

President's Message

February 2019

The polar vortex gripping our region has me SUPER EXCITED for the upcoming regional meeting in Chicago – it has to be warmer in March than -13! I look forward to seeing many of you March 20-23 at the Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile as we dive into our conference theme “Second to None: Striving for Excellence in the Second City.” A special thanks and word of encouragement to Jim Johnson and his planning team as they are in the final weeks leading up to our regional meeting. Jim will share more information later in this Just a Minute!

There are many things that I look forward to this time of year as we prepare for the conference. I enjoy meeting my new mentees and catching up with those advisors and friends I have met over the years. We share news about our lives since we met last, but also encourage each other through the work that we do on our campuses. I learn so much from each of you during these meetings! The professional development that happens is irreplaceable for me and I hope you will be there to “strive for excellence” yourself!

Stay WARM and safe travels to Chicago in March!

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Erin Sayer, President

In Memoriam

CAAHP was greatly saddened by the passing of Dr. Charles Larry Garrison Sullivan, PhD. Larry had a long and prosperous history with NAAHP and CAAHP and was a colleague, mentor, and friend to so many. Larry began his membership with NAAHP in 1974 and was elected as President of both the national and central region associations. He was awarded the Father Joseph L. Walter Award in 2008 and the Carol Baffi-Dugan Service Award in 2016 and his service to the association included appointments as liaison to the American Dental Association and Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health. Larry was Dean of the College of Science and Health at Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri where he enjoyed teaching and advising for 47 years. Larry's obituary was published in the Kansas City Star and can be accessed [HERE](#). CAAHP has made a donation in Larry's honor to Wayside Waifs Animal Shelter, his charity of choice.





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We derive significant meaning from our work. I am grateful on several levels for this circumstance, and only wish I took a bit more time to appreciate all for which there is to be grateful. I expect that like many of you, working with students is the greatest source of reward in my professional life. I am reminded, however, how rewarding it is to have such wonderful colleagues. Working with the 2019 CAAHP Regional Meeting Planning Committee has been a joy. While the last time all four of us were together in person, Candice, David, Katie, myself, was June 2018 in D.C., I believe we have developed a deep connection. All in CAAHP have colleagues they hold dear. And we are sure to develop new friendships and collegial relationships that will continue to enrich our lives.

I am excited about the opportunity at the CAAHP Regional Meeting in Chicago for us to engage in what Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, terms “kinship”; what he explains as: “...no matter how singularly focused we may be on our worthy goals...they can’t happen without an undergirding sense that we belong to each other.” Our professional sense of kinship obviously extends well beyond CAAHP. But the CAAHP Regional is special. It is a time and place for us to share in the wonder, inspiration, and vulnerability of each other.

And if all that abstract stuff were not enough, the program rocks! The aforementioned Fr. Boyle is dedicated to those on the margins. Similarly, our Keynote Speaker, Dr. David Ansell, MD, has dedicated his professional life to fighting for quality health care for the marginalized in Chicago. Our Charity, Heartland Alliance, is one of the leading anti-poverty organizations in the county. And you, as members of CAAHP, have again demonstrated that we are caring, talented, and energetic. We have over 30 presentations of various lengths and formats, our Tours and Doers will provide the opportunity to see some of the country’s best health care facilities and practices, our Exhibitors offer transformative opportunities and educations for students, and our Health Professions Fair expects hundreds of idealistic and eager pre-health professional students.

The Tentative Schedule for the CAAHP is available on the CAAHP website. Our Sponsors have been generous, you will find ample sustenance, caffeine, and amenities to sustain you through three days rich with fellowship, education, and exploration. And if all this were not enough, the outstanding staff and facility of the Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile offer the world class city of Chicago at your fingertips.

We welcome you to the **CAAHP 2019 Regional Meeting** and look forward to the treasure of your company.

On Behalf of the 2019 CAAHP Regional Planning Committee,

Jim Johnson

Vice President, CAAHP

Volunteer Sign Up - CAAHP Regional Conference - March 20-23rd

The CAAHP Conference planning committee is seeking volunteers to help with the 2019 CAAHP Regional Conference in Chicago, IL from March 20-23rd. If you are interested in volunteering, please Sign Up [HERE](#)

Father Joseph L. Walters Award Nominations

CAAHP is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Father Joseph L. Walter Award. Please consider those members of CAAHP we want to recognize and honor as members of the Association who have had distinguished careers as advisors, impacting not only their own students, but the broader advising community. The Board of Directors established an award of recognition named in honor of Fr. Joseph L. Walter, CSC, a founding member of the CAAHP and NAAHP.

The nomination form and eligibility can be found at: <https://www.caahp.org/fatherjoseph>
Nominations will be accepted through Friday, February 15th.

Call for Pictures

Download those SnapChats and Instagram shots of your work as advisors – students, events, or other images that capture what you do on a daily basis or celebrate a special event on your campus! Maybe you have some pics of you with colleagues in DC! Send them to us to share at the Conference! We would like to highlight as many of our fantastic advisors as possible in Chicago! Please send them with a caption to Erin Sayer at erin.sayer@unl.edu by March 1st, 2019.



Thank you for your Service - A call for Retirees!

If your plans for the future include more time with family, lying on a beach, or catching up on your bucket list, you might be joining the world of RETIREMENT! Let us celebrate you and your service to pre-health advising during our regional meeting in Chicago! Send Erin Sayer (erin.sayer@unl.edu) an email with your name and when you will be leaving us by March 1st, 2019. If you know of people retiring or those who may have retired since June when we last met, please share that information with Erin as well.

Call for Nominations

This is a friendly reminder that CAAHP is still accepting nomination for Secretary and At-Large Members for our 2019 elections. You can find descriptions for these positions in the Bylaws <https://www.caahp.org/>. The Bylaws are located under the Member Documents tab with the password CAAHP2018. If you are interested in serving in either of these roles, please email Tammy Welchert, welchertt@umkc.edu. Nominations for both positions will be accepted from the floor prior to the election.



You Can Have a Regional Mentor Too!

Greetings! There is now an opportunity to request a national mentor via the new NAAHP website. However, as a member of the Central Region, you also have the option to request a regional mentor via CAAHP longstanding Mentoring Program. If you complete the **2019 CAAHP Mentoring Questionnaire** by Thursday, February 28 we will be able to provide you with a connection prior to our March meeting in Chicago, where you will be able to meet your match in person.

Please send all questions to Mariella Mecozzi, CAAHP Chair of Mentoring Initiatives, at [<mmecozzi@umich.edu>](mailto:mmecozzi@umich.edu)

CAAHP Research Grant Application

CAAHP is pleased to announce that the board has approved additional funding this year to two grants for up to \$750 to support our member's research. These are separate from the new NAAHP research grants and are only open to recipients who are CAAHP members (though you are welcome to have collaborators who are not members). The application and more detailed information will be sent out by e-mail and posted on the CAAHP homepage.

Important Dates:

Optional pre-proposal evaluation due Mar 22

Comments on pre-proposal back to applicant by April 10

Final grant proposal due May 1