



ASAHP UPDATE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association's Board of Directors met on March 14, 2018 in Charleston, SC. The following actions were among those taken:

- Minutes of a conference call on January 18, 2018 were approved as presented.
- President **Susan Hanrahan** reviewed modifications of the membership categories recommended by the Finance Committee, which the Board approved by consensus.
- The Association's budget for FY 2018-2019 was presented and approved.
- A representative from Merrill Lynch, the firm that manages ASAHP's investment portfolio, provided information on its performance and made three recommendations for the Board to consider that involve readjusting the portfolio's diversification profile and enhancing income prospects. A motion was passed to accept the recommendations.
- The value of the *Institutional Profile Survey* was discussed and a draft survey was reviewed. Next, it will be reviewed by IPE, Research, Clinical Education, and Global committees for their specific content and returned to the board for further review and action. Treasurer **Gregory Frazer** provided an update on the selection of a contractor for the IPS. He will make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.
- *Strategic Planning* subcommittee requests were reviewed and funding approved to achieve various objectives (see accompanying article).
- Executive Director **John Colbert** reported on activities regarding the *2018 ASAHP Annual Conference*.

2018 ASAHP ELECTION

An election will be held for the following positions in 2018:

- (1) Treasurer (two-year term)
- (2) Board of Directors (three-year term)
- (2) Nominations & Elections Committee (two-year term)

The candidate form is due no later than **April 2, 2018**. It can be obtained at <https://asahp.squarespace.com/elections/>.

The election survey link will be sent to member Deans and Directors on July 16, 2018 and will remain open through August 16, 2018.

STRATEGIC PLAN FUNDING

During its meeting on March 14, the Board approved the following allocation of funds:

- *Professional Education (IPE)* for \$1,900. A Summit will be conducted on July 28, 2018 in Minneapolis.
- *Advocacy* request for \$6,000 to support the student initiative.
- *Alliance and Partnerships on Global Needs* request for \$2,000.
- *Research/Clinical Education Subcommittee/Committee* request for \$4,000.

JOURNAL OF ALLIED HEALTH

The Spring 2018 print issue of the *Journal of Allied Health* was distributed this month. It featured three articles in the new section "Interprofessional Practice And Education," along with eight other papers in the print version. As a way of reducing the size of a substantial backlog, another five research articles and one commentary were published as on-line only, open access manuscripts. Authors of these items were presented with the option of having their work published in the very next issue or waiting to have it appear in the print version two or three issues later.

OUTCOMES & EFFECTIVENESS RESEARCH

ASAHP Past President **Judith Barr** (1994-1996) was an exceptionally strong advocate of the importance of having allied health professionals engage in outcomes and effectiveness research. Over more than a two-decade period, her words were translated into action through her involvement in conducting workshops at several ASAHP annual conferences.

She also was responsible for an *ASAHP Clinical Outcomes Institute* in Towson, MD in November 1995 that attracted 122 attendees from more than 40 colleges and universities across the nation. Another of her major endeavors was an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)-funded workshop on outcomes research that was held in Washington, DC in May 2000. A highly useful monograph was a tangible product of that event.

The Affordable Care Act led to the creation of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). This federally funded, nonprofit corporation was established to carry out and improve comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) by evaluating and comparing health outcomes and the clinical effectiveness, risks, and benefits of two or more medical treatments, services, or items. PCORI provides funding through award commitments from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund and may pay these awards over multiple years. Of the \$2 billion PCORI committed by the end of fiscal year 2017, about \$1.6 billion (79 percent) is for research awards, and \$325 million (16 percent) is for building the capacity to use existing health data for research.

Previous issues of the *ASAHP UPDATE* have been used to announce PCORI funding opportunities. The February 14, 2018 issue indicated that the Institute is in the process of accepting applications and nominations for new advisory members for the following panels: Healthcare Delivery and Disparities Research; Patient Engagement; Clinical Trials; and Rare Disease.

The deadline for doing so is **5:00 PM on Friday-- March 30, 2018**. Allied health should be part of these funding opportunities. Nominations can be made at https://www.pcori.org/engagement/engagements/pcoris-advisory-panels/advisory-panel-openings?utm_source=Advisory+panel+app+deadline%3B+Kidney+blog&utm_campaign=032718+Kidney+blog%2C+advisory+panel+deadline&utm_medium=email.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES

Laura Gitlin is the new Dean of Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions. She succeeds Interim Dean **Susan Smith**.

CLINICIAN BURNOUT

The National Academy of Medicine recently launched the *Clinician Well-Being Knowledge Hub* to provide resources to combat clinician burnout. Aims are to offer a comprehensive overview of the causes of clinician burnout; its consequences for health care professionals, patients, and their families; and innovative approaches that organizations can take to promote clinician well-being.

This easy-to-navigate resource center includes peer-reviewed research, news articles, blog posts, toolkits, reports, and briefs on clinician burnout and well-being. The knowledge hub provides a central source for health system leaders, clinicians, and trainees, not only to better understand what's causing burnout, but to adopt solutions that promise a brighter, healthier future. The Knowledge Hub can be obtained at http://nam.edu/clinicianwellbeing/?utm_source=National%20Academy%20of%20Medicine&utm_campaign=18b3d7fa9e-CR%20July%20meeting%20registration&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b8ba6f1aa1-18b3d7fa9e-134885357.

TUITION FREEZES

A concern expressed in the media is that all students should be furnished with an opportunity to participate in what higher education has to offer. Much discussion focuses on the price of doing so, which proves to be unaffordable for many individuals and their families. In response, many colleges and universities and some state legislatures are implementing tuition freezes or even reductions.

Few data indicate that access will increase and doing so may contribute to disparities in higher education. For more thoughts on this opposing notion, go to https://encoura.org/cutting-tuition-good-idea/?mkt_tok=eyJpLjoiWVdZd1kySXpOMkV6TkRobSIsInQiOiJFc2NYS2grRWFNRU1NK2V5UFlkalZfV3h3TUtoaDNoeDRpdGZTMHNRZUZ2XC9velhmVXIxbExuOWtmNlV1SHNYUXhNVetFclMwbzJ4OHp0ZDI1OXNLRExrbmpHNEtOODZLeUp3VnJMbmJIUkF1R0xOSlg1c2JLMTZcLzB1NWNSS3d.QIn0%3D.