2005 Annual Report

National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education

Chairman's Message

Dear O&P Colleagues:

As in previous years, 2005 began with an ambitious agenda that included: the O&P Education Summit; continued development of outcome standards; evaluation and reaccreditation of two practitioner-level programs; and development and enhancement of the current residency research project. Due to the tireless efforts of our Executive Director Robin Seabrook and all of our commissioners, 2005 proved to be a productive and successful year.

Clearly NCOPE's chief focus last year was the O&P Education Summit, held April 8-9, 2005 in New Orleans, La. The meeting, funded by the Academy through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and in part by NCOPE, brought together more the 30 content experts in an effort to critically assess the current state of O&P education in the United States. Broad consensus was reached among participants regarding the current challenges facing our profession and the necessary objectives to meet these challenges. These objectives were further defined into eight specific recommendations. Salient among these was the recommendation that O&P practitioner education transition to entry-level master's education. As a result, NCOPE has begun the careful process of review as it considers the implementation of these recommendations and the ultimate goal of enhancing patient care.

In 2005, we also saw NCOPE draw one step closer to outcomes-based standards, as both ABC and the Academy have formally adopted the new standards. The final step will be an open hearing in the spring of 2006, as CAAHEP considers formal recognition of the new O&P outcomes-based standards.

During 2005 we also saw the five- year reaccreditation of two long-standing programs: California State University, Dominguez Hills, and Century College. Unfortunately, the profession also lost one of its long-standing education programs with the closing of the Rancho Los Amigos orthotics certificate program. While this closing is sad for both the profession and education, we would be remiss if we did not specifically applaud the programs director, Mr. Darrell Clark. Without him, O&P education would not be where it is today. We thank Darrell for his overwhelming contribution to education and his many years of service.

In addition to programmatic accreditation, NCOPE was busy reviewing the current status of the resident research project. The review and recommendations at the committee level will help assist NCOPE as it works to improve not only the process for the resident project, but the overall quality of resident projects as well.

As the 2006 term is already upon us, we look forward to our first strategic planning meeting that will deal specifically with the recommendation to move toward entry-level master's education. We also look forward to future collaboration with the sister organizations as we work to advance the profession of O&P together. Finally, I would like to thank all of the organizations and individuals that have supported education over the years and ask for your continued support as we look forward to a productive and successful 2006.

Sincerely,

Bryan S. Malas, MHPE, CO

Chairman

Accreditation at a Glance 2005

During 2005, NCOPE performed accreditation services for the following programs:

Education Programs

Practitioner Level

California State University	Reviewed on-site visit report from December 2004 visit. Granted five- year accreditation.
Century College	On-site visit and granted five-year accreditation.
Eastern Michigan	Reviewed additional information as a result of on-site visit. Program continued developmental accreditation for current class only. Focused on-site visit to occur in 2006.
Rancho Los Amigos	Program voluntarily withdrew accreditation.
St. Petersburg College	Reviewed self-study report for accreditation. On-site visit scheduled for April 2006.

Technician Level

Median School of Allied Health	Program continued inactive status.

Residency Accreditation Report

During 2005, NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Reviewed and accredited:	81 patient care facilities for residency programs
Tracked residents:	275 residents in the 2004-05 cycle
Completed residents:	224 residents completed in 2005

2005 Accredited Educational Programs Listing

Practitioner Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Masters = 1

Georgia Tech

Baccalaureate = 3

California State University

University of Texas

University of Washington

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate = 4

California State University

Century College

Newington Certificate Program

Northwestern University

Assistant Level Programs (NCOPE Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 1

Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee

Technician Level Programs (NCOPE Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 5

Century College

Baker College of Flint

Francis Tuttle Technology

Median School of Allied Health *

Spokane Falls Community College

*Median School requested and continued to be on inactive status for 2005

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Statement of Activities

	Years ended December 31	
	2005	2004
Revenue and support		
Residency renewal fees	$ 267,233	$ 246,668
Application fees	26,100	32,650
School accreditation fees	9,000	9,000
Contributions	40,000	51,000
Miscellaneous	227	322
Interest and dividends	4,502	2,733
Total revenue	347,062	342,373
Expenses		
Program services:		
Residency accreditation	149,558	137,582
Primary accreditation	145,613	130,720
Governance	13,125	18,733
	308,296	287,035
Change in unrestricted net assets before change in fair value of investments	38,766	55,338
Change in fair value of investments, net	4,479	4,017
Change in unrestricted net assets	43,245	59,355
Net assets, beginning of year	188,001	128,646
Net assets, end of year	$ 231,246	$ 188,001

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Statement of Financial Position

	December 31	
	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 239,964	$ 223,409
Investments	159,412	133,319
Accounts receivable and other assets	-	2,933
Prepaid expenses	4,090	-
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of $30,975 and $29,107, respectively	12,899	12,037
Deposits	5,000	-
Total assets	$ 421,365	$ 371,698
Liabilities and net assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 6,786	$ 7,844
Accrued vacation	7,865	7,878
Due to affiliates	55,934	50,959
Deferred income	119,534	117,016
Total liabilities	190,119	183,697
Net assets:	7,865	7,878
Unrestricted net assets	231,246	188,001
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 421,365	$ 371,698

2005 Officers and Commissioners

Commission

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Mission Statement

NCOPE's mission is to be the recognized authority for the development and accreditation of O&P education and residency standards leading to competent patient care in the changing health care environment.

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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 at O&P patient care facilities.