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Message from the Chair, William Horgan

As you read through this newsletter you will see that both the AC-PE and CAAHEP have been busy over the past year. The AC-PE has been evaluating Perfusion programs using outcomes measures for some time now. The transition to outcomes has required the AC-PE to change some of its policies and processes, as well as the annual report form. All changes that have taken place have improved information gathering and helped simplify the process. The Committee will continue to examine and re-evaluate its processes to improve program evaluation. The Committee recently re-evaluated the need for programs to visit clinical affiliates every two years, and determined this policy is not consistent with outcomes evaluation. In the coming months, the AC-PE will be looking at the use and implementation of graduate and employer surveys. In addition, the AC-PE will be communicating with the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) to consider options that will assist programs in evaluation of certification exam results. Change is the only constant right now!

CAAHEP has added another face-to-face meeting to bring us together to learn more about Emergency Preparedness. The meeting will be held on October 26-27, 2007 in either Washington, DC or Chicago. Meeting information will be posted on the AC-PE website as soon as the location and hotel have been confirmed.

This July 28-29, CAAHEP will host its Summer Workshop. This year the topic will be Site Visitor training. CAAHEP will pay the full cost for one Committee member and the cost of hotel and meals for a second Committee representative. Theresa Sisneros is part of the planning committee for this meeting and will add our voice to the workshop agenda.

Lastly, the AmSECT Board of Directors has voiced a concern regarding the number of Perfusion Education Programs. They question if the number of programs we have today will be able to meet the future needs of the profession. They have offered to assist the AC-PE and programs in any way they can to help meet our future manpower needs.

As always, please let us know if you have any concerns or comments.

Emergency Preparedness

At its April 28, 2007 meeting, the AC-PE voted to add emergency preparedness competencies into the AC-PE Approved Curriculum and begin the Standards revision process to reflect this addition. The Perfusion Program Directors Council (PPDC) currently has a sub-committee working on content. In addition, CAAHEP has a section of its website dedicated to emergency preparedness, which includes resource information and a message board. All programs will be sent a DVD of Dr. Ralph Shealy's presentation on emergency preparedness, compliments of the AC-PE. The DVD includes an introduction to emergency preparedness and stresses the importance of using the skills of allied health professionals in an emergency situation. Look for the DVD to arrive soon!

Policy 9.04 Requirement for Program Officials to Visit Clinical Affiliates

The AC-PE voted to withdraw its policy requiring program officials to visit clinical affiliates at least every 2 years. The AC-PE recognizes the financial implications of this policy and realizes it may be contrary to CAAHEP's policy regarding institutional autonomy. However, the AC-PE still feels that visiting affiliates is an important part of assuring effective clinical education. Programs are encouraged to visit all affiliates to maintain appropriate oversight of student's clinical experience.



Policy 8.03 Scheduling Random Site Visits

The AC-PE changed its policy regarding the scheduling of random site visits. Programs will now be given 90 days notice prior to arrival on-site, and will be given three (3) days to confirm that assigned site visit dates are acceptable. If no confirmation is received from the program, it will be assumed that assigned dates are acceptable to the program.

THANK YOU!

The AC-PE would like to recognize the following individuals, who rotated off the Committee in April:

Bruce Bartel has served on the AC-PE since 1982!

Bob McCoach has served on the AC-PE for 6 years.

Thanks to both of these members who have been committed to accreditation and perfusion education. Their participation and expertise will be missed.

Perfusionists on the National Scene

At its April meeting, the CAAHEP Board of Directors elected Bill Horgan as CAAHEP's next president. His term will begin July 1, 2007.

Molly Marko, CCP, is CAAHEP's recent graduate commissioner. Molly is a graduate of the SUNY Upstate Medical University Perfusion program in Syracuse, NY.

Stan Nolan, MD received CAAHEP's Award for Exceptional Service, which is the highest honor awarded by CAAHEP. Dr. Nolan served on the AC-PE for many years, as well as serving as CAAHEP's Commissioner representing the American Association for Thoracic Surgery.

Congratulations and thank you to Bill, Molly, and Dr. Nolan for their involvement and commitment to the Perfusion profession and allied health accreditation!

AMA Health Professions Programs Survey

The 2007 version of the Annual Survey of Health Professions Education Programs is now available on the AMA's website. This survey is collecting data for the 2006-2007 academic year. Please watch for instructions for completing the survey, to be sent from the AMA soon!

Use of CAAHEP's Logo

CAAHEP recently approved a policy regarding the use of CAAHEP's logo by programs and sponsoring institutions. Information, including a copy of the logo, can be found on CAAHEP's website at www.caahep.org under "For Program Directors." Following is the policy:

The CAAHEP logo is the exclusive property of CAAHEP. However, CAAHEP allows accredited programs and their sponsoring institutions to use the CAAHEP logo in publications and displays. The following guidelines must be followed.

1. The logo must be used in its entirety and not modified except that it may be reduced or enlarged to suit the use, but the scale of elements should be retained.
2. It may be reproduced in black and white.
3. The logo may NOT be used by programs that have applied for, but not yet received accreditation.
4. When programs are included in the publication and/or display that are not accredited by CAAHEP then accompanying text must be included that makes it clear which programs are CAAHEP accredited.
5. Use of the logo shall be subject at all times to revocation and withdrawal by CAAHEP when, in its sole judgment, its continued use would not serve the best interests of CAAHEP or the public.

