Dear O&P Colleagues,

As we reflect on a year of activities that support NCOPE’s mission to improve lives and strengthen the profession through education, I want to acknowledge the contributions of our community stakeholders and partner relationships. Without site visitors, NCOPE cannot provide accreditation services for our academic programs. Without instructors and residency mentors, academic and clinical education cannot be provided to students. Without students and residents, we cannot advance our profession.

In addition, NCOPE’s activities would not be possible without the tireless efforts of Robin Seabrook (Executive Director), Chris Robinson, MS, MBA, CPO, ATC, FAAOP(D) (Clinical Resource Director), Eric Watters (Residency Program Coordinator & Accreditation Assistant), and Claire Doyle (Residency Program Assistant), our commissioners, volunteers, and sister organizations. I also wish to acknowledge the work of the nominations committee. Chaired by Tom Karolewski, CP(L), FAAOP(D), they welcomed three new 2023 board members: Rebecca Spragg, CPO; Heidi Truman, CPO; and Megan Sions, PT, PhD.

NCOPE had a very busy and successful year as you can see by reviewing our accomplishments. Finally, a special thank you to our colleagues transitioning off the board who provided years of volunteerism (we miss you!): Tom Karolewski, CP(L), FAAOP(D), Wendy Beattie, CPO, and Marilys Randolph, PT, PhD.

Together we all make a difference in advancing and building awareness of the value of O&P. Thank all of you who support NCOPE and O&P education. We look forward to working with you this year.

Thank you!

Sue Spaulding, MS, CPO(L), FAAOP
Chair
Accreditation at a Glance 2022

During 2022, NCOPE performed accreditation and approval services for the following programs and CAAHEP activities.

Education Programs

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level

California State University

Concordia University – St. Paul

Eastern Michigan University

Kennesaw State University

Loma Linda University

Salus University

University of Pittsburgh

Assistant Level

Oakland University
### Pedorthic Level

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### Technician Level

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<td>Virtual Site Visit February 2022. <em>Awarded continued accreditation CAAHEP July 2022</em>.</td>
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<td>Closed Technician program in 2022.</td>
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Summary of 2022 Activities of NCOPE

Our committees had a busy and successful year. Below are some highlights and accomplishments, with committee chairs listed in parentheses.

- **Finance Committee.** Monitored and evaluated NCOPE’s financial policies and programs, while recognizing the importance of making decisions that align with NCOPE’s mission and financial stewardship. (Mike Madden)

- **Data Management and Analytics Committee.** Identified the most relevant academic data for collection and distribution, which led to revisions to the academic annual report tool (with guidance from Chris Robinson). This work will lead to further transparency for students, schools, residents, residency sites, and other community partners. (Erin Ruxton)

- **Accreditation Committee.** Reviewed site visit reports and prepared executive recommendations to the NCOPE Board; reviewed site visitor/self-study reviewers survey responses for process improvement; and responded to student concerns. (Wendy Beattie)

- **Resident/Student Activities Committee.** Coordinated activities and communication with students prior to and while attending the 2022 Policy Forum. (Jonas Ljung)

- **Clinical Standards Committee.** Reviewed information (e.g., NCOPE tracker, practice analysis) and gathered information from the O&P community to learn about the impacts of changing to a combined O&P residency (removing the option for single-discipline residency programs) in preparation for updates to NCOPE’s clinical (residency) standards. They learned that NCOPE should not remove the option to complete a single discipline residency. (Shery Sachs)

  > Mark Clary and Sheryl Sachs attended the ABC-NCOPE “Clinical Practitioner Training & Assessment Conference” where they explored the future of residency clinical training and certification exam assessments of new orthotists and prosthetists. Participants recommended exploring requiring all graduates to complete both O&P disciplines and combining ABC’s exams.

*Photo Courtesy Salus University*  
*Photo Courtesy University of Pittsburgh*
• **Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Award Selection Committee.** Selected the top candidate, Gila Baer, for this award. This award supports further educational experiences for recent graduates. (Ed Strachan)

• **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.** Initiated and organized DEI workshops at the AAOP and the AOPA meeting. Both were well attended (30-40 people) and received positive feedback. This work promotes NCOPE’s goal to support racially and ethnically diverse students and residents. June McCoy was very active with the DEI Committee as well as with scoring and awarding the first NCOPE award. (Marilys Randolph)

• **Regional Residency Liaison Committee.** Continues to provide support to the residents and enable communication between residents and NCOPE to strengthen their clinical experiences. (Michael Carroll)

• **Education Bridge Committee.** Recommended a research grant opportunity to further enhance the CAAHEP outcome-based education Standards. In collaboration with The Foundation, NCOPE announced a research opportunity to identify the core concepts and core principles for O&P professionals. This project will begin the process of identifying and unpacking core principles, or mechanistic (cause-effect) problem solving fundamentals. Student’s mastery of core principles results in lasting understanding and the ability to analyze and address novel problems. Focus on core principles along with core competencies will further align the Standards with O&P practice. (Sue Spaulding and Mike Madden)

In addition to the ongoing activities listed in the Outreach/Impact Table below, NCOPE is working on three main projects in 2023:

1. Revision of the technician academic standards to meet today’s clinical and technical needs.

2. Revision of the clinical (residency) standards to address changes in clinical practice and promote quality O&P skills.

3. Hosting the 2023 Education Summit (Aug 3-4). Summit meetings provide the opportunity for conversation and understanding among those in practice and academia, and are especially important today as we see dramatic changes in the healthcare environment impacting the O&P practice. To fulfill the growing demands and continue to improve care, the profession needs effective, affordable, yet accessible, and sustainable training programs for all O&P professionals.

In support of this need, NCOPE is focusing the 2023 Education Summit on identifying the challenges and opportunities to advance O&P education, focusing on technician, assistant, and clinical (residency) education. The conference will bring together 50 professionals across the U.S. with backgrounds in academia, clinical practice, and technical practice from varied settings. We are looking forward to the meeting and especially toward exploring the opportunities to advance the quality of O&P education for the profession.
## NCOPE’s Outreach/Impact to the Community

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<sup>a</sup> Site-visitor training, Approved Clinical Mentor (ACM)
<sup>b</sup> ABC Category 2 credits submission by NCOPE monthly
<sup>c</sup> TOPER or Specific subject, i.e., DEI
<sup>d</sup> Breakfast, lunch, or social event
<sup>e</sup> Pays for the first 4 applications
<sup>f</sup> NCOPE funds 50% of student travel/housing, remainder is funded by sister organization contributions
<sup>g</sup> DEI and Larry Lange
Residency Accreditation Report

During 2022, NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

**Residency Sites Information:**
- Reviewed and accredited: 150 patient care facilities for Residency Programs
- Number of accredited programs: 492

**Resident Information Data:**
- Completed residency in 2022: 375 residents completed program
- Program Type:
  - 61 – O&P dual residency program
  - 129 – Orthotics residency program
  - 141 – Prosthetics residency program
- Program Track:
  - 288 Clinical Track
  - 43 Research Development Track

*Photo Courtesy Northwestern University

*Photo Courtesy Eastern Michigan University*
Program Type Residents Attended in 2022

- **Prosthetics**: 36%
- **O&P Dual**: 29%
- **Orthotics**: 35%

*Photo Courtesy Bluegrass Community and Technical College*
*Photo Courtesy University of Pittsburgh*
Organizational Type for 2022

- Private Practice
- Hospital Based
- Veterans Administration
- College/University

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Photo Courtesy University of Pittsburgh
2022 Accredited Educational Programs Listing

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Masters = 13
Alabama State University
California State University
Concordia University/Century College
Baylor College of Medicine
Eastern Michigan University
Kennesaw State University
Loma Linda University
Northwestern University
Florida International University/
International Institute of Orthotics & Prosthetics
University of Hartford
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
University of Washington

Photo Courtesy Eastern Michigan University

Photo Courtesy University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

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Technician Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 5

Century College
Francis Tuttle Technology Center – no new cohorts/inactive 2022
Joliet Junior College
Spokane Falls Community College
St. Petersburg College

Pedorthic Level Program (CAAHEP Accredited)
Pedorthic Certificate = 1
Francis Tuttle Technology Center – closed summer of 2022

Pedorthic Education Courses (NCOPE Accredited)
Pedorthic Courses = 2

Academy of Pedorthic Science/Kennesaw State University – closed 2022
St. Petersburg College – closed 2022
# National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education

## Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2022 and 2021

### ASSETS

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# National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education

## Statement of Activities

Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

### Revenues and Other Support

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2022 Officers and Board of Directors

**Officers**
Susan Ewers Spaulding, MS, CPO(L), FAAOP
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June McKoy, MD, MPH, JD, MBA, *Public*

Marilys G. Randolph, PhD, PT, *Public Member*

Robin C. Seabrook, Executive Director – *ex-officio*

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Eric Watters, *Residency Program Coordinator & Accreditation Assistant*

Claire Doyle, *Residency Program Assistant*

**Active Committee Roster for 2022**

**Governance**

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Eric Watters – Staff Liaison

Residency Review Committee (RRC)
Charles W. Kuffel, MSM, CPO, FAAOP
Stephanie D. Langdon, CPO, FAAOP(D)
Thomas Karolewski, CP(L), FAAOP(D)
Jennifer Richards, CPO
Claire Doyle – Staff Liaison
Robin Seabrook – Staff Liaison

Regional Residency Liaison (RRL)
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Alex Shimkus, CPO (Region 2)
Kathleen Carroll, CO (Region 3)
Morgan Brace, CPO (Region 4)
Colleen Clark, CPO (Region 5)
Sydney Ezell, CPO (Region 6)
Alexis Gagliardotto, CPO (Region 7)
Rochelle Dumm, CPO (Region 8)
Robin Seabrook – Staff Liaison

Residency Standards Committee
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Thomas Karolewski, CP/L, FAAOP
Megan Christ, CPO
Wendy Beattie, CPO, FAAOP
Edward Strachan, CPO
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Robin Seabrook – Staff Liaison
Resident/Student Activities Committee
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Sheryl Sachs, MSPO, CPO
Erin Ruxton, CPO, LPO
Timothy Bump, CPO – Project Manager
Ruthie Dearing – Communications Specialist
Shree Thaker – Communications Specialist
Robin Seabrook – Staff Liaison
Chris Robinson, MS, MBA, CPO, ATC, FAAOP(D) – Staff Liaison
National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education Mission

Improving Lives and Strengthening the Profession Through Education

NCOPE is a nonprofit national organization that works in cooperation with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Accreditation Programs (CAAHEP) in accreditation activities for educational programs for the orthotics and prosthetics profession. NCOPE also accredits residency programs.