The 12th Annual Meeting of CAAHEP is now “history” and the evaluation forms certainly reinforce the sense of those in attendance that it was yet another successful meeting.

The conference got off to a terrific start with a Keynote Address by Jack Trufant. Jack, one of the CAAHEP Commissioners from the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, has been involved with CAAHEP from its earliest days and is a former member of the Board of Directors. In his wonderful presentation titled, The Adventures of Alice in CAAHEP: Creating an Accreditation Wonderland, he poked a little fun at accreditation while delivering an interesting and provocative message.

Other general sessions covered topics as diverse as certification, teamwork across health science disciplines and the future of family medicine. We also heard about a collaborative project in Kansas that is using technology to bring together hospitals, universities, the K-12 universe and libraries.

As was true last year, one of the most highly rated sessions was our Spotlight on CAAHEP Professions. This year we had wonderful presentations by Brad Maxwell and Rob Wagner about anesthesiologist assistants; Joie Burns about Diagnostic Medical Sonography; and Jim Atkins about Emergency Medical Services Professions.

The annual Awards Luncheon was exceeded this year by Joe Long, CAAHEP Board member and Chair of the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology. Joe added just the right touch of humor as he also paid tribute to the three members of the Board who were completing their second (and final) terms: Sondra Flemming, Marj Reif and Lindsay Rettie.

Sondra Flemming presented the CAA-HEP Exceptional Service Award to past president Larry Leverenz (see the photo on page 6 of Larry with CAAHEP President Greg Paulauskis).

Of course, one of the major purposes of the Annual Meeting is the Business Meeting of the Commissioners. At this year’s meeting there were several items of importance. A series of Bylaws amendments were approved. Many of the changes formalized the Board’s new committee structure and added important provisions related to the Sarbanes-Oxley law. Another important change brings the term of office for Commissioners and Board members into sync with CAAHEP’s fiscal year (July 1 to June 30).

We are especially happy to announce the approval of two new sponsoring organizations for our Committee on Accreditation of the Exercise Sciences. Welcome to the Cooper Institute and the National Strength and Conditioning Association!!

The slate of candidates presented by Jerry Purvis, Chair of the Nominating and Elections Committee was unanimously approved. We welcome two new members to the Nominating and Elections Committee: Anne Loochtan from the National Network and Linda Van Scoder from the American Association for Respiratory Care. Two members of the Board of Directors were elected for second terms: Greg Paulauskis, from the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, representing CoAs and Jeff Smith, American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants, representing sponsoring organizations. There also were three new members elected to the Board: Hugh Bonner from ASAHP; Kathleen Jung from the Accreditation Review Committee on Medical Illustration, representing CoAs, and LaCheeta McPherson from NN2.

The newly elected Board and Committee members will take office on July 1st.
Calendar of Events

June 2006

TBA: Committee on Accreditation of Education for Polysomnographic Technologists, Salt Lake City, UT
10: National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education, Chicago, IL
13: Committee on Accreditation of Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Schools, Conference Call

July 2006

11: Committee on Accreditation of Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Schools, Conference Call
20-21: CAAHEP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Chicago, IL
22-23: CAAHEP SUMMER WORKSHOP, Chicago, IL

August 2006

2-6: Curriculum Review Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants Endowment, Chicago, IL
2-6: Accreditation Review Committee for the Medical Illustrator, Boston, MA
8: Committee on Accreditation of Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Schools, Conference Call
10-12: Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, St. Paul, MN
TBA: Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee, Conference Call
TBA: National Commission on Orthotics and Prosthetics Education, TBA
TBA: Subcommittee on Accreditation for Surgical Assisting,

September 2006

2-3: Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology, TBA
12: Committee on Accreditation of Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Schools, Conference Call
15: CAAHEP Board of Directors Conference Call
21: Committee on Accreditation for Education in Electroneurodiagnostic Technology, Conference Call
22-23: Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology, TBA

October 2006

14: Accreditation Review Committee for the Anesthesiologist Assistant, Chicago, IL
20: Committee on Accreditation of Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Schools, Miami, FL

November 2006

5: Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee, Toronto, Canada
14: Committee on Accreditation of Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Schools, Conference Call
16: Committee on Accreditation for Education in Electroneurodiagnostic Technology, Conference Call
17: CAAHEP Board of Directors Conference Call

December 2006

1: Curriculum Review Board of the American Assn of Medical Assistants Endowment, Conference Call (could be 1-2 in Chicago, IL if needed)
12: Committee on Accreditation of Specialist in Blood Bank Technology Schools, Conference Call

January 2007

25-27: CAAHEP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND LEADERSHIP MEETING WITH COA CHAIRS, Orlando, FL

February 2007

1-4: Curriculum Review Board of the American Assn of Medical Assistants Endowment, Chicago, IL (subject to change)
8: Accreditation Review Committee for the Medical Illustrator, Conference Call.

March 2007

16: CAAHEP BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Conference Call

April 2007

12: CAAHEP BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Orlando, FL
13-14: CAAHEP ANNUAL MEETING, Orlando, FL

If you have any additions, deletions or changes for the calendar please contact CAAHEP at 727-210-2350 or Schroeder@caahep.org.
Accreditation Actions voted on March 17, 2006

Anesthesiologist Assistant
Initial
Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Athletic Training
Initial
California State University - Long Beach, CA
Montana State University - Billings, Billings, MT
Neumann College, Aston, PA
Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, OH
Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia, AR
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX

Continuing
Barry University, Miami Shores, FL
Northeastern University, Boston, MA
Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA
University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

Cytotechnology
Continuing
Camcare Health Education & Research Institute, Charleston, WV

Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Initial
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville, NC (vascular technology)
Hinds Community College, Jackson, MS (general sonography)
Palm Beach Community College, Palm Beach Garden, FL (general sonography)

Continuing
Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, Asheville, NC (general sonography)
Grady Health System, Atlanta, GA (general sonography)
Greenville Technical College, Greenville, SC (general sonography)
Mercy College of Health Sciences, Des Moines, IA (cardiac sonography)
Mercy College of Health Sciences, Des Moines, IA (general sonography)

Emergency Medical Services Personnel
Initial
Antelope Valley Medical College, Lancaster, CA
Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
California Paramedic Institute, Lake Forest, CA
Dutchess Community College, Wappingers Falls, NY
South Plains College - Reese Campus, Levelland, TX

Continuing
Community College of Aurora, Denver, CO
Elkhart General Hospital Paramedic Educ, Elkhart, IN
Foothill College, Palo Alto, CA
Galveston Community College, Galveston, TX
Northern California Training Institute - Bay Area, Livermore, CA
Northern California Training Institute - Placer, Roseville, CA
Northern California Training Institute - Santa Bar, Weed, CA
Northern California Training Institute - Siskiyou, Weed, CA
Sarasota County Technical Institute, Sarasota, FL
Southwestern College, Chula Vista, CA
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, AL

Probation
Bellingham Technical College, Bellingham, WA

Exercise Science
Initial
Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD

Medical Assistant
Initial
Heald College, Concord, CA (associate degree)
Heald College, Fresno, CA (associate degree)
Heald College, Haywood, CA (associate degree)
Heald College, Milpitas, CA (associate degree)
Heald College, Portland, OR (associate degree)
Heald College, Portland, OR (diploma)
Heald College, Rancho Cordova, CA (associate degree)
Heald College, Roseville, CA (associate degree)
Heald College, Salinas, CA (associate degree)
Heald College, San Francisco, CA (associate degree)
Heald College, Stockton, CA (associate degree)
Medical Careers Institute, Newport News, VA (associate degree)
Moraine Park Technical College, Fond du Lac, WI (diploma)
National College of Business and Technology, Knoxville, TN (associate degree)
South Suburban College, South Holland, IL (certificate)
Tri-State Business, Erie, PA (diploma)
University of Cincinnati Raymond Walters College, Cincinnati, OH (associate degree)

Continuing
Albany Technical College, Albany, GA (diploma)
American School of Technology, Columbus, OH (diploma)
ASA Institute of Business, Brooklyn, NY (associate degree)
Belmont Technical College, St. Clairsville, OH (certificate)
Brown Mackie College, Akron, OH (associate degree)
Bryman College, Port Orchard, WA (diploma)
Capital Community College, Hartford, CT (associate degree)
Clover Park Technical College, Lakewood, WA (certificate)
Community College of Allegheny County, West Mifflin, PA (certificate)
Edgecombe Community College, Tarboro, NC (associate degree)
Elmira Business Institute, Elmira, NY (associate degree)
Everest College, Portland, OR (associate degree)
Flathead Valley Technical College, Kalispell, MT (associate degree)
Florida Metropolitan University, Orlando, FL (associate degree)
Guam Community College, Barrigada, GU (certificate)
H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College, Montgomery, AL (associate degree)
Hamilton College, Lincoln, NE (associate degree)
Huntington Junior College, Huntington, WV (associate degree)
Huntington Junior College, Huntington, WV (diploma)
Indiana Business College, Terre Haute, IN (associate degree)
Kennebec Valley Community College, Fairfield, ME (associate degree)
Lanier Technical College, Oakwood, GA (diploma)
Martin Community College, Williamston, NC (associate degree)
Martin Community College, Williamston, NC (diploma)
Massasoit Community College, Canton, MA (certificate)
Medical Careers Institute, Newport News, VA (diploma)
Metro Tech Health Careers Center, Oklahoma City, OK (certificate)
Mid-Michigan Community College, Harrison, MI (associate degree)

Miller-Motte Technical College, Lynchburg, VA (associate degree)
Milwaukee Area Technical College, Milwaukee, WI (diploma)
National College of Business and Technology, Salem, VA (associate degree)
Norwalk Community College, Norwalk, CT (certificate)
Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, MA (certificate)
Richmond Community College, Hamlet, NC (associate degree)
Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg, SC (diploma)
Stautzenberger College, Toledo, OH (associate degree)
West Central Technical College, Waco, GA (diploma)
Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, NC (associate degree)
William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, IL (certificate)

Perfusion Education
Continuing
The Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

Surgical Assistant
Initial
Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN

Continuing
Madisonville Community College, Madisonville, KY
South Plains College, Lubbock, TX

Surgical Technology
Continuing
American Institute of Medical/Dental Technology, Provo, UT
Capital Area Career Center, Springfield, IL
Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, Houston, Tx
University of Cincinnati, Clermont College, Batavia, OH

Probation
Scioto County Joint Vocational School, Lucasville, OH
Spencerian College, Louisville, KY

Accreditation Actions Taken on May 19, 2006

Athletic Training
Probation
Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN
Samford University, Birmingham, AL
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX

Cardiovascular Technology
Initial
St. Cloud Technical College, St. Cloud, MN (Invasive Cardiology)
St. Cloud Technical College, St. Cloud, MN  (Non-Invasive Cardiology)

**Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

**Initial**
- Johnston Community College, Smithfield, NC  (cardiac sonography)
- Johnston Community College, Smithfield, NC  (vascular technology)
- Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY  (vascular technology)
- Rush University, Chicago, IL  (vascular technology)

**Continuing**
- Delta College, University Center, MI  (general sonography)
- Johnston Community College, Smithfield, NC  (general sonography)
- Kaiser Permanente School of Allied Health Sciences, Richmond, CA  (general sonography)
- University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA  (cardiac sonography)
- University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA  (general sonography)
- University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA  (vascular technology)

**Electroneurodiagnostic Technology**

**Continuing**
- St. John's Hospital/Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL

**Emergency Medical Services Personnel**

**Continuing**
- Broward Community College, Davie, FL
- Capital Community College/St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT
- Center for Emergency Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA
- Clarian Health-Methodist Hospital of IN, Indianapolis, IN
- Creighton University, Omaha, NE
- Delaware Technical & Community College, Dover, DE
- Denver Health Medical Center, Denver, CO
- Greenville Technical College, Greenville, SC
- Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, FL
- H. Council Trenholm State Technical College, Montgomery, AL
- Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA
- Houston Community College, Houston, TX
- Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Roanoke, VA
- Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines, IA
- Northern Virginia Community College, Springfield, VA
- Northland Community & Technical College, East Grand Forks, MN
- San Jacinto Community College-North, Houston, TX
- Tacoma Fire Department, Tacoma, WA
- Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach, VA
- University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
- University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL

*Volunteer State Community College, Gallatin, TN
Walters State Community College, Morristown, TN

**Medical Assistant**

**Continuing**
- Indiana Business College, Fort Wayne, IN  (associate degree)

**Respiratory Care**

**Initial**
- Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, MS  (Advanced)
- St. Luke's College, Sioux City, IA  (Advanced)
- Thaddeus Stevens College, Lancaster, PA  (Advanced)

**Continuing**
- Broward Community College, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  (Advanced)
- Community College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV  (Advanced)
- Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, OH  (Advanced)
- Florence-Darlington Technical College, Florence, SC  (Advanced)
- Okefenokee Technical College, Waycross, GA  (Advanced)
- SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY  (Advanced)
- Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, SC  (Advanced)

*Expire*
- Georgia Medical Institute-DeKalb, Atlanta, GA  (Advanced)

**Surgical Technology**

**Initial**
- Concorde Career Institute - Portland, Portland, OR
- Indian Business College- Ft. Wayne, Ft. Wayne, IN
- Miller-Motte Technical College-Clarksville, Clarksville, TN
- Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA
- Technical College of the Low Country, Beaufort, SC
- Virginia College-Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- Yakima Valley Community College, Yakima, WA

**Continuing**
- Apollo Career Center, Lima, OH
- Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville, NC
- Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Lexington, KY
- Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Cincinnati, OH
- Danbury Hospital School of Surgical Technology, Danbury, CT
- Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH
- Galveston College, Galveston, TX
- Horry Georgetown Technical College, Georgetown, SC
- Louisiana Technical College, LaFourche, LA
- MedVance Institute-Cookeville, Cookeville, TN
Surgical Technology (continued):

Meridian Community College, Meridian, MS
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay, WI
Orlando Technical Education Center, Orlando, FL
Owens Community College, Toledo, OH
Renton Technical College, Renton, WA
Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst, NC
Sanford Brown Institute-Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Southeast Community College, Lincoln, NE
Spokane Community College, Spokane, WA
Sussex County Community College, Newton, NJ
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR
Vernon College, Wichita Falls, TX
Waukesha County Technical College, Pewaukee, WI
West Central Technical College, Waco, GA

Transfer of Sponsorship
Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, WY

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**New AMA Survey of Health Professions Programs Now Available**

The 2006 version of the Annual Survey of Health Professions Education Programs from the American Medical Association (AMA) is now available online. This survey is collecting data for the 2005-2006 academic year.

The data collected on this survey are used to update each accredited program’s free listing in the AMA’s annual *Health Professions Career and Education Directory*. In addition, data are totaled and used for the *Health Professions Education Data Book*, an important resource for health workforce analysts and policy makers.

Please watch your e-mail inbox for login ID, password, and completion instructions.

If you already have your login info, you can complete the survey at:

www.ama-assn.org/go/hpsurvey

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CAAHEP President Greg Paulauskis presents the 2006 CAAHEP Exceptional Service Award to past president Larry Leverenz.
As the nation ages and the Baby Boomers begin to receive their AARP cards in the mail, more and more Americans are increasingly aware of looming (and current) health care workforce shortages in a number of professions, most notably nursing.

Yet the well-publicized nursing shortage “pales in comparison to similarly driven shortfalls in other health professional groups,” writes Edward O’Neil, MPA, PhD, director of the Center for the Health Professions at the University of California, San Francisco (www.futurehealth.ucsf.edu/from_the_director_0704.html).

“[A]s important as shortages in pharmacy, medicine, and even dentistry might become, they will . . . fail to reach the depths of the looming crisis in the allied health professions.

“More than twice the size of nursing, the over 200 allied health professions together represent the other core of the health care workforce that not only run the machines of our high-tech health care system, but also provide much of the face-to-face care and specialized services that make the health system work,” writes O’Neil.

Helping raise awareness of allied health among policymakers and the public and urging increased federal funding for allied health education is the goal of the Health Professions Network (HPN) (www.healthpronet.org). This nationwide collaborative group of nearly 200 organizations represent leading allied health professional associations, accrediting agencies, and educational institutions as well as federal and state workforce analysts and licensing/certification bodies.

During its spring meeting, March 16-19 in Atlanta, which was hosted by the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, the HPN focused on presentation and discussion of various topics, including

- Workforce investment boards and allied health
- The role of allied health professionals in the post-Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Presenters included representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Employment and Training Administration of the US Department of Labor, Minnesota Department of Health-Office of Emergency Preparedness, and other public and private organizations.

The 60 individuals in attendance represented a wide range of organizations, including the American Medical Association, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Association of Academic Health Centers, American Hospital Association, American Medical Technologists, American Society of Radiologic Technologists, American Association of Community Colleges, American Association for Respiratory Care, National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, and Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

To more effectively promote allied health as a career option, using funds obtained from public/private grants, the HPN is planning to incorporate. Many attendees volunteered to serve on new committees that will make decisions about the membership, governance, and financing of the newly constituted organization.

For more information or to set up interviews with speakers/attendees, contact:

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Call for Nominations

CAAHEP is in need of a new Commissioner to represent “recent graduates.” We thank our outgoing recent graduate, Jule Cherosky for her years of service in that position. Here is what CAAHEP policy has to say about this important role:

*The interests of students in the accreditation of health science education programs are represented in the governance of CAAHEP by a recent graduate of a CAAHEP-accredited program. “Recent graduate” is someone who has graduated no more than three years prior to appointment.*

What are the Qualifications?
The Recent Graduate Commissioner must be: a graduate of a CAAHEP accredited program within the last three years. He or she should understand and be willing to represent on the Commission the interests of students enrolled in health science education programs. This Commissioner must currently work in the health science field for which he/she was trained. And, he or she should be a member of a professional organization representing his/her health science field.

What are the Responsibilities?
This Commissioner (like all Commissioners), should attend the CAAHEP Annual Meeting (CAAHEP pays the expenses); he or she should participate in the business of the Commission, including such activities as electing the CAAHEP Board of Directors, amending CAAHEP Bylaws, changing CAAHEP mission and vision statements, approving new organizations for membership; recognizing health science disciplines and monitoring the Board of Directors to ensure quality and equity within the CAAHEP system. This Commissioner should bring to the attention of the Commission educational concerns that impact on the accreditation of academic programs, especially concerns of students and alumni. And the recent graduate Commissioner is invited to address the Commission at the Annual Business Meeting on a topic of her/his choice.

If you know of a good candidate, please contact the CAAHEP office or email Megivern@caahep.org.