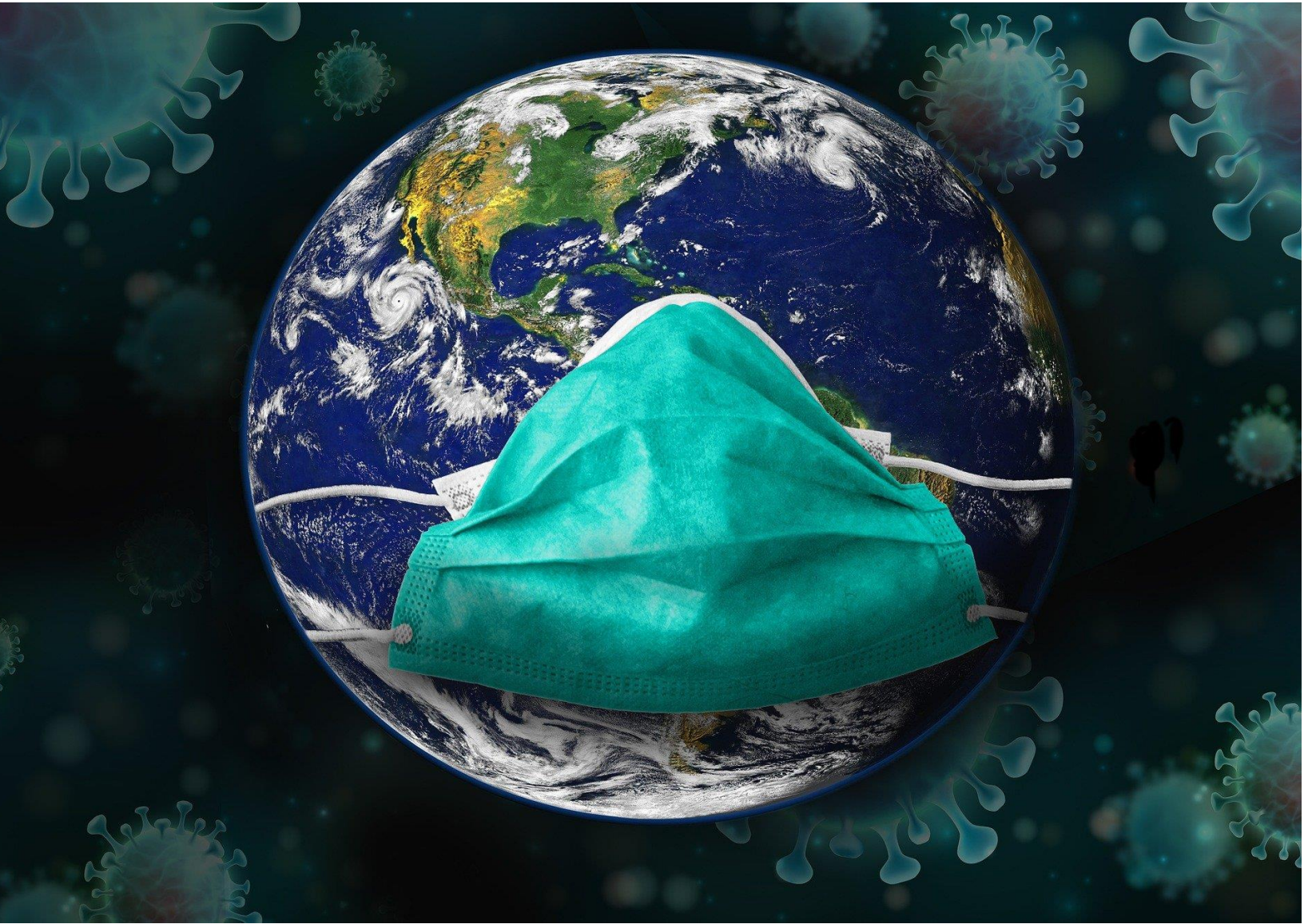


Annual Report 2020



Commission on Accreditation of
Allied Health Education Programs



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The Year's Overview

From the President

While I think everyone will agree that 2020 was a year that all of us would like to forget, I always look for the positive, as I have always been a glass half-full optimist. When organizations and individuals face insurmountable challenges, the true champions rise up and step forward. The individuals and groups that make CAAHEP such an amazing organization have done just that. Time and time again this past year I have witnessed the relentless perseverance from so many to ensure that CAAHEP continued to meet its vision and mission. The vision of CAAHEP could not have rung truer during these difficult times of being the innovative leader for the accreditation of health sciences and health professions education.



Our staff, Board, Committees on Accreditation (CoAs), and the 2200 programs rose to the challenges, becoming more innovative and ensuring that the pipeline of our health sciences and health professions students would be able to progress while maintaining standards. Changes and modifications were made that truly enabled creativity and innovation through use of technology and collaboration.

One prime example of this includes virtual site visits. While site visits of this type had been mentioned in the past, it never got a lot of traction to move forward. The pandemic created the opportunity for virtual site visits to become reality. Through tremendous amounts of planning, educational development, policy adaptation, and use of technology, CAAHEP Committees on Accreditation have completed over 90 virtual site visits at the time of writing.

While all these things were happening minute by minute, we could not lose sight that we were in the second year of our three-year strategic plan. I will say that it truly seemed visionary that aspects of our strategic plan aligned well with overcoming the challenges we were faced with. All four goals, supporting objectives, and actions plans were critical to our successes:

- 1) Achieve greater efficiency and consistency in the application of CAAHEP standards, policies, and procedures;
- 2) Strengthen the relationship with and support of CoAs;
- 3) Build an efficient and sustainable structure, and
- 4) Foster innovative education.

CAAHEP was able to take quick action on policies and processes. We stayed in regular two-way communication with our CoAs, programs and other constituents; we modified our organizational structure; and we embraced new and innovative ways of achieving outcomes while maintaining standards.

Additionally, I want to recognize all of our internal committees and especially the Standards Committee, International Accreditation Task Force and the Distance Education Task Force for the hundreds if not thousands of hours they have dedicated to ensuring that we are leading the way with our standards and practices.

In the coming year, we must continue to stay steadfast and embrace new challenges and opportunities so that we, as the family of CAAHEP, continue to meet our vision and mission. Serving as President of this organization (family) is an honor and privilege. I am humbled every day by the unwavering expertise, giving, and leadership the individual volunteers and staff within this organization exhibit every day.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen".

Glen Mayhew, DHSc, NRP
CAAHEP President



Financial Summary

The 2019-2020 fiscal year ended very well for CAAHEP. The total assets increased from the previous year but despite an increase in our liabilities, the end of the fiscal year's net assets was a lot higher. CAAHEP will have more than sufficient funds to accomplish its goals as we continue to work on the strategic plan.

Kate Feinstein, MD, FACR
CAAHEP Treasurer

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

(with comparative financial information for June 30, 2019)

ASSETS:		2020	2019
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	393,875	\$ 426,913
Prepaid Expenses		43,359	26,872
Security Deposits		600	600
Total Current Assets		<u>437,834</u>	<u>454,385</u>
Investments		1,608,675	1,632,260
Fixed Assets, Net		460,962	300,962
Total Assets	\$	<u>2,507,471</u>	<u>\$ 2,387,607</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$	18,179	\$ 29,138
Accrued Annual Leave		12,700	11,723
Deferred Income		453,056	423,242
Total Current Liabilities		<u>483,935</u>	<u>464,103</u>
Net Assets:			
Unrestricted		2,023,536	1,923,504
Total Net Assets		<u>2,023,536</u>	<u>1,923,504</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$	<u>2,507,471</u>	<u>\$ 2,387,607</u>

**COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED
HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
(with comparative financial information for June 30, 2019)**

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenue:		
Sponsorship Fees	\$ 239,700	\$ 240,000
Institutional Accreditation Fees	747,925	745,352
Annual Meeting	18,300	49,110
Investment Income	34,554	18,384
Miscellaneous Income	4,768	14,102
Total Revenues	<u>1,045,247</u>	<u>1,066,948</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries and Benefits	386,400	392,237
Professional Services	118,973	168,915
Publications, Dues & Subscriptions	36,146	14,948
Meeting and Travel	205,007	283,427
Contractual services	198,488	204,721
Insurance	12,203	5,892
Office Supplies	22,225	49,463
Depreciation	-	42,249
General & Administrative	8,093	21,402
Total Expenditures	<u>987,535</u>	<u>1,183,254</u>
Unrealized Losses (Gains)	(41,285)	(53,082)
Total Expenditures & Losses	<u>946,250</u>	<u>1,130,172</u>
Change in Net Assets	98,997	(63,224)
Prior Period Adjustment	1,035	3,393
Net Assets, Beginning of year	1,923,504	1,983,335
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>2,023,536</u>	\$ <u>1,923,504</u>

2019-2020 Year in Review

Annual Commissioner Meeting

In the light of the Coronavirus pandemic, the CAAHEP Board decided to eliminate the in-person part of the annual meeting to assure the safety of attendees. Instead, the Commissioners' Annual Business Meeting was held virtually on April 20, 2020, and included sessions by Judith Eaton, President of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation; David Markenson, Chief Medical Officer, American Red Cross; and Jay Vaughan and Vince Sampson, with Cooley, LLP, providing a Washington Update.



Judith Eaton



David Markenson



Jay Vaughan



Vince Sampson

Additionally, the Board approved changes to the Annual Meeting format going forward. Beginning in April 2021, the Annual Business meeting of Commissioners, which is required by the Bylaws to be held every April, will be held online via electronic means. The agenda items that traditionally have been on the April Annual Meeting program will be moved to the January Leadership conference, beginning with January 2021. This would include items such as the Keynote Address, Washington Update, and Awards Luncheon. A fee will be charged for the reformatted Annual Meeting in January. Due to these changes, no William W. Goding Award for Exceptional Service was given in 2020.

The Commission approved a new Sponsoring Organization during the Annual Meeting, the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross became sponsors for the Exercise Sciences and Anesthesia Technology Committees on Accreditation.



**American
Red Cross**

Board Activities

The Board reviewed a number of policies in 2020, which led to many changes to the Policy Manual. The following is a synopsis of the policies that were changed:

- 103 Geographic Scope - adding requirements for international programs seeking CAAHEP accreditation;
- 206 A.4.a. and b. Process for Determining Accreditation Recommendations - requires that the evaluation of the program by site visitors must be based on the standards language and that the Site Visit Report shall include a listing of strengths, weaknesses, and areas needing improvement.
- 206 A.5. Programs shall be given an opportunity to respond to the report findings and that CoAs are encouraged to a reasonable period of time, after the site visit, during which programs may resolve areas of potential non-compliance with *Standards* and submit documentation of the resolution to be considered during formulation of an accreditation recommendation by the CoA to the CAAHEP Board of Directors.
- 302 - Was changed to allow accredited programs to publish just CAAHEP's full name and a link to the CAHEP website. In addition, language was added to address how institutions with an accredited program and a program under Letter of Review should communicate this to the public.
- 503 A - The policy now states that a CoA must be sponsored by at least one sponsoring organization during its initial and ongoing affiliation with CAAHEP. It also addresses what happens if the CoA loses its only sponsor.
- 701 Fees: An increase of the institutional fee of \$550. Effective July 1, 2020, the new institutional fee will be \$600.

A general change was made throughout the Policy Manual where all references to "on-site evaluation" was changed to just state "site evaluation," as they can be completed on-site or virtually.

New policies were also created this year, including a policy addressing complaints filed against CAAHEP or its Committees on Accreditation (Policy 603).

The Board and Board Committees continued their work on the action items within the Strategic Plan, making progress on all goals. The Governance Committee reviewed the Executive Director's job description and evaluation tool, updating both items

Bylaw Changes

During the virtual Annual Meeting, the Commission approved changes to the CAAHEP Bylaws, including reducing the number of representatives on the Board by one representative from each category and the Recent Graduate Commissioner will no longer serve on the Board of Directors.

Committee on Accreditation Zoom Support

CAAHEP has been providing teleconference services to the Committees on Accreditation. Prior to the pandemic, CAAHEP reviewed teleconferencing options and decided to switch from Go to Meeting/Go to Webinar to Zoom. This change recognized a \$5,000 per year savings for CAAHEP, and afforded CoAs an opportunity to use this service with an increase in the number of people who could participate in meetings. Since the pandemic, CoAs have been using the Zoom subscriptions for a variety of options including CoA Board meetings, virtual site visits, webinars promoting CAAHEP accreditation to institutions with non-accredited programs, webinars for programs providing vital information on maintaining accreditation during COVID-19, and many more.



Council on Higher Education Accreditation Activities

This year, Executive Director Kathy Megivern (with assistance from many others) worked on the process to gain CAAHEP's re-recognition by CHEA. We drafted and submitted two documents to CHEA. One was a narrative on how CAAHEP is meeting the new CHEA criteria, and a request in change of

scope. The change of scope is for the four new professions that have accredited programs since the last time change of scope was approved. Those professions are Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography, Assistive Technology, Art Therapy, and Clinical Research. The CHEA self-study was due in November 2020.

COVID-19 Response

The Board discussed COVID-19 and the organization's guidance to programs to stay flexible and innovative while still meeting required outcomes. CAAHEP posted a statement on its website regarding COVID-19 and encouraged each CoA to develop its own statements. All CoAs prepared statements and links are provided from the CAAHEP website to each CoA's statement. In an effort to stay in contact and share information with the CoAs, CAAHEP instituted a monthly CoA Connections conference call. These calls last approximately one hour and provide an opportunity to disseminate information about activities of the CAAHEP Board, as well as information regarding the pandemic, learn how the CoAs are assisting programs in their efforts to become accredited, meet students' needs, and maintain positive outcomes. It has grown to be a sharing opportunity among the CoAs, as well as a good sounding board for questions and answers.

Program Webinars

CAAHEP identified several topics of interest to accredited programs and developed webinars to address these issues. Two sessions were held this fiscal year:

- "The CAAHEP Site Visit: What to Expect, How to Prepare"
- "Program Advisory Committee: The Public Member"

These sessions were recorded and are posted to the CAAHEP website for anytime viewing.

Standards Activities

The CAAHEP Standards Committee worked throughout the fiscal year on the review of Standards from six professions. Their work in assisting the Committees on Accreditation in developing and editing each document culminated in the approval of the following sets of initial Standards:

- ***Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Education Programs in Orthotist and Prosthetist Assistant.***
- ***Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Inclusive Rehabilitation Sciences.***

In addition, the following sets of Standards were reviewed and revised this year and approved by the CAAHEP Board of Directors:

- ***Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Clinical Research.***
- ***Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Pedorthic Education.***
- ***Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Perfusion.***
- ***Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Education Programs in Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography.***

The Standards Committee continued their development on the new Standards Template. After the Board's review of the document, the proposed Template was sent to the CoAs for comments in May 2020.

In an effort to be more convenient to the CoAs, the Standards Committee proposed an increase in the availability to host open hearings. The Board approved a change to the Standards Adoption and Revision Policy so that open hearings are held every month of the year except for December. When possible, hearings will coincide with face-to-face meetings of the Board. All hearings will include the option of teleconference participation for those who are unable to be physically present.

Summary of Accreditation Actions

At the conclusion of the 2019-2020 fiscal year, CAAHEP had 2,251 accredited programs in 21 professions. Four professions are in development of their Standards or have recently had Standards approved and have not yet reviewed programs. These are Inclusive Rehabilitation Sciences, Orthoptics, Orthotist and Prosthetist Assistant, and Pedorthic Education. CAAHEP took action on 380 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, Assistive Technology, Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring, Kinesiotherapy, Medical Illustration, and Personal Fitness Trainer professions have approved Standards, they did not have any programs accredited this year.

Professions	Initial	Continuing	Probation	Withdrawn/ Withheld	Total
Anesthesia Technology	2	0	0	0	2
Anesthesiologist Assistant	0	5	0	0	5
Art Therapy	5	0	0	0	5
Cardiovascular Technology	2	9	0	0	11
Clinical Research	1	0	0	0	1
Cytotechnology	0	3	0	0	3
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	15	42	0	2	59
Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic	21	108	1	1	131
Exercise Physiology	1	1	0	0	2
Exercise Science	2	4	0	0	6
Lactation Consultant	3	0	0	0	3
Medical Assisting	12	54	2	0	68
Neurodiagnostic Technology	1	5	0	0	6
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician	0	1	0	0	1
Orthotist/Prosthetist	0	3	0	0	3
Perfusion	1	1	0	0	2
Polysomnographic Technology	1	3	0	0	4
Recreational Therapy	1	1	0	0	2
Specialist Blood Bank Technology/ Transfusion Medicine	0	2	0	0	2
Surgical Assisting	2	2	0	0	4
Surgical Technology	16	40	4	0	60
TOTAL:	86	284	7	3	380

Voluntary Withdrawal

The number of programs that exercised the right to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation during the 2019-2020 fiscal year decreased from the previous year.

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	48
2012-2013	44
2013-2014	67
2014-2015	99
2015-2016	78
2016-2017	90
2017-2018	69
2018-2019	116
2019-2020	60

The number of programs, by profession, that exercised the right to voluntarily withdraw is outlined as follows:

Profession	Number of Programs Withdrew
Cardiovascular Technology	2
Cytotechnology	1
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	2
EMS-Paramedic	5
Kinesiotherapy	1
Medical Assisting	30
Perfusion	1
Polysomnographic Technology	2
Surgical Technology	16

Accredited Programs by Profession

The following chart reports the number of accredited programs by each profession and sorted by accreditation status as of June 30, 2020, the end of the fiscal year. The Emergency Medical Services — Paramedic profession has 71 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	5	0	0	0	5
Anesthesiologist Assistant	2	10	0	0	12
Art Therapy	14	0	0	0	14
Assistive Technology	3	0	0	0	3
Cardiovascular Technology	24	74	0	0	98
Clinical Research Professional	6	0	0	0	6
Cytotechnology	2	19	0	1	22
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	75	312	0	0	387
EMS - Paramedic	203	435	1	2	641
Exercise Physiology	5	9	0	0	14
Exercise Science	25	42	0	0	67
Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring	4	0	0	0	4
Kinesiotherapy	0	4	0	0	4
Lactation Consultant	10	0	0	0	10
Medical Assisting	44	372	1	2	419
Medical Illustrator	0	4	0	0	4
Neurodiagnostic Technology	6	20	0	0	26
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician	6	0	0	0	6
Orthotist/Prosthetist	0	12	0	1	13
Perfusion	3	14	0	0	17
Personal Fitness Training	3	2	0	0	5
Polysomnographic Technology	6	35	0	0	41
Recreational Therapy	5	5	0	0	10
Specialist in Blood Bank Technology	0	10	0	0	10
Surgical Assisting	4	8	0	0	12
Surgical Technology	38	356	5	0	399
TOTAL	495	1743	7	6	2251

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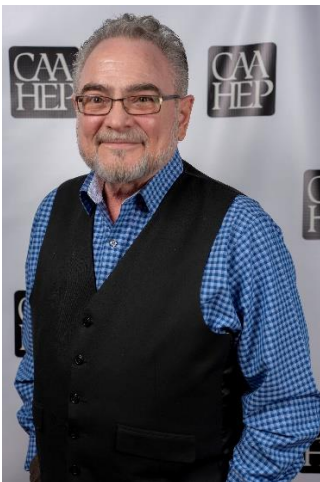
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CAAHEP Liaisons

CAAHEP utilizes a “liaison” function as one means of ensuring quality and consistency in its accreditation decisions and with CAAHEP’s policies and procedures. The Board-CoA Liaison is a current or past member of the Board of Directors, who serves as a designated liaison between the Board and a specific Committee on Accreditation. Liaisons attend CoA meetings, providing information from the Board to the Committee on Accreditation, and files a report to CAAHEP on each CoA meeting. The following individuals served as Board Liaisons in 2019-2020:

**Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography -
Liaison: Thomas K. Skalko***

Anesthesia Technology - Liaison: Greg Frazer

**Anesthesiologist Assistant - Liaison: Glenda
Carter**

**Art Therapy - Liaison: Elizabeth (Betsy)
Slagle***

**Assistive Technology - Liaison: Douglas K.
York***

**Cardiovascular Technology - Liaison: Douglas
K. York***

Clinical Research - Liaison: Don Balasa

Cytotechnology - Liaison: Kerry Weinberg*

**Diagnostic Medical Sonography - Liaison:
Carolyn O’Daniel***

**Exercise Sciences - Liaison: Gregory
Ferenchak***

**Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic -
Liaison: Barry S. Eckert**

Kinesiotherapy - Liaison: Stacey Ocander

**Lactation Consultants - Liaison: Kathryn
(Katie) Kuntz**

Medical Assisting - Liaison: Kate Feinstein*

**Medical Illustrator - Liaison: LaCheeta
McPherson***

**Neurodiagnostic Technologist - Liaison:
Pauletta Brown Bracy***

**Orthoptics – Liaison: Jennifer Anderson
Warwick***

**Orthotics and Prosthetics - Liaison: M.
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Perfusionist - Liaison: Fred Lenhoff

**Polysomnographic Technology - Liaison:
Cathie Rienzo**

**Recreational Therapy - Liaison: Stacey
Ocander**

**Rehabilitation/Disability Studies – Liaison:
Thomas Skalko***

Respiratory Care – Liaison: Jenny Spegal

**Specialist in Blood Bank Technology -
Liaison: Glen Mayhew**

**Surgical Technology/Surgical Assistant -
Liaison: Susan Fuchs***

***Non-Board Liaison**

2019-2020 Sponsoring Organizations

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Donald Balasa; Sarah Marino (Alternate)

**American Association of Sleep Technologists
(AAST)**
Joel Porquez

**American Board for Certification in
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**2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS**

APRIL 16, 2021

3:00 PM EASTERN



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- Maintains relationships with CHEA and ASPA
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