

NCOPE

2007 ANNUAL REPORT



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Chairman's Message

Dear O&P Colleagues:

In the pages of NCOPE's 2007 annual report students, residents and practitioners alike are able to see the organization's continued commitment to the advancement of O&P education. 2007 began with an ambitious operating plan and culminated with a list of accomplishments that the board is pleased to present to the profession.

A review of the financial statements for this year shows the organization's responsibility to cost containment, maintenance of its current revenue stream and the ability to secure external funding for designated activities. NCOPE is also proud of its continued collaboration with the sister organizations in advancing the O&P profession and looks forward to future endeavors. Highlighted here are some accomplishments for the organization this year:

- NCOPE is pleased to announce that three technician level programs were granted re-accreditation this year. This represents the continued viability and importance of education at the technical level.
- NCOPE collaborated with AOPA on an updated workforce demand study that was published and made available to the profession in March of 2007. One key finding was that by 2030 there would be an approximate practitioner shortage of around 9%, but with the addition of two new practitioner level programs that number drops to only 4.2%.
- On January 1, 2007 a revised residency application form went into effect for residency sites. The revised form will provide residency sites with a better opportunity to expand the description of the residency site.
- Effective July 1, 2007, NCOPE assumed from ABC the role and responsibility of approving orthotic fitter education courses, mastectomy fitter education courses and therapeutic shoe education courses.
- NCOPE held a meeting to develop a curriculum guide and held another meeting on residency standards. Both were related to movement towards master's education for O&P and both were funded by AAOP thru a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. We applaud the Academy for their continued financial support of this important endeavor.
- In December of 2007 a letter of intent was sent to the International Society of Prosthetists and Orthotists (ISPO) on behalf of NCOPE and ABC indicating a desire to pursue ISPO category I recognition. Category I recognition would make U.S. O&P education and ABC certification more visible on the world stage. Additionally this recognition will provide another level of distinction for U.S. O&P education and ABC certification.

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This report represents my last year as chair of NCOPE and as such I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our new executive board members. They are as follows:

Michael Oros, CPO, MBA, *Chairman*

Steven Whiteside, CO, FAAOP, *Vice-Chair*

Jonathan Day, CPO, *Secretary-Treasurer*

This executive committee brings years of experience with a background in education and residency and will provide the necessary leadership to continue advancing O&P education well into the future.

I would also like to thank the board for their tireless work and support during my tenure. They have shown a passion for O&P education that few could match. Additionally I would like to recognize the work of Dominique Mungo, Residency Coordinator. Whether responding directly to resident inquiries or working behind the scenes, Dominique has been an asset to the day-to-day activities of NCOPE. Finally, I cannot thank Robin Seabrook enough for her support as executive director. Her insight and knowledge of the O&P education has made her an invaluable asset to NCOPE and the profession.

I thank you for your support of NCOPE and O&P education.

Sincerely,



Bryan S. Malas, MHPE, CO
Chairman



Accreditation at a Glance 2007

During 2007 NCOPE performed accreditation services for the following programs:

Education Programs

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level

Eastern Michigan	On-site visit report reviewed by board in March 2007. Granted initial accreditation by CAAHEP in May 2007.
Newington Certificate Program	Board reviewed request for extension of submission for reaccreditation application. Granted one year extension due in 2008.
Northwestern University	Performed site visit in August 2007. Report reviewed by board in fall of 2007. Second site visit to occur in early 2008.
St. Petersburg College	Performed on-site visit January 2007. Report reviewed by board in March 2007 Second site visit to occur in January 2008.

Technician Level

Century College

Reviewed self-study for reaccreditation.
Site visit occurred in 2007
Granted reaccreditation for five years.

Francis Tuttle

Reviewed self-study for reaccreditation.
Site visit occurred in 2007.
Granted reaccreditation for five years.

Spokane Community College

Reviewed self-study for reaccreditation.
Site visit occurred in 2007.
Granted reaccreditation for five years.

Courtesy of Eastern Michigan



Residency Accreditation Report

During 2007 NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Reviewed and accredited: 137 patient care facilities for residency programs

Tracked residents: 233 residents in the 2006-07 cycle

Completed residents: 201 residents completed in 2007



Courtesy of UT Southwestern

Summary of 2007 Activities of NCOPE

2007 was a busy and active year for NCOPE. Some highlights of our activities/ accomplishments include:

- Published the study titled “The Orthotic and Prosthetic Profession: A Workforce Demand Study.” The report can be viewed at http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/workforce_studies.pdf.
- Created cover sheets that must accompany the resident’s directed study project. This sheet allows the resident to identify the type and level of their project. This sheet can be viewed at http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/cover_sheet.pdf.
- Created and published a networking directory of former NCOPE residents who have given permission to be contacted by students seeking a residency. The directory was provided to all of the schools. The directory can be accessed at http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/2007-08_Networking.pdf.
- Created a new annual report form for accredited programs to complete and return to NCOPE. Data is starting to be collected from this report and takes NCOPE to the next phase of implementing outcome based standards.
- Approved and collected donations for the “Lawrence Lange Travel Fellowship Fund.” The fund was created in the memory of Larry Lange, CPO, and the goal is to award funds to residents completing their NCOPE accredited residency program for the opportunity to further enrich their education and development as a professional in a particular aspect of orthotic and/or prosthetic care. The award will allow the successful applicant to spend a period of 7—14 days at a recognized center of excellence in the United States or abroad.
- NCOPE assumed responsibility of approving Fitter level education as of July 1, 2007. Information on applying for approval can be found at http://ncope.org/fitter_education/.
- Implemented a nomination process to the NCOPE board of directors.
- Conducted a survey of currently accredited orthotist and prosthetist level programs and their ability to transition to a master’s level program.

2007 Accredited Educational Programs Listing

Practitioner Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Masters

Eastern Michigan University

Georgia Tech

Baccalaureate

California State University

University of Texas

University of Washington

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

California State University

Century College

Newington Certificate Program

Northwestern University



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Technician Level Programs (NCOPE Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate

Century College

Baker College of Flint

Francis Tuttle Technology

Spokane Falls Community College

Developmental Accreditation (NCOPE Accredited)

Baccalaureate

St. Petersburg College

Pursuing Accreditation (application on file and site visit to occur in 2008)

Associate Degree/certificate – Technician Level

Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee



National Commission on Orthotic & Prosthetic Education

Statements of Activities

	Years ended December 31,	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Revenue		
Contributions	\$ 23,700	\$ 40,000
Residency renewal fees	305,700	257,334
Application fees	36,400	20,900
School accreditation fees	8,250	8,250
Miscellaneous	10	-
Reimbursed expenses	7,733	2,667
Investment income	<u>14,361</u>	<u>8,816</u>
Total revenue	396,154	337,967
Expenses		
Residency accreditation	157,016	143,676
Primary accreditation	189,727	168,677
Governance	<u>34,924</u>	<u>18,808</u>
Total expenses	<u>381,667</u>	<u>331,161</u>
Change in unrestricted net assets from operations	14,487	6,806
Change in fair value of investments, net	<u>(1,589)</u>	<u>14,439</u>
Change in net assets	12,898	21,245
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>252,491</u>	<u>231,246</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 265,389</u>	<u>\$ 252,491</u>

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Statements of Financial Position

	December 31,	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 276,373	\$ 230,584
Investments	213,711	175,923
Accounts receivable and other assets	4,278	6,598
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$20,302 and \$30,975, respectively	<u>6,883</u>	<u>8,458</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 501,245</u>	<u>\$ 421,563</u>
Liabilities and net assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 51,543	\$ 5,993
Accrued vacation	8,024	7,456
Due to affiliates	2,589	26,723
Deferred income	<u>173,700</u>	<u>128,900</u>
Total liabilities	235,856	169,072
Net assets		
Unrestricted net assets	<u>265,389</u>	<u>252,491</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 501,245</u>	<u>\$ 421,563</u>

2007 Officers and Board of Directors

Board

Officers

Bryan S. Malas, MHPE, CO

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Active Committee Roster for 2007

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Ann Yamane, CO – NCOPE board liaison

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Christopher Piel, CO (Region 4)
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Michael Moor, CPO (Region 2)
Open (Region 7)
Matthew Nelson, CPO (Region 5)
Staci Dorr, CO (Region 8)

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Mark Taylor, CPO, FAAOP
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Robert Rhodes, CO, FAAOP
Daniel Abrahamson, CPO

Self-Study Review Committee

Susan Kapp, CPO – chair
John Ferguson, CPO
Tom Karolewski, CP, FAAOP
Daniel Abrahamson, CPO
Craig Smith, CPO



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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.



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.

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*Developing Quality Standards for the Education and Training
of Orthotists and Prosthetists Since 1991*

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