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# ANNUAL REPORT



*Celebrating the Faces of the*

**COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION  
OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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### *Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP*

CAAHEP Board Members Kate Feinstein, MD, (seated) and Cheryl Harris. Ms. Harris is a Public Member Commissioner and serves on the Planning and Development Committee. She's been involved with CAAHEP since 2014. Dr. Feinstein serves on the Performance Oversight Committee and is a member of the Standards Committee. She's been involved with CAAHEP on the national level since 2014, and has also served on the JRC-DMS and as a site visitor.

# President's Message

It seems that each year, CAAHEP gets stronger and our Committees on Accreditation (CoAs) continue to respond in a meaningful way to the task of ensuring quality education to their disciplines. This year has also included several meaningful actions by CAAHEP to support all of our communities of interest.

## **Continuing activity in our Strategic Plan:**

As you may recall, CAAHEP embarked on a strategic planning activity in 2014. The plan included several pillars or goals of activity with multiple action areas under each pillar/goal. The four strategic goals of the plan included:

- 1.0 Expand the Recognition of the CAAHEP Brand;*
- 2.0 Deliver Unparalleled Services to Constituents/Stakeholders/Customers;*
- 3.0 Influence Public Policy Regarding Programmatic Accreditation in Allied Health; and*
- 4.0 Strengthen the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Operations Throughout CAAHEP.*

In the process, CAAHEP established priorities under each of the goals and has continued to engage the board and the CAAHEP organization in ensuring progress in each of the goals. It is amazing how much progress has been accomplished by the Board and CAAHEP Staff. To offer a few highlights:

### **1.0 Expand the Recognition of the CAAHEP Brand:**

In an effort to expand the CAAHEP brand, CAAHEP engaged in a market analysis, secured services for the development of a marketing plan, and is implementing a focused plan of action.

### **2.0 Deliver Unparalleled Services to Constituents/Stakeholders/Customers:**

To respond to the charge of delivering unparalleled services, CAAHEP staff were instrumental in creating an inventory of CAAHEP services and in securing input from our stakeholders in identifying new services needed by our constituents. To this end, gaps in existing and needed new services were identified so that CAAHEP could better focus our energies in responding to the needs of our CoAs, and Commissioners. Action on delivering this host of services is ongoing.

### **3.0 Influence Public Policy Regarding Programmatic Accreditation in Allied Health:**

Goal 3.0 was a newer strategic activity for CAAHEP and has proven to be of value to our CoAs and Sponsors. CAAHEP has cooperated and supported the efforts of the Association for Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) in responding to legislative and regulatory issues that are currently taking a front seat in accreditation. As we have reported over the past year and more, accreditation is under attack at the legislative level in the U.S. Congress and Senate. While much of the effort is focused on regional accreditation at the moment, the spotlight is also placed on the entire accreditation system. The recommendations by the U.S. Department of Education against the Accreditation Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) reminds us of the importance of the work of CAAHEP and our Committees on Accreditation. It also reminds us of the on-going need to perform our charges consistent with CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines.





#### **4.0 Strengthen the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Operations Throughout CAAHEP:**

The fourth goal has been actively integrated into CAAHEP workshops across the year. Key to this goal is the work of the CAAHEP Standards Committee. This committee has been instrumental in assisting our CoAs in consistent interpretation of the Standards and Guidelines. It is interesting to see the diversity of interpretations of some standards across CoAs. The Standards Committee has worked hard to educate our stakeholders and to close the gaps in interpretation of standards during site visits. In addition, the Standards Committee has been diligent in the review of our existing and new CoAs submission of Standards and Guidelines and the Standards Interpretation Guidelines for the CAAHEP professions.

Currently, CAAHEP is developing training materials to assist our CoAs in the preparation of site visitors for the successful review of programs.

Also, CAAHEP is proud to note that there is a, soon to be released, electronic self-study resource for our Committees on Accreditation. The electronic self-study, in conjunction with the electronic annual reporting mechanism, will be a tremendous asset to CAAHEP. Our acknowledgements to Indigo Interactive/Jura and the CAAHEP staff in their efforts to bring these resources to fruition.

Finally, and perhaps a measure of our success, are the incoming requests for information on CAAHEP accreditation by other allied health professions. While these inquiries are in the initial phases, the interest is a recognition of CAAHEP as the gold standard in programmatic accreditation services. In addition, CAAHEP has been exerting efforts to seek depth to our existing CoAs by helping them with marketing efforts to recruit from the existing pools of academic sponsors.

**In closing...** I must say that, as President, I continue to be proud of my affiliation with CAAHEP and the entire CAAHEP family. I am astonished by the volume of work that is produced by the staff and volunteers of CAAHEP and each of our Committees on Accreditation. It is indeed impressive. This entire enterprise does not work without the commitment of our volunteer boards and our supporting staff. I commend all of you for your hard work. I am humbled daily by the level of dedication displayed by each of you. If there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thom Skalko  
President



#### ***Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP***

*CAAHEP Executive Director Kathleen Megivern, JD, and President Thomas Skalko, PhD, LRT/CTRS, FDRT. Ms. Megivern has served as Executive Director for 18 years. Dr. Skalko has been on the Board since 2012, served as chair of the CoA for Recreational Therapy, and Chairs the Governance Committee. He is also a Liaison.*

# Financial Report 2015-2016

## Financial Summary

The CAAHEP Board of Directors, after establishing a policy to determine the minimum amount we should keep in reserves, has voted to “spend down” the excess reserves in a planned way, consistent with our strategic goals. The largest such expenditure has been for the rebuilding of our database, website and annual reporting tool. In addition, they approved the development of an online self-study tool for our CoAs. These expenditures are, in part, responsible for a negative “bottom line” of expenses over revenue. In addition, the decision was made to auction off the CAAHEP building because maintenance and upkeep costs were continuing to rise. The loss on that transaction adds to the decrease in net assets as shown on the Statement of Financial Position. We are now renting a smaller space and saving an estimated \$300-400/month as a result of the move.

Barry Eckert, PhD, FASAHP  
Treasurer



### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 (compared to June 30, 2015)

REVENUE	2016	2015
Membership Fees	\$ 847,085	\$ 826,825
Annual Meeting Revenue	33,174	31,715
Other Revenue	41,972	35,228
Net Gain (Loss) on Investments	1,875	(19,395)
Total Revenue	924,106	874,373
EXPENDITURES		
Personnel, Consulting & Professional Services	661,349	581,331
Publications, Dues & Subscriptions	13,067	12,060
Meetings & Travel	267,132	244,660
Office/Administrative Expenses	47,831	46,198
Research & Special Projects	302,750	177,515
Depreciation	347	9,696
Total Expenditures	1,292,476	1,071,460
Unrealized Losses (Gains)	61,899	(29,202)
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	149,521	-
Total Expenditures & Losses	1,503,896	1,042,258
Change in Net Assets	(579,790)	(167,885)
	(735)	(2,354)
Prior Period Adjustment		
Net Assets, Beginning of year	2,037,588	2,207,827
Net Assets, End of Year	\$1,457,063	\$2,037,588

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2016**  
**(with comparative financial information for June 30, 2015)**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$367,071	\$419,856
Prepaid Expenses	31,435	20,605
Total Current Assets	398,506	440,461
Investments	1,504,585	1,770,438
Fixed Assets, Net	513	254,919
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,903,604</b>	<b>\$2,465,818</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	19,982	6,962
Accrued Annual Leave	5,359	8,168
Deferred Income	421,200	413,100
Total Current Liabilities	446,541	428,230
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	1,457,063	2,037,588
Total Net Assets	1,457,063	2,037,588
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,903,604</b>	<b>\$2,465,818</b>

*Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP*



*Current CAAHEP Treasurer Barry Eckert, PhD, FASAHP, and Past Treasurer Calvin Harris, EdD. Dr. Eckert has served as Chair of the Performance Oversight Committee and is currently on the Governance Committee, Planning Committee, and is the Finance and Audit Committee Chair. He is also a Liaison. Dr. Eckert has been active in CAAHEP since 2011. Dr. Harris also served on the Board, several Board Committees, and as a Liaison.*

# 2015-2016 in Review

*Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP*

The “Many Faces of CAAHEP” ...Without them, CAAHEP would not succeed. The volunteers from each profession that drive excellence in education forward. From those serving on a Committee on Accreditation (CoA); to reviewers of self-studies submitted by programs seeking accreditation; to site visitors who travel to the programs for an on-site review; to commissioners who support the organization’s activities; to volunteer speakers at conferences and workshops. All the different faces of CAAHEP make us the success we are today. The 2016 Annual Report will take time to Celebrate the Faces of CAAHEP and share with you many of the individuals who give of their time and expertise to make CAAHEP the “Gold Standard” of allied health education.

## Accreditation Activities:

Following the 18-month pilot period of the Recommendation Review Committee, the CAAHEP Board approved the Committee’s continuation as the standard of the review process. The RRC has continued to have positive results from the review process. The dedicated individuals serving on the RRC—Carolyn O’Daniel, Chair and members Pauletta Brown Bracy, Susan Muller, Elizabeth Slagle, and Douglas York—review each recommendation submitted for action by the Committees on Accreditation. With this focused review, the RRC has been able to analyze trends and common citations to assist in better defining policies in an effort to make the accreditation process run smoothly. In addition, the RRC has used this information collected to educate the CoAs on what CAAHEP is looking for during the accreditation reviews and how to effectively write citations. The RRC committee developed workshops sessions that included scenarios of issues identified through the review process. These sessions were presented to the CoA leadership at the January and July meetings.

## Administrative Activities:

For the first time in 15 years, CAAHEP raised the annual fee for programs from \$450 to \$550 per institution. The announcement of the fee increase was made more than a year in advance, so the programs were able to budget accordingly.

After much deliberation, the CAAHEP Board decided that the CAAHEP headquarters office building should be sold. The majority of the office staff are telecommuting from home offices and with the expense of the aging building’s need for continued upkeep, it was decided that the building was put on the market. After 18 months of being for sale, only two showings of the facility, and no offers made, the building was auctioned off in March. The new CAAHEP offices are leased at a lower expense rate than what was being paid for the upkeep of the building that we owned. While this shows as a hit to our bottom line for the year, in the long run, CAAHEP will end up saving money.

One other expense incurred over the last year was the Board’s approval to develop online self-study software. Now in development by Indigo Interactive, CAAHEP looks forward to rolling out the online self-study to the Committees on Accreditation in 2017. In addition, Indigo Interactive is working on the development of a new data management system as well as a redesign of the CAAHEP website.



*CAAHEP Board Member Yasmen Simonian, PhD, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>, with Cynthia Jackson-McNeill, CAAHEP’s Executive Assistant and Meeting Planner. Dr. Simonian also serves on the CAAHEP Performance Oversight Committee and has been active in CAAHEP since 2012. Cynthia joined the CAAHEP Staff in 2005.*



*CAAHEP’s New Headquarters in Clearwater, Florida*



### CHEA Activity:

Following our recognition last year, CHEA required that CAAHEP post website links to outcomes for all of the accredited programs. With more than 2000 programs, this was quite an endeavor for the CAAHEP staff to monitor, in particular, Katie Davis, CAAHEP's accreditation assistant. Following an initial mailing requesting the web address from each program where the outcomes information was reported, Katie was able to post outcome links for more than 60% of programs by the end of the fiscal year. Katie continues to maintain this data and add URLs as needed.



*Katie Davis, CAAHEP's Accreditation Assistant has been with CAAHEP full-time since 2013*

### Committees on Accreditation Relations:

While we remained steady with 28 allied health professions in 2016, CAAHEP continues to receive inquiries from allied health professions interested in becoming part of the Commission. Staff has met with several professions and is working to cultivate these relationships.

In 2016, there were several "firsts" for some of the newer professions under the CAAHEP umbrella when the CoAs brought forward their first accreditation recommendations. Those programs achieving accreditation for the first time in the profession were:

- The **University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor**, has the first CAAHEP accredited **Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring** program.
- The **Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock, Arkansas**, has the first CAAHEP accredited **Anesthesia Technology** program.
- The **University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health in Chapel Hill, NC**, became the first university with a CAAHEP accredited **Lactation Consultant** program.

The Committees on Accreditation have worked hard in 2016 to provide accreditation services in all professions. Several of the smaller CoAs with no paid staff and the CoAs new to the Commission receive one-on-one guidance and support from CAAHEP staff at no charge to the CoA. CAAHEP also continues to offer support to all of the CoAs with services such legal guidance, free use of Go to Meetings/Go to Webinar services, access to Survey Monkey services, promotion of accreditation of new professions to programs already in the CAAHEP database, monthly newsletters, and a webpage on the CAAHEP website to name just a few.

CAAHEP also continued to support the CoAs with the scholarship fund for CoA staff to attend the meetings of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA).

### *Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP*

*CAAHEP Representatives at the ASPA Meeting:*

*Sarah Marino, PhD, MAERB; Gordon Kokx, PhD, NRP, CoAEMSP; President Thomas Skalko, PhD, LRT/CTRS, FDRT; Judith Lauwers, BA, IBCLC, FILCA, LEAARC; and, Kathy Megivern, JD, CAAHEP.*





## Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP

To assure that the CoAs are up to date with the latest policies and accreditation news, CAAHEP conducts two meetings per year specifically for the Committees. First is the annual Leadership Conference in January, where CAAHEP pays for one member of each Committee on Accreditation (usually the CoA Chair) to attend. Other CoA members and staff are welcome, but are not financially supported by the Commission. During the Leadership Conference, speakers are brought in to provide information on accreditation activities on Capitol Hill or on a specific topic of interest. In July, CAAHEP hosts the CoA Summer Workshop, which is directed more to the staff members conducting the day-to-day operations of the CoA. These sessions also have speakers on legal issues, what other CoAs are doing, new products/services provided by CAAHEP and much more. The networking between CoAs at these sessions is tremendously valuable to the CoA leaders.

CAAHEP's Liaison program continues to be efficient in keeping the Committees in touch with CAAHEP activities. Each CoA is assigned a Liaison, which are either current or past Board members and serve as a direct link back to the Board. Following each CoA meeting, the Liaison prepares a report to CAAHEP with any concerns for the Board, policy questions to be asked, or successes to be shared. The Liaison program is just one more piece the enhances CAAHEP's accreditation services.

### CAAHEP's Standards

The CAAHEP Standards Committee has undergone some changes over the last year, including the addition of several new members. The Committee is chaired by Jennifer Anderson Warwick, MA, and includes members Kathryn Kuntz, MEd, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS; Julie O'Sullivan Maillet, PhD; M. LaCheeta McPherson, PhD, MT(ASCP), CLS(NCA); Kate Feinstein, MD, FACR; and, Keith Orloff, CST, FAST. The group meets monthly to review proposed changes to Standards submitted by the Committees on Accreditation or new Standards drafted by newly-formed CoAs. This past fiscal year, the Committee reviewed 15 sets of Standards. The following revised Standards

were approved this year:

- *Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography.*
- *Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Cardiovascular Technology*

In addition, new *Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Medical Scribe Specialist* were approved by the Board.



*Assisting programs with the CAAHEP accreditation process is job number one for our CoAs. Above, Keith Orloff, CST, FAST, Executive Director of the ARC/STSA, holds a Q&A session with program*

## Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP



*Victoria Reyes, Chair of the CoA for Anesthesia Technology Education and Commissioner, attends the Leadership Conference. Ms. Reyes has been with the CoA-ATE since its inception in 2010, and welcomed the first program this year.*

## 2016 CAAHEP Annual Meeting

In April, the 2016 CAAHEP Annual Meeting was held in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Westin Memphis Beale Street, just steps away from the sights and sounds of this fabulous city. The Annual Meeting is the best opportunity for CAAHEP Commissioners to meet and discuss higher education accreditation and specific CAAHEP issues.

The Meeting theme was *"Implementing Strategies to Achieve our 20/20 Vision,"* and included the keynote address by Martin Van Der Werf, Associate Director, Editorial & Postsecondary Policy, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. His address, "The Bigger Picture: What Does the Future Hold for Higher Education?" kicked off the meeting with thought-provoking ideas. The program also included these sessions:

- "Updates on Issues in Washington," from Jay Vaughn, JD, Associate Director, Editorial & Postsecondary Policy Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.
- "CBE: Shared Design Elements & Emerging Practices: the largest scale survey ever conducted on the state of competency based education" and "Best Practices for Accreditors in Assessing Competency Based Education" with Erin Knepler, Associate Director, Higher Education and Workforce Programs, Public Agenda; and Charla Long, Executive Director, Competency Based Education Network (C-BEN).
- "Speed Dating for Commissioners" where Commissioners had an opportunity to connect with fellow Commissioners and learn what the predominant issues are.
- "Questions and Answers with representatives from CoAs (for program directors, faculty, deans)" with representatives from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Services Professions, Medical Assisting, and Surgical Technology Committees on Accreditation.

In addition, attendees had an opportunity to network and let their hair down, as well, as they enjoyed a show from the one and only "Elvis Presley."



*You never know who will show up at the Annual Meeting—including "The King!"*

## Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP



*Maria Friedlander, right, American Society for Cytotechnology's Commissioner and Deborah MacIntyre Sheldon, Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee Coordinator at the Annual Meeting*

## Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP



*CAAHEP Commissioners for NN2 Gregory Ferenchak and Lois Simmons. Dr. Ferenchak also serves as a CAAHEP Board Member and Chair of the Performance Oversight Committee.*



*Karen Monarchy Rowe, Executive Director, CoA-PSG, left, and Kristin Hagen, Commissioner for American College of Medical Scribe Specialists*

## The Annual Business Meeting of the Commission

The Annual Business Meeting of the Commission was held April 11, 2016, in Memphis. Among the items discussed were:

- The Treasurer's Report by CAAHEP Treasurer Barry Eckert, PhD;
- Nominations and Elections Committee Report, where Amber Donnelly and Kathryn (Katie) Kuntz were running for open Board sets, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Slagle and Gregory Ferenchak were running for a second term on the Board. All nominees were elected with terms beginning July 1, 2016;
- The President's Report;
- The Executive Director's Report;
- An Open Forum of Discussion among Commissioners.

It was announced that the 2017 Annual Meeting will be held, April 23-24, 2017 at the JW Marriott Buckhead in Atlanta, Georgia.

## The William W. Goding Award for Exceptional Service

Following the loss of William Goding early in 2016, the CAAHEP Board approved the name change of the CAAHEP Exceptional Service Award to the William H. Goding Exceptional Service Award. Bill was involved in CAAHEP from the very beginning. He served on the first Board of Directors and was elected Treasurer and chaired the Finance Committee. Bill was the second recipient of the CAAHEP Award for Exceptional Service. Throughout his years with CAAHEP, Bill provided guidance and management services to several Committees on Accreditation. He was the longtime chair of the CAAHEP Standards Committee and the author of the first "outcomes based" Standards template. His patient guidance helped all of CAAHEP as we worked through the transition to an outcomes based system. He worked endless hours with new professions as they developed Standards, with the IT developers to design and implement an online annual reporting tool, as well as developing tools on his own for self studies, site visit reports, and surveys for Standards comment collections. To say we miss Bill is an understatement. But, at the very least, we will keep the memory of his tremendous contributions alive through the William W. Goding Award for Exceptional Service.



*William W. Goding, EdD*

## William W. Goding Award for Exceptional Services Recipient: Calvin D. Harris, EdD

Calvin D. Harris, EdD, served as Public Member Commissioner for CAAHEP and as a member of the CAAHEP Board of Directors for four terms. The importance of having actively involved Public Members cannot be overstated, as it is made clear in the CHEA criteria for recognition which require not only that all recognized accrediting bodies have public members, but that those members play an important role in the accrediting body's governing structure and activities. CAAHEP has been fortunate to have great volunteers serving as public members, but there is none who was more involved or committed than Calvin Harris.



During his first two terms on the Board, Calvin served alongside Bill Goding. And, a few years later when one of the Public Members had to resign, Calvin stepped up and agreed to fill that vacancy and served another two terms.

Like Bill Goding before him, Calvin went on to be elected CAAHEP's Treasurer and he, too, served as Chair of the Standards Committee. He also served on the Bylaws Committee and as Liaison to several Committees on Accreditation.

Calvin Harris was similar to Bill Goding in many ways, but none so much as how he exemplifies the essence of volunteer service to CAAHEP. It was only fitting that Calvin be the first recipient of the William W. Goding Award for Exceptional Service.



*Award recipient Calvin D. Harris, EdD, with Jackie Long-Goding, PhD, RRT-NPS*

### CAAHEP President's Citation

It is not every year that a Presidential Citation is awarded. It is only given when the President wishes to recognize someone who has been especially instrumental in helping the President during his term of office. In 2016, President Skalko selected Keith Orloff, CST, FAST, as the recipient of the CAAHEP President's Citation.

Keith Orloff is the Executive Director of the Accreditation Review Council on Education for Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA). Over the years, Keith has served CAAHEP by volunteering on numerous committees and task forces. He currently serves on the CAAHEP Standards Committee and Bylaws Committee. He has presented at numerous CoA Summer Workshops and is always prepared to share his knowledge at Leadership Conferences. He was one of the first CoA Executives to host the Question and Answer Session for program directors and deans at the CAAHEP Annual Meeting.

At the end of 2016, Keith is planning to retire from his position at the ARC/STSA. So, President Skalko was pleased to honor Keith with the President's Citation for his service and dedication to CAAHEP.



*President Thomas Skalko, PhD, LRT/CTRS, FDRT and President's Citation Recipient Keith Orloff, CST, FAST*

### Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP



*William Goding, EdD, one of the "founding faces" of CAAHEP.*





## CAAHEP Communications and Website

The electronic distribution of all CAAHEP communications continues to be successful in reaching our audience groups. The electronic newsletters—bi-monthly *Communiqué* newsletter and *For Commissioners Only* bulletin, along with the monthly *CoA Notes* newsletter—continue to be well-read, as is indicated by the above-average open and click through rates of electronic media in “Education and Services” type organizations. A new bulletin, *Liaison Link*, was developed this year and is sent to CAAHEP Liaisons following each Board meeting with notices of actions, Board motions, and other news Liaisons will need to keep CoAs informed. This publication has been well received. For organizations in the same category as CAAHEP, the average electronic publication open rate is 24.8% and click through rate 9.3% (meaning, the reader clicked one or more links in the newsletter to get additional information). CAAHEP’s averages are 34% open rate and 12%. For the second year, CAAHEP was recognized by Constant Contact as an “All Star” for our ability to reach our constituents.

The CAAHEP website saw a slight decrease in the number of visitors over last year, 647,606 visitors in 2016 versus 665,448 individuals visiting the site in 2015. First time visitors continued to dominate our web visits, making up 75% of the visitors. The overall website experienced more than 1.4 million pages viewed. There was a total of 847,603 visits to the CAAHEP website this past fiscal year, with January 2016 being the most popular month with 80,000 visitors. The CAAHEP online database of accredited program remains the most often visited section of the website, with 554,410 searches conducted. The top 10 most visited pages for the 2016 fiscal year were:

1. Find an Accredited Program
2. CAAHEP’s Home page
3. For Students landing page
4. Profession Description and Certification Information for Diagnostic Medical Sonography
5. Profession Description and Certification Information for Surgical Assisting
6. Profession Description and Certification Information landing page
7. Profession Description and Certification Information for Cardiovascular Technology
8. Profession Description and Certification Information for Anesthesiologist Assistant
9. Profession Description and Certification Information for Surgical Technology
10. Why is Accreditation Important

## Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP



Kimberly Martens, MAMS, CMI, (left) and Kathleen Jung, MS, CMI(F) attending the CAAHEP Annual Business Meeting representing the Medical Illustrator profession. Ms. Jung is a former Board Member and currently serves as a Liaison.



Annual Meeting attendees Jennifer Anderson Warwick, MA, CAAHEP Standards Committee Chair and ARC-AA Executive Director; Kalyani Naik, MS, SCT(ASCP), CAAHEP Staff; and outgoing Commissioner and Board Member John Padgett. John continues to serve as a Liaison.

## Searches for an Accredited Program

The following chart shows the number of searches conducted for accredited programs on the CAAHEP website by profession this past fiscal year.

Profession	Total Searches Conducted in FY 2016
Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography	26,812
Anesthesia Technology	13,876
Anesthesiologist Assistant	25,980
Art Therapy	2,046
Assistive Technology	1,683
Cardiovascular Technology	43,578
Clinical Research	6,422
Cytotechnology	8,217
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	148,424
Emergency Medical Technician—Paramedic	32,112
Exercise Physiology	5,986
Exercise Science	5,673
Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring	5,539
Kinesiotherapy	5,464
Lactation Consultant	7,274
Medical Assisting	52,966
Medical Illustrator	2,529
Medical Scribe Specialist	3,265
Neurodiagnostic Technology	15,179
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician	4,372
Orthotist/Prosthetist	7,614
Perfusion	31,062
Personal Fitness Training	2,372
Polysomnographic Technology	9,671
Recreational Therapy	3,412
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology/ Transfusion Medicine	3,980
Surgical Assisting	37,688
Surgical Technology	41,314

## Google Grant

The advertising campaign CAAHEP developed, which was made possible by a Google Grant, continues to perform extremely well in driving visitors to the website. The Google Grant provides CAAHEP advertising when Google searches are conducted using keywords related to the professions in which CAAHEP accredits programs. For example, if a search is conducted on Google for a “Paramedic program” or an “EMT school,” an ad for CAAHEP accreditation may appear in the right column of the Google search results. The ad is linked to the CAAHEP website, where individuals can find out more about the profession, accreditation in general, and search for an accredited program.

The current ads in the grants are:

### CAAHEP Approved Programs

Providing gold standard education to future healthcare professionals.

[www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)

### Is it CAAHEP Accredited?

An important question to ask before choosing a program. Find out why...

[www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)

This fiscal year was the third full year that CAAHEP participated in the Google Grant. The number of impressions the CAAHEP ad made in Google search results was 6,406,726. Of those impressions, nearly 159,000 individuals clicked on the ad to visit the CAAHEP website to find more information. The value of the Google Grant for this fiscal year was \$109,441. Over the period of the Google Grant, the grant value totals \$406,381.

## Social Media

CAAHEP has a growing social media presence with LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. CAAHEP’s Facebook page has more than 1,300 likes. Photos of practitioners, meetings, and students, and news from our sponsoring organizations get the most attention on the page. CAAHEP follows all Sponsoring Organizations with a FB presence, as well as many schools with CAAHEP accredited programs. We have begun sharing school news associated with allied health programs. Demographics of our FB followers are primarily women (70%) between the age of 25 and 34. The majority are in the United States with the next largest population from Pakistan, then Egypt, and the top three cities are New York, Houston, and Los Angeles.

CAAHEP’s Twitter presence has continually increased in 2016 with the highest being 15.5K in one month. Tweets have included photos of our meetings, Commission news, and sharing information from sponsoring organizations and CoAs. CAAHEP is following all of our Sponsoring Organizations and has begun following programs as well. CAAHEP’s LinkedIn account has 265 followers and has made 6,102 impressions. The CAAHEP YouTube Channel has had 3,133 views to date.



### *Celebrating the Faces of CAAHEP*

*Sometimes, even accreditors need to let their hair down. Here, Kathy Megivern, JD; Susan Fuchs, MD, CAAHEP Secretary, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee, and Liaison; M. LaCheeta McPherson, PhD, Past President, Standards Committee Member, and Liaison; and Yasmen Simonian, PhD, Board Member and Planning and Development Committee Member, enjoy some karaoke and dancing after a long day of meetings.*

# Summary of Accreditation Actions

At the conclusion of the 2015-2016 fiscal year, CAAHEP had 2,194 accredited programs in 24 professions. Committees on Accreditation from five of the newer professions continue to work on procedures in preparation for reviewing programs or are still drafting Standards. The chart below shows the number of accreditation actions that were taken this year, detailed by profession and accreditation status. Please note that Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography, Art Therapy, Assistive Technology, Clinical Research, and Medical Scribe Specialist are newer professions and did not have any programs accredited this year. Also, Personal Fitness Trainer, Recreational Therapy, Specialist in Blood Bank Technology/Transfusion Medicine had no actions this year.

Professions	Initial	Continuing	Probation	Withdrawn / Withheld	Initial Expire	Total
Anesthesia Technology	3	0	0	0	0	3
Anesthesiologist Assistant	1	1	0	0	0	2
Cardiovascular Technology	7	9	0	0	0	16
Cytotechnology	0	6	0	0	0	6
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	21	69	0	2	0	92
Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic	38	47	2	0	1	88
Exercise Physiology	0	1	0	0	0	1
Exercise Science	1	1	0	0	0	2
Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kinesiotherapy	0	0	1	0	0	1
Lactation Consultant	1	0	0	0	0	1
Medical Assisting	13	91	14	0	0	118
Medical Illustration	0	1	0	0	0	1
Neurodiagnostic Technology	0	2	1	0	0	3
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician	3	0	0	0	0	3
Orthotist/Prosthetist	0	1	0	0	0	1
Perfusion	1	0	0	0	0	1
Personal Fitness Training	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polysomnographic Technology	1	5	0	0	0	6
Recreational Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Specialist Blood Bank Technology/Transfusion Medicine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surgical Assisting	0	1	0	0	0	1
Surgical Technology	4	37	7	1	0	49
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>395</b>



## Voluntary Withdrawal

The total number of programs that exercised the right to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation during the 2015-2016 fiscal year decreased from the previous year, as seen in the chart below.

Profession	Number of Voluntary Withdrawals
Cardiovascular Technology	5
Cytotechnology	3
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	10
Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic	5
Medical Assisting	32
Neurodiagnostic Technology	1
Polysomnographic Technology	5
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology	2
Surgical Technology	15

The total number of programs, by profession, that exercised the right to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation in 2015-2016 is outlined as follows:

Fiscal Year	Number of Voluntary Withdrawals
2004-2005	38
2005-2006	83
2006-2007	41
2007-2008	40
2008-2009	38
2009-2010	25
2010-2011	36
2011-2012	46
2012-2013	44
2013-2014	67
2014-2015	99
2015-2016	78

## Accredited Programs by Profession

The following reports the number of accredited programs by each profession and sorted by accreditation status as of June 30, 2016, the end of the fiscal year. The Emergency Medical Services—Paramedic profession has 195 programs under Letter of Review status as they work toward initial accreditation.

Professions	Initial	Continuing	Probation	Inactive	Withhold/ Withdraw	Total
Anesthesia Technology	3	0	0	0	0	3
Anesthesiologist Assistant	4	7	0	0	0	11
Cardiovascular Technology	42	58	0	0	0	100
Cytotechnology	1	22	0	2	0	25
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	82	275	1	2	1	360
Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic	255	240	2	5	0	502
Exercise Physiology	3	6	0	0	0	9
Exercise Science	21	24	0	0	0	45
Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kinesiotherapy	0	2	1	0	0	3
Lactation Consultant	1	0	0	0	0	1
Medical Assisting	61	486	18	0	0	565
Medical Illustration	0	4	0	0	0	4
Neurodiagnostic Technology	5	19	1	0	0	25
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician	5	0	0	0	0	5
Orthotist/Prosthetist	3	10	0	0	0	13
Perfusion	1	16	0	0	0	17
Personal Fitness Training	1	1	0	0	0	2
Polysomnographic Technology	17	24	0	0	0	41
Recreational Therapy	6	0	0	0	0	6
Specialist Blood Bank Technology/ Transfusion Medicine	0	10	0	1	0	11
Surgical Assisting	1	7	0	0	0	8
Surgical Technology	31	394	8	3	1	437
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>1605</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2194</b>

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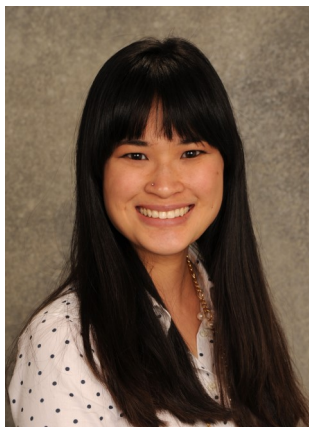
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*After a day (or sometimes days) of meetings, the CAAHEP Board enjoys dinner together. Here are just a few candid shots of Board and Staff at dinner.*

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*Like many CAAHEP volunteers, Robin Seabrook, Executive Director of and Commissioner for the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education, has been involved with CAAHEP for many years. She's served on CAAHEP Committees and is always willing to contribute to the discussion.*

# CAAHEP Liaisons 2015-2016

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*Each CoA holds Board and committee meetings, either face-to-face or by conference call to conduct the business of the CoA. Here are members of the Lactation Education Accreditation and Approval Review Committee.*





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*Susan Fuchs, MD, is not only a CAAHEP Commissioner, Secretary on the Board, Chair of the Planning Committee, and Liaison to CoAEMSP, she's also an HUGE Cubs fan. Here she's representing CAAHEP at the playoffs with her logo jacket!*



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*During the Annual Meeting, CAAHEP hosts roundtable question and answer sessions with several of the larger professions in which CAAHEP accredits programs. Representatives from schools that have accredited programs have found these to be very helpful. Here, Molly Curry, Surgical Technology Program Director from Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, NC, and Donna Palmer, Medical Assisting Dean at Tri-County Technical College in Pendleton, SC, network at the Annual Meeting.*





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