

ASPA
Fall Conference
September 7 - 9, 2014

Westin Arlington Gateway
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Air Force Memorial, Arlington, VA

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

Pre-conference sessions (open to ASPA members)

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)

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**

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