

**ASAHP BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

During the Board's discussion of the FY 2017-2018 budget, the following allocations were approved as a means of advancing Goals that are contained in the Association's Strategic Plan:

**Interprofessional Education:** \$6,000 for membership in the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative (AIHC) and for additional activities.

**Innovation and New Services Development:** \$10,000 for continuation of the student initiative.

**Alliances and Partnerships:** \$6,000 for continuation of International Task Force engagement with industry and \$4,000 for a graduate intern for the Clinical Education Task Force.

**PAIN MANAGEMENT RESOURCES**

Online pain management curriculum resources developed through the NIH Pain Consortium's Centers of Excellence in Pain Education (CoEPES) are available. Online interactive training modules are designed to enhance and improve how health care professionals are taught about pain and its treatment. These resources can be obtained at [https://painconsortium.nih.gov/nih\\_pain\\_programs/coepes.html](https://painconsortium.nih.gov/nih_pain_programs/coepes.html).

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) welcomes nominations for new members to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Each year, the Director of AHRQ appoints new members to serve four-year terms and replace those who are completing their service. To learn more about the nomination process, how to nominate an individual for consideration, or how to self-nominate, go to <https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/clinicians-providers/guidelines-recommendations/uspstf/nominate.html>.

Nominations must be received by **June 15, 2017** to be considered for appointment with an anticipated start date of January 2018.

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Each year, the Association sponsors the *Scholarship of Excellence Program* for allied health students enrolled in its member institutions. The purpose is to recognize outstanding individuals who excel in their academic programs and have significant potential to assume future leadership roles in the allied health professions. Each student chosen for an award will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

In 2016, ASAHP gave scholarships to 12 students. Five of these awards were provided by the firm of CertifiedBackground.com, a company that offers criminal background check and immunization status check services to member institutions.

The year 2013 marked the inauguration of the *Elwood Scholar Award*. Created by the Board of Directors and named for ASAHP's former Executive Director **Thomas W. Elwood** who retired from that position in 2012, at the conclusion of the selection of the Scholarship of Excellence Award recipients, an additional review process will commence to identify the most outstanding applicant.

That individual will receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship and a complimentary registration to the 2017 ASAHP Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX where he or she will be recognized formally as the award recipient. All travel and rooming costs will be paid by ASAHP.

Several conditions must be met to apply. **Only one candidate** from each member institution can be nominated. All degree levels are eligible. Information about application procedures is on the Web at [www.asahp.org](http://www.asahp.org) in the *Action Section*.

A key point to observe is that each application **must include** a letter endorsed by the dean or director who serves as the official ASAHP Institutional Representative that supports the nomination and describes qualities of the candidate, including academic and service achievements. A letter from a chairperson or faculty member also may be included. The deadline for submitting the necessary information is **June 9, 2017**.

## ASAHP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On October 18th – 20th, the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions will hold its 2017 Annual Conference at the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX. The theme of this year's conference is: *ASAHP At 50 - Reflections On The Past, A Window To The Future Of Healthcare*. Interested parties are invited to contribute to the program by submitting abstracts to be presented in one of two formats:  
(1) Paper Presentation during a 40-minute Concurrent Session, or  
(2) Poster Presentation during a two-hour Poster Session.

Featured topics are: Innovations in Rehabilitation, Next Steps in Interprofessional Education, Improvements in the Culture of Health, Best Practices in Veterans Health Care, and Other (must be related to allied health). The deadline for submitting Abstracts is **Thursday--June 15, 2017**. More detailed information can be obtained at <http://www.asahp.org/call-for-abstracts>.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are being invited for the *Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program* for the purpose of supporting research activities during the early stage careers of independent clinical researchers. The program offers the opportunity for a unique bridge between the NIH intramural and extramural research communities and contains two phases. In the first phase, Lasker scholars will receive appointments for up to 5-7 years as tenure-track investigators within the NIH Intramural Research Program with independent research budgets. In the second phase, successful scholars will receive up to three years of NIH support for their research at an extramural research facility or as an investigator within the intramural program. The application due date is **August 25, 2017**. More information can be obtained at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-17-254.html>.

The NIH Director's *Early Independence Award Program* supports exceptional investigators who wish to pursue independent research directly after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or clinical residency, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period and accelerating their entry into an independent research career. The application due date is **September 22, 2017**. More information can be obtained at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-17-008.html>.

## HIGHER ED SUPPORT

A new report from the State Higher Education Executive Officers association in its *2016 State Higher Education Finance* offers an in-depth look at the breakdown of state and local funding, tuition revenue, enrollment, and degree completion across public higher education, a sector that enrolls roughly three-quarters of students in U.S. postsecondary education. Support rose in 33 states and declined in 17 of them. The report can be obtained at [http://sheeo.org/sites/default/files/SHEEO\\_SHEF\\_2016\\_Report.pdf](http://sheeo.org/sites/default/files/SHEEO_SHEF_2016_Report.pdf).

## NOMINATIONS INVITED

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is inviting nominations to be a volunteer Review Committee or Commission Member. Accreditation of dental and dental-related education programs is a peer-reviewed process and CODA volunteers are an integral part of it. The Commission provides comprehensive training to all its volunteers, so nominees who are appointed will be ready to serve when their term begins. In addition, CODA staff is available to support volunteers throughout the process.

This call for nominations is for:

### One Dental Assisting Educator

### One Dental Laboratory Technology Educator

### Four Public Members

*Educator Nominees* must be committed to dental or allied dental education; be actively involved in a CODA-accredited educational program as a full- or part-time faculty member; possess subject matter expertise with formal education and credentials in the applicable discipline; and possess prior or current experience as a CODA site visitor.

*Public Member* vacancies are for two on Review Committees and two on the Board of Commissioners. These individuals bring the public/consumer perspective and should not have any formal or informal connection to the profession of dentistry.

The Commission requests nominations by **June 1, 2017**. Criteria for selection and a Review Committee Nomination Form can be obtained at <http://www.ada.org/en/coda/accreditation/accreditation-news/call-for-nominations>. Questions regarding the nomination process may be directed to **Ms. Marjorie Hooper** at [hooperm@ada.org](mailto:hooperm@ada.org) or at Tel: 312-440-4653.