

**ASPA**  
**Fall Conference**  
**September 7 - 9, 2014**

Westin Arlington Gateway  
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Arlington, VA 22203



Air Force Memorial, Arlington, VA

# ASPA Fall Conference

*Registration open 7:30 a.m. Sunday, September 7, 2014*

## Pre-conference sessions (open to ASPA members)

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### Sunday, September 7, 2014

- 8:30 am – 10:30 am      **ASAHP/ NN2/ CAAHEP** (F. Scott Fitzgerald AB)
- 10:45 am – 11:45 am      **Chair and Chief Staff Executive Round Table** (F. Scott Fitzgerald AB)
- 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm      **Member Session** (F. Scott Fitzgerald CDE)
- Strategic discussion
  - Higher education and accreditation environment
  - Member issues

## Conference (open to all registrants)

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### Sunday, September 7, 2014

- 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm      **Opening Reception** (Pre-Function ABC)

### Monday, September 8, 2014 (all sessions in F. Scott Fitzgerald CDE)

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am      **Breakfast**
- 8:30 am – 10:00 am      **Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act...and other Concerns**  
Given the current political climate – will the Higher Education Act ever be reauthorized? What new regulations can institutions and accreditors expect? What other issues should concern us?
- Speaker**  
*Libby Nelson*, Reporter, Vox
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm      **Innovation in Education**
- Navigating the post-secondary landscape - it's all about innovation
  - Competency-Based Education - how institutions implement it
  - Prior Learning Assessment - how it relates to competency-based education, how institutions and programs give credit for prior learning
  - How accreditors evaluate and monitor the quality of programs that use competency-based education and prior learning assessment
- Speakers**  
*Cathy Sandeen*, Vice President, Education Attainment and Innovation, American Council on Education  
*Sally M. Johnstone*, Vice President for Academic Advancement, Western Governors University  
*Becky Klein-Collins*, Associate Vice President of Research and Policy Development, The Council for Adult & Experiential Learning (CAEL)  
*Sandra Bitonti Stewart*, Executive Director, Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC)
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm      **Lunch**

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## Risk Management for Accreditors

In this litigious world, accreditors need to pay close attention to how they do business. The concept of risk management crosses several areas of concern, including:

- engagement of the accreditation decision-making body,
- fiduciary duties of care and loyalty in the accreditation setting,
- due process in accreditation decision-making,
- appeals and complaint procedures, and
- indemnification and insurance.

Attendees will learn about various issues related to risk management and gain ideas for enhancing the effectiveness of their accreditation operations.

**Monday September 8, 2014** (all sessions in F. Scott Fitzgerald CDE)

- 1:00 pm – 1:10 pm    **Welcome**  
*Barbara Farkas*, Chair, Fall Professional Development Committee, Senior Accreditation and Education Specialist, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)
- 1:10 pm – 2:10 pm    **State of the Law on Accreditation**
  - Themes and implications of recent court cases involving accreditors**Speakers**  
*Julianne E. Dymowski*, Partner, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston  
*Elise Scanlon*, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group
- 2:10 pm – 3:15 pm    **Fiduciary Duties of Care and Loyalty: Engaging Accreditation Decision-makers**
  - Fiduciary duties of care and loyalty in accreditation setting
  - Challenges and vulnerabilities associated with lack of engagement
  - Strategies to overcome challenges and vulnerabilities
  - Building an architecture for an engaged and highly effective Board**Moderator** - *Elise Scanlon*, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group  
**Speakers**  
*George W. Hatch Jr.*, Executive Director, Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP)  
*Jennifer S. Anderson Warwick*, Accreditation Consultant, Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP)
- 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm    **Break**

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3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Board Engagement and Effective Decision-making**

- Scenarios and case examples
- Issue resolution

**Moderator** - *Elise Scanlon*, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Decision letters – the Good, the Bad and the Ugly**

- Warm up group exercise on content and process for drafting accreditation decision letters in anticipation of the following day's presentation

**Moderator** - *Elise Scanlon*, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group

5:15 pm – 6:45 pm **Reception** (Pre-Function ABC)

**Tuesday September 9, 2014** (all sessions in F. Scott Fitzgerald CDE)

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast**

8:30 am – 10:00 am **Due Process in Accreditation Decision-Making and Fundamental Fairness**

- Adherence to established rules and procedures
- Consistency and fairness in the application of standards
- Adequate notice and opportunity to respond
- Decision letters - common frailties and best practices
- Appeals - process, panel composition, independence, standard of review
- Complaints

**Speaker** - *Elise Scanlon*, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am – 11:45 am **Indemnification and Insurance**

- Assessing and binding coverage: what type and how much coverage?
- How closely should you read the policies?
- Questions for the broker
- What to do in the event of litigation

**Moderator** - *Peter H. Vlases*, Executive Director, Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)

**Speaker**

*Danny M. Howell*, Attorney, Sands Anderson

11:45 am – 12:00 pm **Wrap up – closing comments, next steps**

*Barbara Farkas*, Chair, Fall Professional Development Committee, Senior Accreditation and Education Specialist, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)