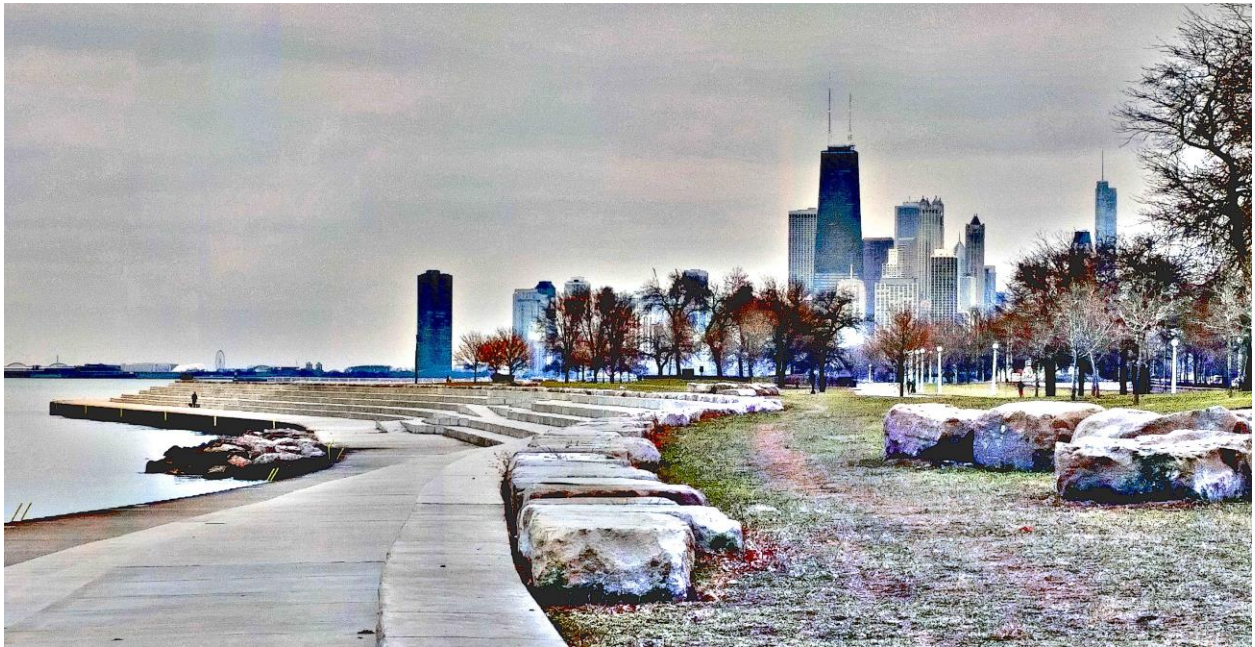


# **ASPA**

## **Spring Conference**

**April 3 - 5, 2016**

**Millennium Knickerbocker  
163 East Walton Place • Chicago IL, 60611**



**Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors**

# ASPA Spring Conference

Registration open 7:30 a.m. Sunday, April 3, 2016

## Pre-conference

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### Sunday, April 3, 2016

- 8:30 am - 9:30 am (Continental) **Title IV and Accreditor Responsibilities**  
A review of recognition requirements for accreditors with the Title IV link.  
**Sarah Adams**, Compliance Manager, Chicago/Denver School Participation Division, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid  
**Karen Solinski**, Executive Vice President for Legal and Governmental Affairs, Higher Learning Commission
- 9:45 am - 10:30 am (Continental) **Meeting Workforce Needs through Holistic Review**  
“Holistic review” is an admissions strategy to identify students with the background, qualities, and skills needed for success in diverse work settings. Hear key findings from a recent study on the use of holistic review for admissions in the health professions and explore how each profession might improve diversity within its own disciplinary context.  
**Julia Michaels**, Learning Collaborative Coordinator, Urban Universities for HEALTH, USU/APLU Office of Urban Initiatives, APLU
- 10:45 am - 11:45 am (Continental) **New Member Orientation** - all are welcome  
Find out about ASPA, its strategic activities and higher education and accreditation.
- 11:45 am - 1:00 pm **Lunch** - on your own
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Member Session** - open to all staff of Members (Crystal Ballroom)

## Conference

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### Sunday, April 3, 2016

- 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm **Annual Members’ Meeting** - Elections; Service Awards (Crystal Ballroom)
- 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm **Board Meeting** - Budget and Dues; Committee Appointments (Crystal Ballroom)
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Opening Reception** - Sponsored by **ARMATURE** (Prince of Wales) Award Presentation

### Monday, April 4, 2016 (all sessions in Crystal Ballroom)

- 7:30 am - 8:30 am **Breakfast** (Continental)
- 8:30 am - 9:30 am **Presidential Candidates and Education Expectations**  
What new regulations can institutions and accreditors expect from our potential new leaders? What ideas are percolating about accreditation? Will the Higher Education Act ever be reauthorized?  
**Paul Fain**, News Editor, Inside Higher Ed
- 9:45 am - 10:45 am **Leadership Transitions: Are You Prepared?**  
Emergency leadership planning and succession planning: essential activities to ensure the success and survival of accrediting organizations.  
**Joan Walsh**, Engagement Manager, Executive Service Corps of Chicago
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Appeals: Good Practice and Risk Management**  
The appeals process, panel composition and independence, and the standard of review are critical elements to consider for good practice and risk management.  
**Elise Scanlon**, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch** (Continental)

# ASPA Spring Conference

## Consistency and Fairness in Accreditation

With the focus on accountability, accreditors must ensure consistency and fairness in their accreditation practices. In this program we will examine the issues and discuss approaches to:

- reducing bias and ensuring consistency in accreditation reviews, while recognizing the distinct nature of each educational program;
- working with teams, review committees, and boards to establish fair and reproducible outcomes, including such issues as inter-rater reliability;
- employing decision-making processes that result in fair and reliable outcomes; and
- developing risk prevention practices, fixing internal systems and implementing damage control when bias arises.

**Monday, April 4, 2016** (all sessions in Crystal Ballroom)

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### **Consistency and Fairness: It's a Big Deal**

- Importance of consistency and fairness
- Sources of bias and threats to consistency and fairness
- Perceptions of programs and universities about fairness and consistency

**Margaret Schulte**, Chair, Spring Professional Development Committee,  
President and CEO, Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare  
Management Education

**Elaine Fontenot Molaison**, Professor and Chair, Department of Nutrition &  
Food Systems, The University of Southern Mississippi, ASPA Board

**Earl Seaver**, Managing Partner, Academy Solutions, ASPA Board

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm

### **Break**

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

### **Educating Volunteers to Ensure Valid and Reproducible Outcomes**

- Training of site visitors
- Training of staff, committees and board members

**Benjamin Murray**, Spring Professional Development Committee, Director of  
Accreditation Services, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

**Christina Baily-Byers**, Manager of Training and Distance Education  
Development, Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools

**Jen McCrindle**, Assistant Director of Policy Analysis and Communication OPCA,  
Accreditation Education Directorate, American Psychological Association

**Barbara Farkas**, Senior Accreditation and Education Specialist, Council on  
Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs

**Charles W. Hickman**, Managing Director, Constituent Relations, ABET

**Robert Hash**, LCME Assistant Secretary, Liaison Committee on Medical  
Education

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

### **Break**

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## Consistency and Fairness in Accreditation

**Monday, April 4, 2016** (all sessions in Crystal Ballroom)

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

### **Measuring Volunteer Performance and Remediation**

- How to measure the work of volunteers: site visitors and board members
- What to do when volunteers are not in alignment with norms or expectations

**Karen Martens Brandt**, Spring Professional Development Committee, Director, Education and Research, American Veterinary Medical Association

**Alissa Craft**, Vice President of Accreditation, American Osteopathic Association

**Ellen Price**, Lead Specialist - PT Programs, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association

**Janet Rumbarger**, Director, Research and Assessment, National Architectural Accrediting Board

5:15 pm - 6:45 pm

**Reception** - Sponsored by **Indigo Interactive** (Prince of Wales)

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016** (all sessions in Crystal Ballroom)

7:30 am - 8:30 am

**Breakfast** (Continental)

8:30 am - 10:00 am

### **Good Practices to Promote Fairness and Consistency**

- Establishing fair decision-making processes
- Reviewing decisions to ensure consistency
- Ensuring consistency when standards, staff and decision-makers change over time

**Mary Gregoire**, Spring Professional Development Committee, Executive Director, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

**Tess Kirsch**, Associate Director of Accreditation for Policy & Education, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

**Edward Rotchford**, Accreditation Specialist & Volunteer Services Manager, National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

**Mark Spence**, Program Approval Coordinator, National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

**Jennifer Butlin**, Executive Director, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

**J. Gregory Boyer**, Assistant Executive Director & Director, Professional Degree Program Accreditation, Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

10:00 am - 10:30 am

**Break**

10:30 am - 11:50 am

### **Risk Management and What to Do When Fairness Fails**

- Conflict of interest statements: how effective are they?
- Possible outcomes of fairness failures: legal, distrust, loss of business
- Pro-active management of risk and damage control
- Ten top considerations for risk management

**Elise Scanlon**, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group

11:50 am - 12:00 pm

### **Concluding Remarks**

**Margaret Schulte**, Chair, Spring Professional Development Committee, President and CEO, Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education