

**ASAHP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- The Board had a conference call on August 16, 2018. Information and actions taken are as follows:
- Approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting in Milwaukee, WI on June 28-29, 2018.
- President **Susan Hanrahan** reported that: the Institutional Profile Survey (IPS) should be ready to launch in fall 2018; revisions to the Position Statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have been accepted by the committee and will be presented to the membership at the annual fall meeting; and the Advocacy Committee has made suggestions for the ASAHP website including consistency, item location, enhanced info, etc.
- Treasurer **Gregory Frazer** reported on the status of the Association's holdings at Merrill Lunch and the SunTrust lockbox.
- The Westin Long Beach Hotel in California is the site chosen for the 2020 ASAHP Annual Conference on October 26-30.
- The fall Leadership Development Program session has been developed, projects are on target and look outstanding. The Board will have lunch with the LDP participants at the October Board meeting.

**JOURNAL OF ALLIED HEALTH**

Significant additions have been made since mid-August, 2018 to the number of individuals who expressed a willingness to serve as reviewers for manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of Allied Health*. One category where more assistance continues to be needed is physical therapy, given the large amount of papers originating with members of that profession. Ideally, new reviewers should have a doctorate and some experience in reviewing articles. Please send nominations to [thomas@asahp.org](mailto:thomas@asahp.org).

**ASAHP ELECTION RESULTS**

The September 14, 2018 issue of the *ASAHP UPDATE* lists the winning candidates for some of the Association's elected positions. Grateful acknowledgement is expressed to members of the Nominations and Election Committee members who prepared the election slate. They are:

**Craig Jackson**, Chair (Loma Linda University)

**Fred Romano** (Midwestern University)

**Teresa Connor-Kerr** (University of North Georgia)

**Carolyn Giordano** (University of the Sciences)

**Cesarina Thompson** (University of Hartford)

**Jon Williamson** (UT Southwestern)

All elected terms officially become effective at the close of the Annual Conference on October 12, 2018.

**2018 ASAHP AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The following individuals on October 10 will be honored during a dinner at the 2018 Annual Conference:

Fellows Award

**Anthony Breitbach** (Saint Louis University)

**Andrew J. Butler** (Georgia State University)

**Mitchell L. Cordova** (Florida Gulf Coast University)

Distinguished Service and Achievement Award

**Hugh W. Bonner** (SUNY Upstate Medical University)

Outstanding Member Award

**Anthony Breitbach** (Saint Louis University)

A special ASAHP Scholarship of Excellence Award recipient will be present. Names of winners of a Journal of Allied Health Award will be announced.

## ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS WEEK

*Allied Health Professions Week* will be observed on November 4-10, 2018 to honor educators and providers in the allied health professions. A wide variety of activities may be undertaken that week on campuses at ASAHP member institutions to highlight the allied health professions and achievements undertaken at a school. Examples are:

- Designate an “Allied Health Professional” or “Allied Health Student” to be honored each day of that week.
- Sponsor a luncheon to recognize honorees and invite allied health leaders/faculty from area institutions.
- Invite a guest speaker to celebrate contributions of the allied health workforce to health care. Host a breakfast or lunch with the college/university president or provost.
- Display Allied Health Professions posters throughout the institution.
- Furnish profiles of a variety of allied health professionals, educators, and students for the campus newspaper.
- Provide local media representatives with ideas for articles and opinion pieces about allied health.
- Set up a display table in a central location to distribute promotional literature, provide brief demonstrations, and highlight the various allied health professions.
- Invite high school guidance counselors to a luncheon on campus to discuss career opportunities in allied health.
- Invite a select group of local high school students to “shadow” allied health professionals for a few hours to obtain firsthand knowledge and experience.
- Provide students and faculty with allied health t-shirts to wear.

ASAHP UPDATE readers are encouraged to send information to ASAHP staff about events that occur during Allied Health Week, which then can be highlighted in the Association’s newsletter TRENDS.

## STATUS OF BLACK STUDENTS

More than 900,000 Black undergraduates are enrolled at public colleges and universities across the United States. A report from the University of Southern California Race and Equity Center provides data about the status of these students at every four-year, non-specialized, public postsecondary institution in the nation.

The report can be obtained at <https://race.usc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Black-Students-at-Public-Colleges-and-Universities-A-50-State-Report-Card-Harper-and-Simmons-1-9-25.pdf>.

## DOCTORAL TRANSITION AWARDS

The objective of the *NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00)* is to identify and encourage outstanding graduate students who are recognized by their institutions as having high potential and strong interest in pursuing careers as independent cancer researchers, and then to facilitate their successful transition to postdoctoral positions. The F99/K00 award is intended for individuals who require 1-2 years to complete their Ph.D. dissertation research training (F99 phase) before transitioning to mentored postdoctoral research training (K00 phase). The Letter of Intent Due Date is 30 days prior to the application due date, which is **February 22, 2019**, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. More information can be obtained at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-19-002.html>.

## BLOCKCHAIN TRENDS

According to Deloitte, blockchain essentially is a living list of linked digital records, a distributed ledger that permanently stores updates via a consensus among those who share it. A record of every transaction is embedded in the information itself, without the need for a central repository. While information can be added and stored in a secure system, it cannot be copied or deleted. The shift from blockchain to blockchains, to networks of networks, is particularly compelling in health care where distinct sectors work together in one broadly interdependent ecosystem.

A blockchain report can be obtained at <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/us/Documents/life-sciences-health-care/us-lshc-tech-trends2-blockchain.pdf>.