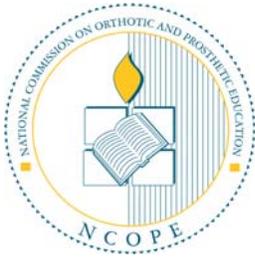


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National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education Mission Statement

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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Chairman's Message

Dear O&P Colleagues:

I am pleased to report that 2006 was a busy but successful year for NCOPE. This would not be possible were it not for the hard work and dedication of our commissioners, executive director and NCOPE staff. The 2006 accomplishments were the result of their collective efforts and unceasing support of O&P education.

In early 2006, NCOPE held a follow-up meeting to the 2005 Education Summit. This strategic planning meeting focused specifically on strategies to move primary education from entry-level bachelor's to entry-level master's for the profession. The meeting proved to be successful, and NCOPE has since published the Strategic Planning Report which can be found on NCOPE's Web site.

During 2006, NCOPE was also busy at work developing two curriculum guides. Over the course of three grant-funded meetings (funded from AAOP through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education), NCOPE participated, planned and assisted with the development of O&P education curriculum guides. The first, a curriculum guide for bachelor's level O&P education, was developed and has since been adopted. The second is a master's level curriculum guide for O&P education that is currently at the developmental stage. A final meeting is scheduled for early spring of 2007, with an expectation that the curriculum guide will be completed.

During 2006 and into 2007, NCOPE and AOPA have worked collaboratively on a manpower study and follow-up to the Carolyn Neilson study that was published in 2002. Funded by both organizations, the collective group hired a consultant and is in the final stages of completing the document.

Very exciting for NCOPE was the adoption of new O&P outcome-based standards in January 2006 by CAAHEP. For a process that initially began in 2003, this was the culmination of tremendous work and effort that bridged to successive NCOPE boards. Thanks to all involved in this lengthy, but necessary and successful endeavor.

NCOPE made one bylaw change during the last year and that is to now include a nomination process for individuals to sit on the NCOPE board. In addition, NCOPE was busy with its accreditation duties that included the following:

- Reviewed three self-studies for technical programs
- Reviewed on practitioner level self-study
- One site for practitioner level program
- Reaccreditation of UT Southwestern's O&P practitioner program

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Finally, NCOPE held two residency director workshops and revised the resident application form.

With 2006 already behind us, we look back at a successful and productive year. 2006 has paved the way for greater things in 2007. NCOPE continues to thank you for your support of O&P education. Whether an individual or organization, your support is important, and on behalf of NCOPE, I offer my sincerest thanks.

Sincerely,



Bryan S. Malas, MHPE, CO
Chairman





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Accreditation at a Glance 2006

During 2006, NCOPE performed accreditation services for the following programs:

Education Programs

Practitioner Level

Eastern Michigan	Performed focused site visit October 2006. Report to be reviewed by board in early 2007.
Northwestern University	Reviewed self-study application for reaccreditation in November 2006. Site visit to occur in 2007.
St. Petersburg College	Performed on-site visit April 2006. Second site visit to occur in early 2007 and report reviewed in first quarter of 2007.
University of Texas	Performed on-site visit in February 2006. Granted reaccreditation by CAAHEP in July 2006.

Technician Level

Century College	Reviewed self-study for reaccreditation. Site visit to occur in 2007.
Francis Tuttle	Reviewed self-study for reaccreditation. Site visit to occur in 2007.
Median School of Allied Health	Program voluntarily withdrew accreditation.
Spokane Community College	Reviewed self-study for reaccreditation. Site visit to occur in 2007.

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Residency Accreditation Report

During 2006, NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Reviewed and accredited: 72 patient care facilities for residency programs

Tracked residents: 225 residents in the 2005-06 cycle

Completed residents: 224 residents completed in 2006

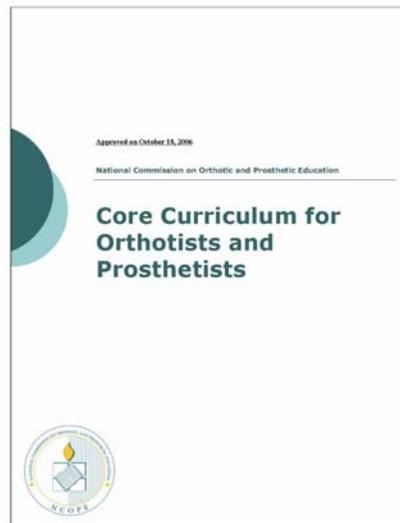


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Summary of 2006 Activities of NCOPE

2006 was a busy and active year for NCOPE. Some highlights of our activities and accomplishments include:

- ❖ Held a follow-up meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., in February 2006 as a result of the Education Summit Meeting in 2005. The report can be viewed at <http://ncope.org/assets/pdfs/finalreport706.pdf>
- ❖ CAAHEP adopted outcome-based education standards in early 2006. The standards can be viewed at http://www.caahep.org/documents/ForProgramDirectors/OP_Standards.pdf
- ❖ The *Core Curriculum for Orthotists and Prosthetists* was created and adopted. The curriculum guide can be viewed at http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/core_guide_for_bs.pdf
- ❖ Worked collaboratively with AOPA and solicited requests for proposal (RFP) for a new needs study on the future need for the profession. Corathers Health Consulting, LLC was hired in July and the study was completed in December 2006. It will be published in early 2007.
- ❖ The board voted to change NCOPE's bylaws to include a nominations process for future board members' placement on the board.
- ❖ NCOPE, along with ABC, transitioned to a new database in early 2006.
- ❖ Participated in two meetings for the development of a master's curriculum funded by a grant from the Department of Education and the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists.



2006 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 = 5

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
Spokane Falls Community College



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Developmental Accreditation (NCOPE Accredited)

Masters = 1

Eastern Michigan

Pursuing Accreditation (application on file and site visit occurring)

Baccalaureate = 1

St. Petersburg College



Courtesy of Oklahoma State—Okmulgee



Courtesy of Northwestern University

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Courtesy of Northwestern University



Courtesy of Oklahoma State—Oklahoma

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Statements of Activities

	Years ended December 31,	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Revenue and support		
Residency renewal fees	\$ 257,334	\$ 267,233
Application fees	20,900	26,100
School accreditation fees	8,250	9,000
Contributions	40,000	40,000
Reimbursed expenses	2,667	-
Miscellaneous	-	227
Interest and dividends	<u>8,816</u>	<u>4,502</u>
Total revenue	337,967	347,062
Expenses		
Program services:		
Residency accreditation	143,676	149,558
Primary accreditation	168,677	145,613
Governance	<u>18,808</u>	<u>13,125</u>
	331,161	308,296
Change in unrestricted net assets before change in fair value of investments	6,806	38,766
Change in fair value of investments, net	<u>14,439</u>	<u>4,479</u>
Change in unrestricted net assets	21,245	43,245
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>231,246</u>	<u>188,001</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 252,491</u>	<u>\$ 231,246</u>

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Statements of Financial Position

	December 31,	
	2006	2005
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 230,584	\$ 239,964
Investments	175,923	159,412
Accounts receivable and other assets	6,598	-
Prepaid expenses	-	4,090
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$20,302 and \$30,975, respectively	8,458	12,899
Deposits	-	5,000
Total assets	<u>\$ 421,563</u>	<u>\$ 421,365</u>
Liabilities and net assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 5,993	\$ 6,786
Accrued vacation	7,456	7,865
Due to affiliates	26,723	55,934
Deferred income	<u>128,900</u>	<u>119,534</u>
Total liabilities	169,072	190,119
Net assets:		
Unrestricted net assets	<u>252,491</u>	<u>231,246</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 421,563</u>	<u>\$ 421,365</u>

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Statements of Revenue and Expenses with Budget

	Year ended December 31, 2006				Budget (Unaudited)	Year ended December 31, 2005
	Residency Accreditation	Primary Accreditation	Governance	Total		
Program fees	\$ 276,234	\$ 10,250	\$ -	\$ 286,484	\$ 291,000	\$ 302,333
Contributions	20,000	20,000	-	40,000	40,000	40,000
Investment earnings	-	-	23,255	23,255	2,200	8,981
Reimbursed expenses	-	2,667	-	2,667	-	-
Reserve funds	-	-	-	-	10,000	-
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	-	5,000	227
	<u>296,234</u>	<u>32,917</u>	<u>23,255</u>	<u>352,406</u>	<u>348,200</u>	<u>351,541</u>
Payroll & related benefits	83,162	83,062	(253)	165,971	179,200	157,180
Travel	20,583	30,279	2,576	53,438	66,700	59,980
Rent	13,492	13,492	-	26,984	25,900	24,954
Education Conference	-	19,379	-	19,379	-	14,537
Professional fees	3,354	2,501	4,394	10,249	10,000	10,196
Study	-	-	4,511	4,511	15,000	-
Telephone and fax	3,497	3,490	152	7,139	6,036	4,203
Scanning project	6,500	-	-	6,500	8,000	-
Postage/mailing	2,906	2,726	36	5,668	5,000	5,824
Printing and reproduction	3,460	1,753	-	5,213	5,000	4,692
Depreciation	-	-	4,441	4,441	-	3,982
Dues and subscriptions	212	3,212	755	4,179	4,000	3,925
Insurance	1,721	1,721	-	3,442	6,500	6,469
Site visit expenses	-	2,668	-	2,668	-	-
Office supplies	1,216	1,067	336	2,619	3,151	2,694
Copier	1,204	1,197	35	2,436	2,500	2,184
Supplies	1,051	1,051	55	2,157	2,250	2,803
Miscellaneous	67	67	1,575	1,709	1,000	696
Computer software/hardware	587	627	170	1,384	-	707
Tax	310	310	-	620	600	590
Audio visual	279	-	-	279	200	403
Repairs	75	75	25	175	-	390
Consultant	-	-	-	-	8,000	866
Awards and recognitions	-	-	-	-	-	810
Bank service charges	-	-	-	-	200	211
Program expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Web Site	-	-	-	-	500	-
	<u>143,676</u>	<u>168,677</u>	<u>18,808</u>	<u>331,161</u>	<u>349,737</u>	<u>308,296</u>
	<u>\$ 152,558</u>	<u>\$ (135,760)</u>	<u>\$ 4,447</u>	<u>\$ 21,245</u>	<u>\$ (1,537)</u>	<u>\$ 43,245</u>

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