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Carol L. Bobby received her doctorate in counselor education from the University of Florida in 1986. In 1987, she was hired as CEO of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), a position she held until her retirement in 2017. Carol fostered cooperation between CACREP other national organizations tackling issues vital to the higher education accrediting community and to the counseling profession. She was co-founder and chair of ASPA, President of Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), and chair of the Center for Quality Assurance in International Education. She was president of the International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education and served on the CHEA International Quality Group's Advisory Council. Today, Carol would tell everyone to work hard and save lots, because retirement is, as Tony the Tiger says, "GRRR..eeee..aaatfff!"



Stacey Borasky is the Director of Accreditation for the Council on Social Work Education. Dr. Borasky spent 20 years in social work education, as both a faculty member and administrator, prior to her to move to CSWE. She has extensive experience in accreditation, assessment, and teaching. She is the author of two books, (her second book was just published by Oxford University Press in July 2018) and has presented at numerous conferences. As a practicing social worker, Dr. Borasky developed a treatment foster care program for adolescents and continued her efforts to improve the child welfare system through her grant and research activities as a faculty member.



Lucien (Skip) Capone III is a legal consultant in higher education and accreditation. He served as University Counsel of the University of North Carolina at Asheville from 2010 to 2015. Prior to that he was the University Counsel at the University of North Carolina Greensboro from 1991 until his move to Asheville. From 1977 until 1991 he was employed by the North Carolina Attorney General's Office and was Special Deputy Attorney General in charge of the Corrections Section from 1986 through 1991. He received his B.A. degree from North Carolina State University and his J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law. He has served as a public member on the CACREP, ACOTE, COAMFTE and DEAC boards. He is an avid pilot and holds an FAA flight instructor rating.



Mary B. Gregoire is the Executive Director of the Accreditation Council of Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®), the specialized program accreditation organization for nutrition and dietetics programs at the associate, bachelor's and graduate degree levels. She has served on the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) Professional Development Committee planning the spring meetings for the past two years.

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Pamela Hansen serves as the Director of Accreditation for the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. She has over 28 years of experience in athletic training working as a clinician and as the program director of an undergraduate and graduate athletic training program. Along with her program director experience, she has been involved with accreditation by serving in a variety of roles including time as a Site Visitor, Review Committee Coordinator, and as a Commissioner for the CAATE.



Diane Auer Jones is the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Delegated to Perform the Duties of Under Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Diane has a diverse background in higher education, having spent the first 10 years of her career serving as a biology professor at the Community College of Baltimore County, and later working at Princeton University and Career Education Corporation. Diane also has an extensive background in science and education policy having worked at the National Science Foundation, for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, and for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. She served as the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education at the Department of Education during the George W. Bush administration.



Andrea Wilke Koepke is currently serving in the role of Associate Vice President and Assistant Secretary to the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). Prior to this appointment, she was the Dean of the College of Health Professions at The University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio where she held responsibility for 15 academic programs, nine accreditations, and 1000 students. Formerly she served as the Dean of the School of Nursing at Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana. Her accreditation activities include experience as a site visitor, team chair, and site visitor coordinator for multiple accreditors.



Jane Lawler joined AACSB International in 2008 and serves as Senior Manager in Accreditation Services. She works with a broad base of both accredited schools and schools in the accreditation process with a special focus on business schools in Canada and the Western U.S. States. Jane has worked in the higher education environment for over 20 years. Prior to AACSB she was the Director of Continuing Studies at the University of Tampa. Jane has a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of South Florida and an MBA from the University of Tampa.

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Sharon Luke is a physician assistant with a long history in PA education. Sharon initially taught students as a clinical preceptor, then taught didactic courses part-time for a PA program, and eventually became a PA program director in Ohio for two institutions (she was founding program director at one), serving for more than 13 years. After serving many years as a volunteer site visitor, and subsequently as a commissioner for ARC-PA, Sharon joined the ARC-PA staff as an Assistant Director in 2015. In July 2016, she was selected to be the Executive Director of ARC-PA.



Laura Rasar King has served as Executive Director of the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) since 2004. Her career spans nearly 20 years in public health, most of which has focused on quality assurance in higher education in public health and related professional fields. In her current role, she manages the work of CEPH and supports its Board. She assists universities interested in establishing a public health degree program and pursuing accreditation nationally and internationally. She has held a variety of elected and appointed positions in ASPA including Nominations Committee, Education Policies Committee, and Member of the Board of Directors. She received an MPH in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention from George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services and BA in Psychology from American University, both in Washington, DC.



Sarah Marino is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB), a Committee on Accreditation under the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. She has been in that position for four happy and productive years. Prior to that, Sarah was the Vice President of Academic Support at TCS Education System, an umbrella organization that provided services to several higher education institutions. In that position, she guided the institutions in their programmatic and institutional accreditation processes. Sarah first entered the world of accreditation at the Higher Learning Commission, working with the peer reviewers and institutional accreditation.



Leah K. Matthews began serving as the DEAC Executive Director on April 1, 2013. The DEAC holds recognition by CHEA and by the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Matthews frequently speaks on the topic of accreditation and distance education. She served as a non-federal negotiator for the U.S. Department of Education's 2014 Rulemaking Sessions on multiple areas that included distance education state authorization. In addition to her role at DEAC, Dr. Matthews is currently serving as Chair of the Steering Committee of the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET), as a board member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) and as a board member of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).

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Mollie Mulvanity received her Master of Public Health degree in Health Behavior and Health Promotion from The Ohio State University. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, summa cum laude, from the University of Delaware. At CEPH, her primary responsibilities include managing the accreditation specialist staff and providing consultation to schools and programs. Her prior career experience, primarily in civil rights and advocacy, includes positions in the US Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and DC Prisoners' Legal Services Project.



Barbara Ostrove is the Assistant Director of Accreditation for the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). Prior to this position she was a practicing occupational therapist and administrator at Butler Hospital in Providence, RI; a university affiliated behavioral health hospital. As a facilitator in the hospital system leadership development program she presented on team building, situational leadership and conflict resolution. At ACOTE she is responsible for risk management, supporting new program development and coordinating volunteer engagement. Barbara received her OT degree from Temple University and her MA in Adult Education from the University of RI.



Kerri Price is the Associate Director of the Office for Accreditation at the American Library Association (ALA), where she has worked since 2007. The Office supports the ALA's Committee on Accreditation, the body charged with overseeing the accreditation of master's programs in library and information studies. One of Kerri's primary responsibilities is the development and administration of both in-person and online site visitor training. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science from Dominican University.



Donna S. Reese is Professor Emeritus of Computer Science & Engineering at Mississippi State University. She is currently the past-chair of the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. She served as Department Head and Associate Dean of Engineering during her 29-year career at Mississippi State University. Donna has been a program evaluator, commissioner and ExCom member with ABET since 2005. She also serves as a Lead Facilitator for training of ABET's program evaluator candidates.

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Mary Reeves is executive director of the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA), the specialized accreditor for post-secondary English language programs for non-native speakers. CEA currently accredits 340 programs and institutions in the US and internationally. Mary is past president of EnglishUSA, the field's largest membership association, and a past Vice President of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the largest membership association in the world dedicated to international education. She served as CEA's elected Commission chair in 2004 before joining CEA staff.



Timberly Robinson currently serves as the Executive Director for the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC). She oversees accreditation activities for 11 schools from a virtual office. Past roles included working in various research departments within the School of Medicine including: Department of Pediatrics, Molecular Medicine and Genetics, in addition to, providing services in support of the NIH Perinatology Research Branch. She was promoted to Associate Director in the College of Nursing to manage accreditation for undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Dr. Robinson has an undergraduate degree in biological sciences, MBA and doctorate degree in Education Evaluation and Research.



Earl Seaver is a Managing Partner of Academy Solutions and a Professor Emeritus at Northern Illinois University. As Deputy Provost at NIU his responsibilities included strategic planning, community college relations, and retention. As Vice Provost he had responsibility for undergraduate academic affairs and he chaired the Department of Communicative Disorders in NIU's College of Health and Human Sciences. He was Chair of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology and chaired the Council for Clinical Certification in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. He served as President of the Cleft Palate Foundation for twelve years. Dr. Seaver is ASPA's current Chair. He received his bachelors and master's degrees in Speech-Language Pathology from Western Michigan University and his Ph.D. in Speech Sciences from the University of Iowa.



Tom Smalling is the executive director of the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Dr. Smalling has worked in the respiratory care profession since 1987 and joined the respiratory care program faculty at Stony Brook University in 1995, where he also served as Director of Clinical Education. He is credentialed as a registered respiratory therapist in addition to specialty credentials in polysomnography and pulmonary function testing. Dr. Smalling earned his undergraduate degree in Cardiorespiratory Sciences in 1988 and a Master of Science in Health Sciences in 1992, both from Stony Brook University, and earned his PhD in Higher Education Administration from New York University in 2006.

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Heather Stagliano has served in accreditation since 2010, first as an accreditation reviewer, then a council member, and most recently as the Director of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education at the American Podiatric Medical Association. She practiced as an occupational therapist for 19 years at UF Health in Gainesville, Florida, the Malcolm Randall VA Hospital in Gainesville, Florida, and at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Palo Alto, California. She earned her bachelor's degree in OT at the University of Florida, graduated from the Master of Health Science program at the University of Florida, and earned her doctorate in health sciences from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She also served as an adjunct instructor at the University of Florida in the Master of Occupational Therapy program from 2007-2010.



India Tips is the Assistant Executive Director at the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). She has over twenty years of experience in accreditation, spanning the full spectrum of membership services and operations, including the development of the educational content and curricula for accreditation workshops. She is a staff liaison to the Standards Review Committee that makes recommendations to ensure the content of the *Accreditation Manual* is relevant, adequate, and predictive of successful qualitative outcomes. Ms. Tips also serves as the lead staff liaison to the Program Effectiveness Plan (PEP) Task Force, responsible for the PEP Guidebook, which is a user-friendly guide designed to assist schools in creating compliant PEP's. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from the University of Pittsburg.



Kristen Varol received her Master of Public Health degree in health behavior and health promotion from Ohio State University. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in print journalism from California State University, Long Beach. At CEPH, her primary responsibility is to ensure that the accreditation review process proceeds smoothly and on schedule. Kristen provides detailed, on-site consultation to applicant and accredited schools and programs, and she assists with conducting training sessions for schools/programs and site visitors on topics as needed, including developing training materials.



Kelly Velasquez is the Associate Director of Accreditation for Research and Quality Management at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), where she is responsible for directing activities related to the evaluation of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology's (CAA) accreditation program. In this capacity, she developed, implemented, and currently maintains a comprehensive Accreditation Quality Management System, which includes multi-faceted assessment and data collection mechanisms at all stakeholder levels. In addition, she provides reports on program trends and compiles data on accredited program performance in relation to quality benchmarks for the CAA and the public.

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Joseph Vibert is the Executive Director of ASPA. Previously he was CEO of the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators, the organization responsible for testing competency for entry-to-practice through the administration of a licensing examination and credential assessment of foreign-trained professionals. He led the establishment of a national competency profile for physical therapy. He chaired the Canadian Network of National Associations of Regulators, the federation of national organizations responsible for protection of the public through the self-regulation of professions and occupations. He directed a Physical Therapist Assistant Program in Florida and worked in a Chicago hospital where he held several administrative positions.



Loretta C. Waldron joined the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) in December 2013 as the Director of Accreditation Services. She oversees activities that are part of the accreditation cycle, including processing of applications, reports and correspondence from programs; assignment of site visits; maintenance of a program tracking database; and communication with programs. Prior to ARC-PA, Ms. Waldron was Registrar at Mount Vernon College, Compliance Specialist with the Education Licensure Commission of the District of Columbia, and Associate Director for the Council on Podiatric Medical Education. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland and an MBA from the Roy E. Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College.



Jan Winn is the Executive Director of the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT). Prior to this position Ms. Winn served 17 years as program director of the nuclear medicine technology program at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. During this time she was a volunteer on-site evaluator and board member of the JRCNMT. She currently serves on the ASPA board as Vice Chair.