



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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



a year's overview

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I reflect over the past year I immediately ask myself where did the time go? We have been so busy doing CAAHEP work this year that I lost track of time. My year as president literally ended before I realized it began. When Benjamin Franklin said that “Time is money” he was referring to the concept of opportunity cost, meaning that choices we make have a cost, and delays will most likely lead to a decrease in output. Based on the work accomplished by the CAAHEP family, we have made some good choices on how we spent our time as it has been an extremely productive year for us.

In addition to the routine CAAHEP work, 2018 was a busy time planning for our 25th anniversary. As Sondra Fleming did in the 2014 CAAHEP Annual Report, I too want to wish CAAHEP a Happy Birthday. The official kickoff for our year of celebration was at the Annual Meeting in April which was held in San Antonio, Texas. The theme for our Silver Anniversary is ‘Celebrating 25 Years of Doing What Matters.’ The CAAHEP staff put together a fabulous plan for us to celebrate our past and look forward to another 25 years.

This past year CAAHEP completed another Strategic Plan and immediately drafted up a new one. 2019-20 looks like it will be a busy year but for CAAHEP that is par for the course. Completing another Strategic Plan is another accomplishment for us as we remain focused on the CAAHEP Vision and Mission. As CAAHEP celebrates 25 years of doing what matters, like father time, it marches onward.

While CAAHEP developed a new Strategic Plan, we took the opportunity to review and revise our Vision and Mission Statements. A lot of input and time was devoted to this important task but we came to consensus and presented the proposal to the commissioners at the Annual Meeting. They were approved. These two statements will help the Board of Directors guide CAAHEP in the coming years.

This past year CAAHEP welcomed back the profession of Respiratory Care at the Annual Meeting. The Joint Review Committee on Education in Respiratory Care petitioned to be a new Committee on Accreditation and was approved

by the commissioners. With the new CoA came a new sponsoring organization, the National Association for Associate Degree Respiratory Care. The new profession increases the number of professions under the CAAHEP umbrella which will only make us a stronger organization.

The CAAHEP Board brought forth changes to the Bylaws at the Annual Meeting. The changes, which included some editorial corrections and some substantive and reformatting changes were necessary to improve the efficiency of CAAHEP. Special recognition to the Bylaws Committee that was chaired by Donald Balasa for completing this task in time to present it to the commissioners.

One of the highlights of the year for me was the recognition of **Dr. Thomas K. Skalko** as the 2019 recipient of the **William W. Goding Award for Exceptional Service**. It was a pleasure to acknowledge the work, time and dedication of Dr. Skalko to CAAHEP. He, like the recipients before him, proved that working toward the betterment of an organization does not go unnoticed. Bill Goding set the bar very high but there are many in the CAAHEP organization that meet the standards, which is why we can celebrate and remember Bill each year.

It is said that all good things come to an end and so too does my year as President. Once again I want to thank the entire CAAHEP staff, the Board of Directors, Commissioners, Board liaisons, and the many site visitors for everything they did to maintain the high CAAHEP standards.

It was a pleasure to work alongside of everyone. I am confident that many of you are familiar with the poem by Linda Ellis, "The Dash" which refers to the dates on a tombstone, the birth year and the death year. She explains in the poem that those dates are important but what is most important is what this person did between those two years, the dash. I began my term in 2018 and it ended in 2019, 2018-2019. What I will remember and cherish in the coming years are the CAAHEP accomplishments during the 'dash' and the people who I met and added to my circle of friends and colleagues. I am confident that CAAHEP will continue to prove to be the innovative leader for the accreditation of health sciences and health professions education.

Thank you,

Gregory Ferenchak, EdD, RT(R)(QM)
CAAHEP President

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal year ended very well for CAAHEP, even though the bottom line was slightly less than last year. Clearly CAAHEP will have sufficient funds to accomplish its new strategic plan's goals.



Barry Eckert, PhD, FSAHP
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2019

(with comparative financial information for June 30, 2018)

ASSETS:	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 426,913	\$ 455,775
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 26,872	\$ 43,675
Security Deposits	<u>\$ 600</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 454,385</u>	<u>\$ 500,050</u>
Investments	\$1,632,260	\$1,575,492
Fixed Assets, Net	\$ 300,962	\$ 343,211
Total Assets	<u>\$2,387,607</u>	<u>\$2,418,753</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 29,138	\$ 19,786
Accrued Annual Leave	\$ 11,723	\$ 9,506
Deferred Income	\$ 432,242	\$ 406,126
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 464,103</u>	<u>\$ 435,418</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	\$1,923,504	\$1,983,335
Total Net Assets	\$1,923,504	\$1,983,335
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$2,387,607</u>	<u>\$2,418,753</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR END JUNE 30, 2019

(with comparative financial information for June 30, 2018)

SUPPORT AND REVENUE::	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Revenue:		
Sponsorship Fees	\$ 240,000	\$ 237,000
Institutional Accreditation Fees	\$ 745,352	\$ 741,996
Annual Meeting	\$ 49,110	\$ 36,325
Investment Income	\$ 18,384	\$ 32,385
Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$ 14,102</u>	<u>\$ 3,900</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$1,066,948</u>	<u>\$1,051,606</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 392,237	\$ 377,066
Professional Services	\$ 168,915	\$ 76,820
Publications, Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 14,948	\$ 16,000
Meeting and Travel	\$ 283,427	\$ 244,628
Contractual Services	\$ 204,721	\$ 196,278
Insurance	\$ 5,892	\$ 5,903
Office Supplies	\$ 49,463	\$ 43,647
Depreciation	\$ 42,249	\$ 42,249
General & Administrative	\$ 21,402	\$ 23,734
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,183,254</u>	<u>\$1,026,325</u>
Unrealized Loses (Gains)	(\$ 53,082)	(\$ 59,586)
Total Expenditures & Losses:	\$ 1,130,172	\$ 966,739
Change in Net Assets	(\$ 63,224)	\$ 84,867
Prior Period Adjustment	\$ 3,393	(\$ 3,016)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$1,983,335</u>	<u>\$1,901,484 Net</u>
Assets, End of Year	<u>\$1,923,504</u>	<u>\$1,983,335</u>

2018-2019

YEAR IN REVIEW

July 1, 2018, rang in CAAHEP's new year along with a lot of big changes. Fresh off the heels of its completed three-year strategic plan, the newly elected CAAHEP Board went to work on the creation of new goals and strategies to take the organization into the new decade. The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), the organization that recognizes CAAHEP, published new recognition requirements that had a major effect on how CAAHEP publishes outcomes. The closure of numerous for-profit institutions kept CAAHEP's phones ringing with calls from concerned students and parents. A number of neighboring institutions with CAAHEP accredited programs welcomed misplaced students from the closed institutions, allowing them to continue their pursuit of a career in health care.



In April, CAAHEP kicked off its 25th Anniversary celebration at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Commissioners and attendees reminisced with several of CAAHEP Past Presidents, and looked to the future with approval of the following new Mission and Vision Statement:

CAAHEP's Vision

To be the innovative leader for the accreditation of health sciences and health professions education.

CAAHEP's Mission

To provide quality assurance in health sciences and health professions education by setting standards for program accreditation and evaluating program performance.



CHEA Update

Updates in the CHEA recognition criteria kept the CAAHEP office busy this year. New requirements on how accredited programs list outcomes had staff not only collecting URLs from each of the 2,200+ accredited programs' websites, but also verifying that



those URL links actually lead to the correct outcomes required by each profession. In October's interim report to CHEA on our progress, CAAHEP was able to report that 100% of accredited programs were in compliance with the outcomes reporting criteria. In addition, the CHEA transparency requirements precipitated a change to the CAAHEP policies on what was reported when posting the accreditation actions taken by the Board of Directors. Now CAAHEP posts the actual accreditation status letter each program receives, which includes any citations noted during the accreditation review process.

Standards Activities

Sixteen professions had Standards somewhere in the process of review during the last year. The Standards Committee held two open hearings, culminating in the approval of one set of Standards – the ***Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Education Programs in Orthotist and Prosthetist***. In addition, the Board approved changes to Appendix B of the ***Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation***

of Educational Programs in Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician.

In order to streamline the Standards' review and approval process, the CAAHEP Board approved the Standards Committee's recommendation to increase the opportunity to hold open hearings. Now, open hearings on proposed Standards can be held in any month except December. The Standards Committee continued its work on the proposed new Standards Template, collecting input from the communities of interest along the way. A proposed new Standards Template is anticipated in the coming year.

Professions' "Firsts"

It was an exciting year for two of the newer professions in the CAAHEP system, with the approval of the first-ever accredited programs. **Arizona State University** had the honor of having the first three **Clinical Research Professional** programs accredited by CAAHEP.





In addition, **Edinboro University**, in Pennsylvania, is the first to have a CAAHEP-accredited **Art Therapy program**.



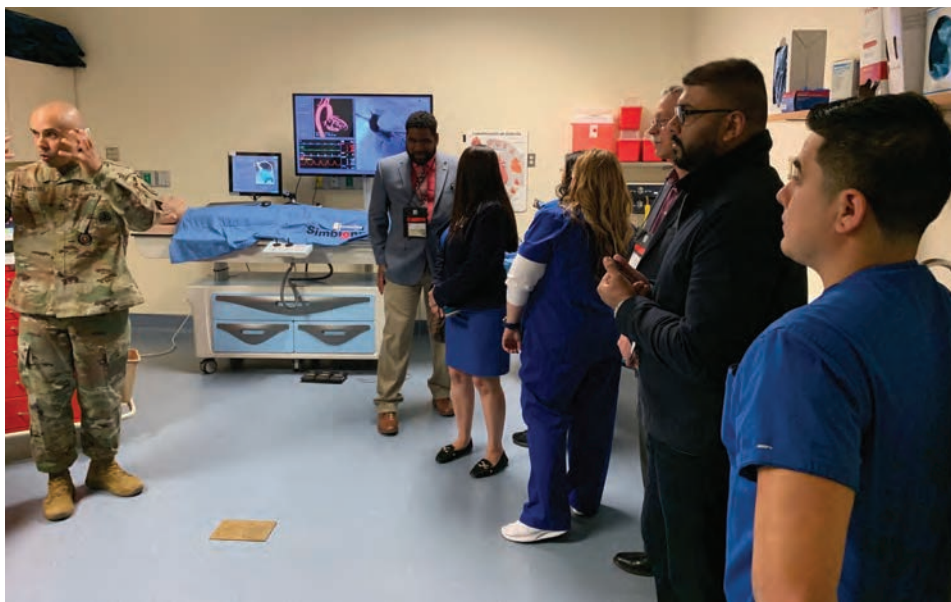
Annual Meeting of Commissioners

At the 25th Annual Meeting of CAAHEP Commissioners, CAAHEP welcomed back the Respiratory Care profession. Commissioners approved:

- the new mission and vision statement;
- CAAHEP Bylaws revisions;
- a new sponsoring organization, the National Association of Two-Year Respiratory Care.

They also elected or re-elected nominees for the CAAHEP Board of Directors Catherine Carter, Katherine Kuntz, Keith Orloff, Glen Mayhew, and Don Martin.

Hosting the meeting in San Antonio afforded attendees the opportunity to visit the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) at Fort Sam Houston, Joint Base San Antonio, and get a behind-the-scenes tour of this amazing facility. The multi-profession training facility hosts 49 medical programs and 16,500 graduates per year. Thank you to our Department of Defense Commissioner Suzan Bowman for organizing and METC for allowing this wonderful tour!



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NUMBERS & STATISTICS



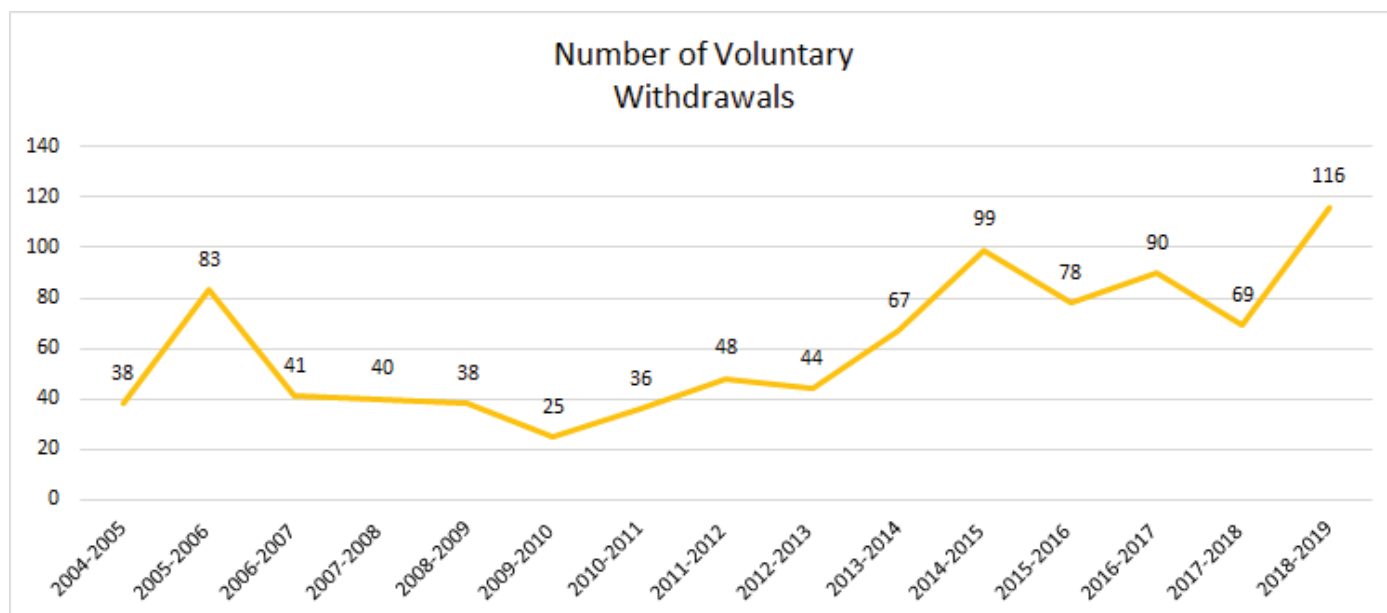
At the conclusion of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, CAAHEP had 2,221 accredited programs in 27 professions. Committees on Accreditation from 4 professions (Orthoptics, O&P Assistant, Pedorthist, and Inclusive Rehabilitation Sciences) continue to work on procedures in preparation for reviewing programs or are still drafting Standards and had no accredited programs. CAAHEP took action on 406 recommendations last fiscal year, and the chart below shows the number of accreditation actions that were taken, detailed by profession and accreditation status. While the Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography, Kinesiotherapy, Medical Scribe Specialist, and Specialist in Blood Bank Technology professions have approved Standards, they did not have any programs accredited this year.

Summary of Accreditation Actions

Professions	Initial	Continuing	Probation	Withdrawn/ Withheld	Initial Expire	Total
Anesthesia Technology	1	0	0	0	0	1
Anesthesiologist Assistant	0	1	0	0	0	1
Art Therapy	9	0	0	0	0	9
Assistive Technology	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cardiovascular Technology	3	8	0	0	0	11
Clinical Research	3	0	0	0	0	3
Cytotechnology	0	4	0	0	0	4
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	17	79	0	0	1	97
Paramedic	31	82	3	0	0	116
Exercise Physiology	1	1	0	0	0	2
Exercise Science	7	9	0	0	0	16
Monitoring	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lactation Consultant	2	0	0	0	0	2
Medical Assisting	9	49	0	0	0	58
Medical Illustration	0	2	0	0	0	2
Neurodiagnostic Technology	2	7	0	0	0	9
Orthotist/Prosthetist	0	3	0	0	0	3
Perfusion	0	1	0	0	0	1
Personal Fitness Training	1	0	0	0	0	1
Polysomnographic Technology	1	6	0	0	0	7
Recreational Therapy	3	1	0	0	0	4
Surgical Assisting	1	1	0	0	0	2
Surgical Technology	11	34	6	1	3	55
TOTAL:	104	288	9	1	4	406

Voluntary Withdrawal

With the closure of several for-profit schools, the total number of programs that exercised the right to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation during the 2018-2019 fiscal year increased from the previous year, as seen in the chart below.



The number of programs, by profession, that exercised the right to voluntarily withdraw from CAAHEP in 2018-2019 is outlined below:

Profession	Number of Programs Voluntarily Withdrew
Cardiovascular Technology	1
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	9
EMS-Paramedic	8
Lactation Consultant	1
Medical Assisting	69
Neurodiagnostic Technology	1
Polysomnographic Technology	3
Surgical Assisting	1
Surgical Technology	23

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ACCREDITED PROGRAMS BY PROFESSION

The following table reports the number of accredited programs by each profession and sorted by accreditation status as of June 30, 2019, the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic profession had 66 programs under Letter of Review status as they work toward initial accreditation

Profession	Initial	Continuing	Probation	Inactive	Total
Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography	2	0	0	0	2
Anesthesia Technology	3	0	0	0	3
Anesthesiologist Assistant	2	10	0	0	12
Art Therapy	9	0	0	0	9
Assistive Technology	3	0	0	0	3
Cardiovascular Technology	26	70	2	0	98
Clinical Research Professional	5	0	0	0	5
Cytotechnology	2	22	0	0	24
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	60	309	1	0	370
EMS - Paramedic	237	384	3	3	627
Exercise Physiology	5	8	0	0	13
Exercise Science	25	40	0	0	65
Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring	4	0	0	0	4
Kinesiotherapy	0	5	0	0	5
Lactation Consultant	7	0	0	0	7
Medical Assisting	39	394	0	3	436
Medical Illustrator	0	4	0	0	4
Neurodiagnostic Technology	5	20	0	0	25
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician	6	0	0	0	6
Orthotist/Prosthetist	1	11	0	1	13
Perfusion	2	15	0	0	17
Personal Fitness Training	3	2	0	0	5
Polysomnographic Technology	10	32	0	0	42
Recreational Therapy	5	4	0	0	9
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology	1	9	0	0	10
Surgical Assisting	3	7	0	0	10
Surgical Technology	31	358	7	1	397
TOTAL	496	1704	13	8	2221



25 years' review

FROM 1994 TO 2019

“CAAHEP became incorporated in the State of Illinois on May 26, 1994, and began its official operation on July 1,” is an excerpt from the second edition of the Communique, dated September-October 1994. And from that issue on, in what seemed to be a blink of an eye, CAAHEP grew from the fledgling organization, announcing the appointment of its first public member Commissioner in that same newsletter issue, to a strong, growing organization of today. What originated from a committee of the American Medical Association, the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), has grown into an organization representing 17 allied health disciplines and 17 CoAs to now 32 professions in health sciences with 25 CoAs.

Over the years, CAAHEP accreditation moved to an outcomes-based review system assuring programs meet the requirements set forth by each profession's Standards and Guidelines. Along the way, most professions that were with us from the start stayed, a few professions left, while 10 health science occupations joined as member professions under the CAAHEP umbrella, as well as six

related professions. In 25 years, the Commission approved the addition of the following professions:

- Lactation Consultant
- Orthoptics
- Recreational Therapy
- Rehabilitation/Disability Studies

And, related professions:

- Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring
- Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician
- Orthotist and Prosthetist Assistant
- Pedorthic
- Personal Fitness Training
- Surgical Assisting

With the addition of professions in CAAHEP came the addition of sponsoring organizations and CoAs. Sponsors have grown from an original 53 in 1995 to 75 organizations today. To strengthen the organization, a Standards Template was developed, numerous policies and procedures have been reviewed, enhanced, and developed, responsibilities of the committees of the Board have been augmented, and the CAAHEP Board itself was restructured and streamlined to best represent the broad spectrum of the professions in the CAAHEP system.



The Commission has consistently elected strong, dedicated volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors and true leaders to serve CAAHEP President, who have continually moved the Commission

forward. With the guidance of these Presidents and the volunteers on each Board of Directors, CAAHEP led accreditation in becoming recognized as the gold standard in health care education.

CAAHEP Past Presidents and Sponsoring Organization They Represented on the Commission

- 1994-1995 William Teutsch, Association of Surgical Technologists
- 1995-1997 Kirby Cox, National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges*
- 1997-1998 Jerome Sullivan, American Association for Respiratory Care
- 1998-1999 Diana Yankowitz, Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- 1999-2002 Larry Leverenz, National Athletic Trainers Association
- 2002-2005 Sondra Flemming, National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges
- 2005-2007 Gregory Paulaskis, Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care
- 2007-2009 William Horgan, Accreditation Committee-Perfusion Education
- 2009-2011 M. LaCheeta McPherson, National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges
- 2011-2012 Hugh W. Bonner, Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions
- 2012-2014 Cameron Harris, Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists
- 2014-2017 Thomas Skalko, Committee on Accreditation for Recreational Therapy Education
- 2017-2018 Carolyn O'Daniel, National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges
- 2018-2019 Gregory Ferenchak, National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges

*Deceased

CAAHEP was extremely fortunate that seven of its Past Presidents were in attendance at the 2019 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Past Presidents pictured, kneeling: M. LaCheeta McPherson and Thomas Skalko; back row: Hugh Bonner, Carolyn O'Daniel, Sondra Flemming, Larry Leverenz, and Greg Ferenchak.



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

It's not just Board members and officers who have given of their time and expertise to help make CAAHEP successful. It's also the volunteer Commissioners, and the leaders of the Committees on Accreditation, the CoA staff members, the members who serve on each CoA, the site visitors, and the individuals who teach site visitor training. The list goes on and on. Over the years, CAAHEP has had an opportunity to recognize a handful of these exceptional volunteers with the William Goding Award for Exceptional Service, previously known as the CAAHEP Award for Exceptional Service. This award is reserved for those who are or have been Commissioners, and recognizes those who have served the Commission in word and deed, advanced its purposes, and actively participated in the Commission's activities at a high level for a sustained period of time. The recipients are those who are respected by other Commissioners, but do not currently serve as a Board member.

The criteria for the award are as follows:

- Advancing CAAHEP's mission and goals
- Assuming leadership responsibilities within CAAHEP
- Exhibiting notable participation in one or more CAAHEP activities and/or programs
- Advancing ideas and/or new strategies to benefit the organization

Recipients of the William Goding Award for Exceptional Service

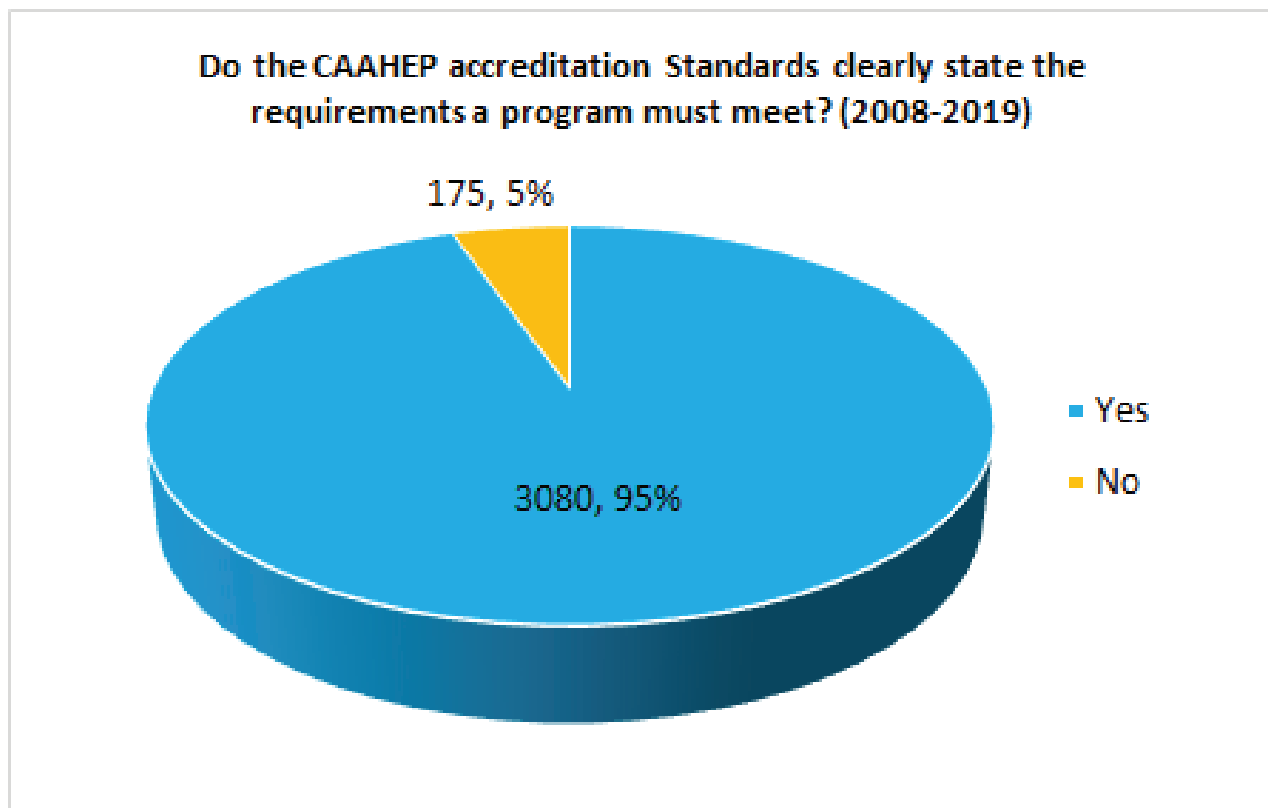
2001	Leslie Ellwood
2002	William Goding
2003	John Trufant
2004	William Teutsch
2005	Kirby Cox
2006	Larry Leverenz
2007	Stanton P. Nolan
2008	Janet Ghigo
2009	Sondra Flemming
2010	Lindsey Rettie
2011	William J. Horgan
2012	Nancy J. Smith
2013	M. LaCheeta McPherson
2014	Judy Jondahl
2015	James Atkins and Marjorie Reif
2016	Calvin Harris
2017	Jennifer Anderson Warwick
2018	Hugh Bonner
2019	Thomas Skalko



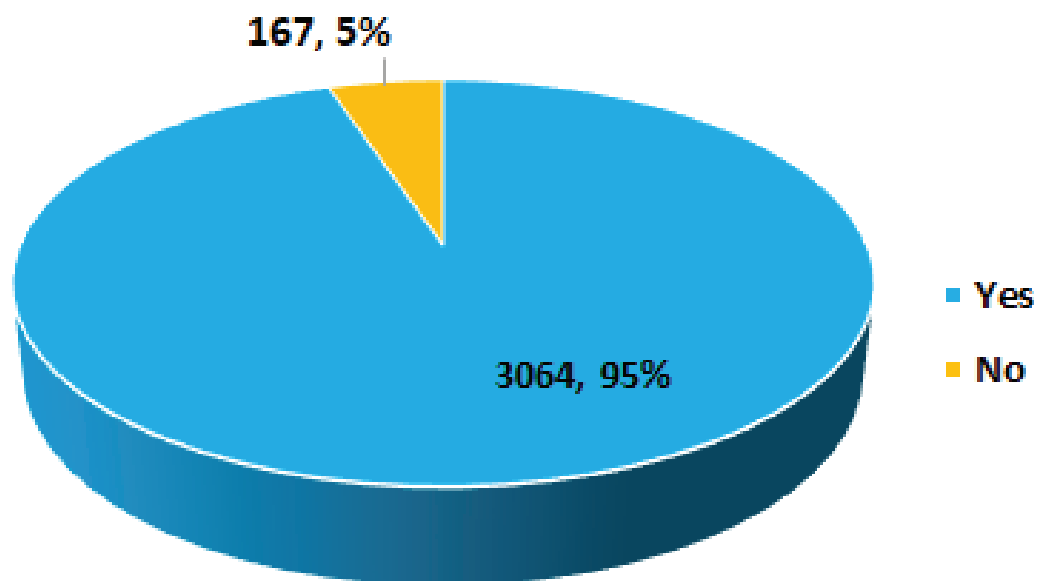
**CAAHEP President Gregory Ferenczak with
Past President Thomas Skalko, recipient of the 2019
William W. Goding Award for Exceptional Service**

CAAHEP OUTCOMES

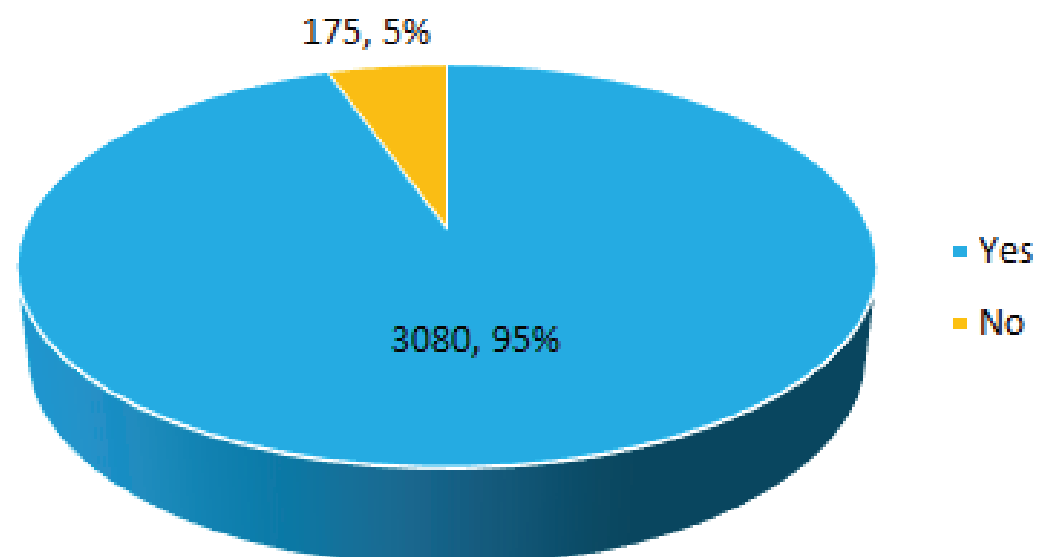
Being an outcomes-based accrediting body, CAAHEP leads by example and has continually assessed the CAAHEP accreditation process since 2000. Following each accreditation cycle, the programs achieving an accreditation status are surveyed and the findings are reviewed several times annually. In 2008, the questionnaire was reviewed and edited, and some questions were found to be no longer relevant. Since collecting and analyzing this data, CAAHEP has tracked trends, adjusted policies and procedures, and enhanced training opportunities. The following is a snapshot of what we've learned since the 2008 survey has been in place:



Did the CAAHEP Accreditation Process Accurately Evaluate Your Program's Strength and Weaknesses? (2008-2019)



Do the CAAHEP accreditation Standards clearly state the requirements a program must meet? (2008-2019)



25 Years in

NUMBERS

Over the past 25 years, the CAAHEP Board of Directors has taken actions on more than **10,100** programs seeking accreditation from CAAHEP (initial, continuing, and probationary status).

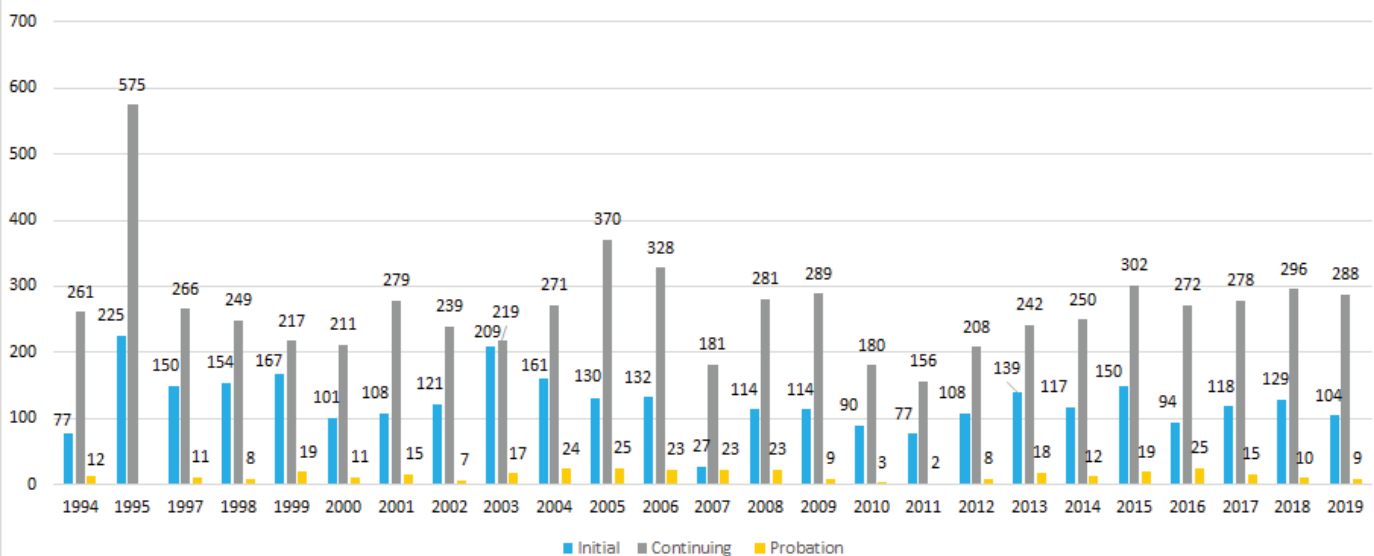
3,116

Initial Accreditation Actions

6,708

Continuing Accreditation Actions

CAAHEP 25 Years of Accreditation Actions



In preparing for this special section of the 2018-2019 Annual Report, we took a look back at the data, reviewed past issues of the Communique newsletter, and read all Annual Reports we had in our files. It seemed appropriate to share Past President Kirby H. Cox's concluding remarks from CAAHEP's first Annual Report:

"[For CAAHEP] The bottom line is *value*. In the years ahead, the Commission is not only committed to strengthening the infrastructure of the system, but also to providing recognition and quality allied health accreditation services. We are committed to continuous quality improvement as we work in collaborative relationships with other healthcare professionals to find innovative solutions to accreditation problems nationwide."

Here's to the next 25 years...

2018-2019

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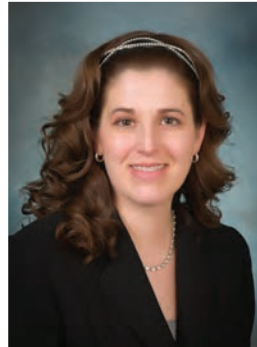
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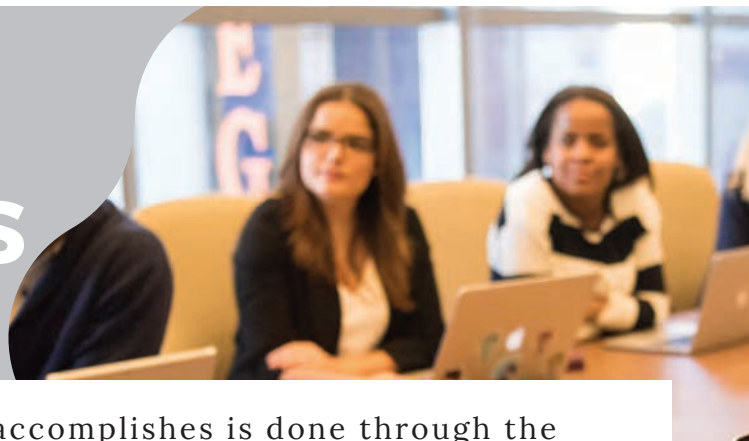


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CAAHEP COMMITTEES



A great deal of the work that CAAHEP accomplishes is done through the leadership of our volunteers who serve on CAAHEP Committees. We recognize, with deep appreciation, these volunteers.

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CAAHEP BOARD LIAISONS

CAAHEP utilizes the Liaison role as one means of ensuring quality and consistency in its accreditation decisions and with CAAHEP's policies and procedures. Each Liaison is a current or past Board member, who serves as a designated Liaison between the Board and a specific CoA. Liaisons attend CoA meetings, provide information from the Board to the CoA, and files a report to CAAHEP following each CoA meeting. The 2018-2019 Liaisons are:

Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography

Thomas Skalko, PhD, LRT/CTRS*

Anesthesia Technology

Greg Frazer, PhD, FASAHP

Anesthesiologist Assistant

Amber Donnelly, PhD, MPH, SCT

Art Therapy

Elizabeth Slagle, MS, RN, CST

Assistive Technology

Douglas K. York, NREMT-P, PS, (NAEMT)

Cardiovascular Technology

Douglas K. York, NREMT-P, PS, (NAEMT)

Clinical Research

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Cytotechnology

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Exercise Sciences

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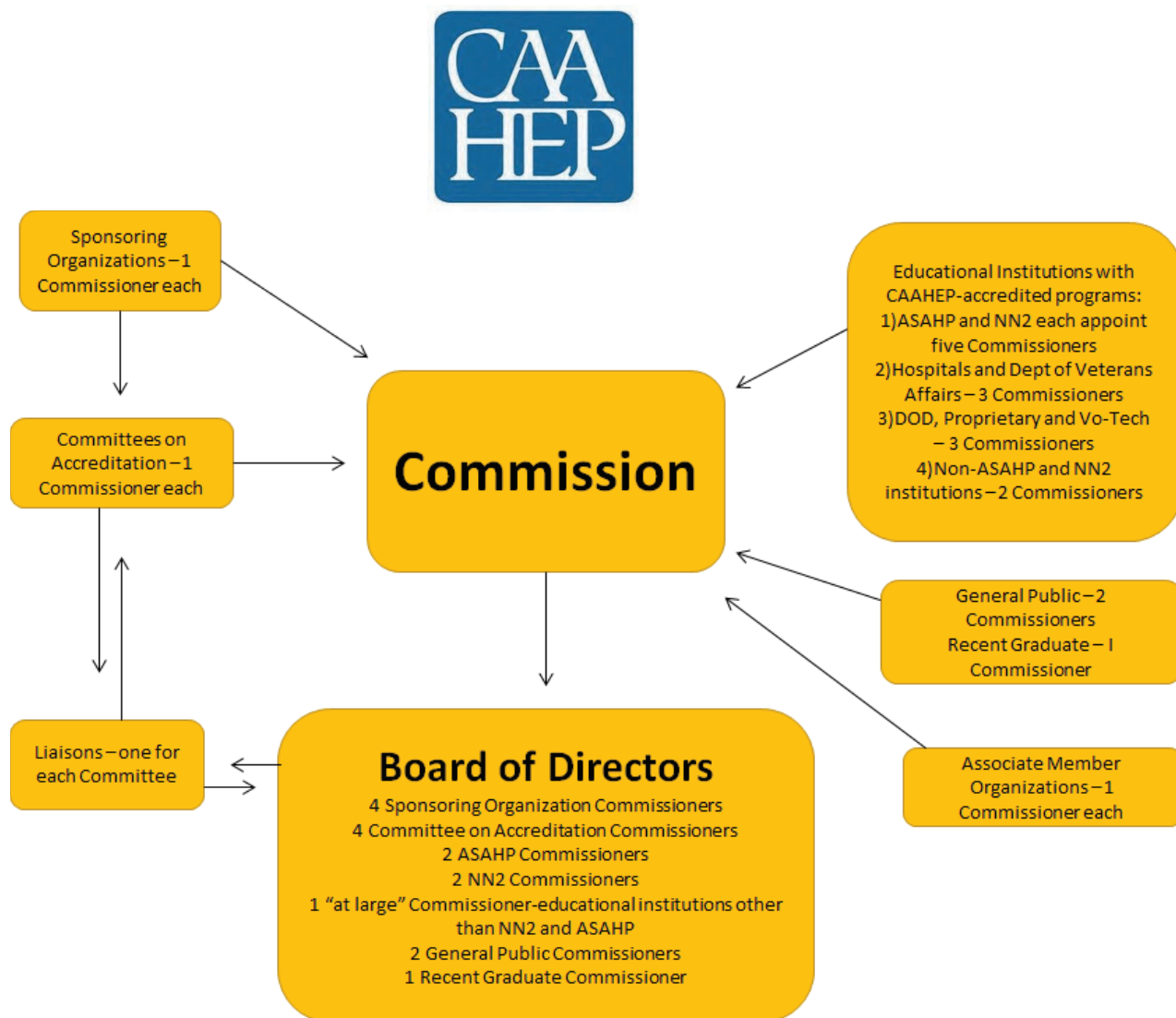
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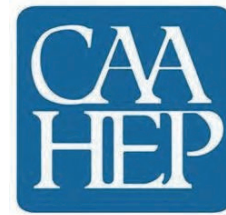
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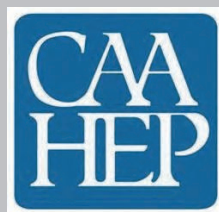
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