, MN
 (associate)
 Rasmussen College-St. Cloud, St. Cloud, MN (associate)
 San Juan College, Farmington, NM (certificate, associate)
 South Arkansas Community College, El Dorado, AR
 (certificate, associate)

Probation:

Everest Institute-Marietta, Marietta, GA (diploma)
 SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY
 (certificate)

Withdrawal:

Carver Career Center, Charleston, WV (certificate)

“CAAHEP 2009: A Time of Change, Challenge and Collaboration”

The 15th Annual Meeting of CAAHEP exemplified its three-fold theme, focusing on lots of important changes, exploring the many challenges that face us all and demonstrating the value of collaboration.

After a Keynote Session that energized conference-goers with strategies for dealing with challenges in times of change, we heard about challenges such as disaster preparedness in tough economic times.

Monday morning's focus was very much on collaboration as we heard from what was soon-to-be our newest profession (lactation consultant) and from one of CAAHEP's Committees on Accreditation whose collaboration with CAAHEP is helping them face big changes and challenges (CoAEMSP). Another major change discussed is METC - the largest consolidation of military training in the history of the Department of Defense.

After a day and a half of serious business the meeting ended with a reception and entertainment (see below).



The 2009 CAAHEP Annual Meeting in San Antonio wrapped up with a terrific performance by the all-female Mariachi Las Altenas

Two Meetings to Know About

All roads seem to lead to Texas this year! CAAHEP's Annual Meeting was held in San Antonio and two of CAAHEP's sponsoring organizations are also meeting this year in the Lone Star State.

The National Network for Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2) - 2009 Annual Conference, "Making the Pieces Fit," is September 30 to October 2, 2009 at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

The Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) – 2009 Annual Conference "Health Care Evolution – Fast Forward," is in San Antonio, Texas on October 21-23, 2009.

Commissioners Vote

“Yes” on a New

Profession, a New

Committee on Accreditation and Four
 New Sponsoring Organizations!



CAAHEP is delighted to welcome its twenty first (21) profession to our system, formally known as Human Lactation and Breastfeeding Consultants, this discipline has thousands of certified professionals providing services around the world.

Along with approval of the profession, the Commission also approved a new Committee on Accreditation - the Accreditation and Approval Review Committee on Education in Human Lactation and Breastfeeding.

This new Committee has already drafted policies and is hard at work on proposed Standards. The Committee has two sponsoring organizations (also approved at the 2009 meeting): *The International Lactation Consultant Association* and the *International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners*.

Commissioners also approved two new sponsoring organizations for the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs in the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP). CAAHEP is honored to welcome the *American Ambulance Association* and the *International Association of Fire Chiefs* as sponsors.

The Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, which had previously announced its intention to withdraw from CAAHEP effective January 15, 2010, has changed the effective date of their withdrawal to November 11, 2009.

AMA's Health Care Careers Directory reorganizes

New design includes "Allied Health" section; more than 8,000 educational programs listed

Chicago, IL—The new 2009-2010 edition of the *Health Care Careers Directory*, from the American Medical Association (AMA) has been reorganized to make it easier for students, career counselors, and program directors to quickly find the information they're seeking. This edition will include the following categories:

- Allied Health
- Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Therapies
- Communication Sciences
- Counseling and Psychology
- Dental-Related Occupations
- Dietetics
- Expressive/Creative Arts Therapies
- Health Information and Communication
- Laboratory Science Professions
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Podiatry
- Radiologic Technology
- Therapy and Rehabilitation
- Veterinary Medicine
- Vision-Related Professions

"The *Directory* is now more than ever the number-one resource for information on the diverse career opportunities in the health care field," said Paul H. Rockey, MD, MPH, director of the AMA Division of Graduate Medical Education.

Program data are displayed in a chart format, allowing you to quickly and easily compare various programs and find the one you're seeking. Chart data include class capacity, start dates, program length(s), tuition, academic award(s) granted, and availability of evening/weekend courses.

In addition to a complete listing of all accredited programs, with program name, address, and contact information, the *Directory* includes a handy description of each profession's job duties, required education, and average salary.

The experts agree: A review by Doody's Review Service awarded the *Directory* a perfect 5-star ranking (received by only 8% of books reviewed) and called the *Directory* an "outstanding resource," a "must have" for all libraries, and a "highly recommended resource for healthcare professionals."

Similarly, the Brandon/Hill Selected List of Print Books and Journals in Allied Health, published in the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, mentions the *Directory* as an essential reference and resource.

The CEOs of all institutions with CAAHEP-accredited programs will receive a copy of the *Directory* courtesy of CAAHEP.

To order extra copies, call (800) 621-8335 or see www.amabookstore.com.

To receive a copy of the order form, send an e-mail to meded@ama-assn.org. For fastest service, be sure to specify the phrase "HCCD" in the e-mail's subject line.

People who Make a Difference

It's About Time!!



The 2009 CAAHEP Award for Exceptional Service was presented to **Sondra Fleming**.

Sondra is a past-president of CAAHEP and has been active in CAAHEP from its very start, serving on more

committees and task forces than we have room to list! She continues her commitment to quality assurance, serving as a member of the new Accreditation and Approval Review Committee on Education in Human Lactation and Breast-feeding and as the CAAHEP Liaison to the Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee.

Other People in the News

Three members of the CAAHEP Board of Directors will complete their terms effective June 30, 2009. We would like to thank **Greg Paulauskis, Fumisuke Matsuo** and **Steve Rodgers** (see below) for their dedicated service to CAAHEP.

But even as we bid farewell to those three members, we are delighted to welcome three new Board members: **Sean Harbison** (representing the American College of Surgeons), **Kalyani Naik** (representing the Cytotechnology Programs Review CoA) and **Jinny Gender** (see below).

The Commissioners also elected two new members to the Nominating and Elections Committee. Welcome to **Cliff Araki** from the JRC for Cardiovascular Technology and **Rob Wagner** from the ARC for Anesthesiologist Assistant. Also, **Carolyn O'Daniel** from NN2 was re-elected to that Committee.

Public Members

Why would a member of the general public choose to devote time and energy to this obscure field of accreditation? Well, we'd have to ask them for the answer. But what we do know is that CAAHEP has been very lucky indeed when it comes to finding hard-working, dedicated public members.



A Fond Farewell...

After six years on the Board we want to thank **Steve Rodgers** for his many contributions during his service on the Board. Steve chaired our first Audit Committee, helping us develop policies to come into compliance with provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Steve has a unique ability to cut to the heart of a matter, a talent that served the Board well on many occasions. Thank you Steve!

And a Warm Welcome...

Even as we say farewell to Steve Rodgers, we welcome to the Board of Directors our new public member, **Jinny Gender**.

Jinny is a social worker by training and she has served on an array of nonprofit boards from her local National Public Radio Station (where she is past president) to the St. Louis County Shelter for Abused Women and Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library (where she has been president since 2006). She brings with her a particular expertise in testing, licensure and certification issues, having served on as the public member on numerous testing and certifying bodies, including the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. Welcome Jinny!



And One Additional Farewell...



The CAAHEP Bylaws also provide for a Commissioner who represents recent graduates. This position is, by definition, limited to one term only. CAAHEP's policies specify that this Commissioner may address the Commission at the Annual Meeting on a topic of his/her choice.

That responsibility was taken to a new and higher level by **Molly Marko**, the outgoing Recent Graduate Commissioner. Molly wowed us all with her presentations at CAAHEP Annual Meetings, including surveys that she conducted of students in accredited programs asking about their knowledge of, and attitudes toward accreditation. She also did a survey about the attitudes of students toward certification.

Everyone on the Board and the Commission will miss Molly's enthusiasm and fresh view of the world and we wish her great success in her future career — we suspect that we've not heard the last from Molly Marko!

The CAAHEP Board will be appointing a new Recent Graduate Commissioner at their July meeting.

Health care "hunkering down" to weather the economic storm

by Fred Lenhoff

Students in CAAHEP-accredited programs (and program administrators as well) would be well advised to keep up to date on trends in the health care marketplace and whether the nation's economic downturn is having an effect on the health care workforce.

A recent issue of the *Health Care Careers e-Letter*, published monthly by the American Medical Association (AMA), reflected on this topic and linked to an article in Health Leaders Media that described health professionals as "digging in, putting their heads down, and staying put until the storm passes." The article also noted that reduced patient volumes in hospitals are leading to reduced staffing demands.

A related article in the same issue of Health Leaders Media describes the current crisis as an opportunity for hospital management (for example, "You don't have to worry about upward pressure on wages as unemployment reaches 8%-10%.")

Indeed, at one Kansas City hospital, merit raises were trimmed for some employees to help avoid layoffs, as reported in the March 2 *Kansas City Star*.

To stay informed on these and other health care workforce concerns, subscribe now to the AMA's *e-Letter*, a free monthly newsletter distributed via e-mail. First produced in April 2000, the e-Letter covers education and career trends in the health professions for its 15,000 readers and contributors. These include health professions education program directors, deans, accrediting agencies, professional organizations, certifying/licensing boards, and federal/state governmental agencies.

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