
NCOPE 2008 Annual Report



Courtesy of Francis Tuttle Technology Center





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Chairman's Message

To the O & P community:

In many ways 2008 was like so many others in the past for NCOPE, quietly and purposefully advancing our mission "to ensure educational and residency programs meet the minimum standards of quality to prepare individuals to enter the O&P profession." While focusing on managing the accreditation of our practitioner/technical schools and facilitating the residency process for residents, directors and their sites, NCOPE continues to keep an eye toward the future. In that spirit, the piloting of the "New Innovations" software application will allow NCOPE to better manage resident reviews, their training logs as well as provide a host of reporting opportunities.

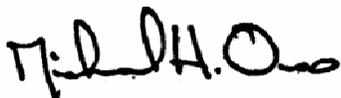
Notable 2008 project activity aligned in the fulfillment of our goals included the important work of several committees. The masters curriculum committee held several meetings led by Dr. Gene Gary-Williams with O&P faculty members in attendance. These discussions resulted in a preliminary draft of the first master's level O & P curriculum guide. These meetings are the result of direct support and funding from the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP) via the grant monies they received from the Department of Education. These Standards will be available for review and public comment in 2009. The *Residency Outcomes Standards* committee continued the process of drafting outcomes based standards for Residency sites in 2012 and beyond. Once the master curriculum standards are adopted at the school level, this group will finalize the structure of the formalized residency period.

In addition to the groundwork associated with the movement to entry-level master's education, there were several "expansion" opportunities for NCOPE in 2008. NCOPE replaced ABC in the approval process of all fitter level educational courses in 2007 but 2008 saw NCOPE actually approving courses. This arrangement allows for independent review of course content and maintains the appropriate separation of the subsequent credentialing of an individual.

At our annual summer meeting, the NCOPE board approved a movement to have the O&P technical school standards recognized and approved by CAAHEP. NCOPE views this as an important "stamp of approval" for a valuable yet sometimes underrepresented group of individuals. Late in 2008, after months of negotiations, NCOPE came to an agreement with the Commission of Approval of Pedorthic Education (CAPE) on overseeing the approval process for Pedorthic education starting in 2009. CAPE will now operate as a committee under the NCOPE umbrella. We look forward to working with our Pedorthic colleagues.

In closing, none of these achievements would be possible without the dedication of the volunteer commissioners, executive director, and NCOPE staff. I offer my sincerest appreciation for all of your efforts. A special thank-you to our "retiring" immediate past-chairman Bryan Malas, CO and commissioners Bill Beiswenger, CPO and Mike Schuch, CPO all of whom committed years of volunteerism on behalf of the profession to NCOPE.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Oros, CPO, FAAOP
Chairman



Accreditation at a Glance 2008

During 2008, NCOPE performed accreditation and approval services for the following programs and courses:

Education Programs

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level

Newington Certificate Program

Reviewed self-study for reaccreditation.

Site visit to occur in 2009.

Northwestern University

Performed site visit in May 2008.

Report reviewed by board in fall of 2008.

Recommendation moved forward to CAAHEP in January 2009.

St. Petersburg College

Performed on-site visit January 2008.

Report reviewed by board in March 2008.

Focused report reviewed by board fall 2008.

Recommendation of initial accreditation moved forward to CAAHEP.

University of Pittsburgh

Reviewed application for candidacy.

Status not awarded and new application to be reviewed in early 2009.



Courtesy of St. Petersburg College

Technician Level

Baker College of Flint

Performed site visit in August 2008.

Report reviewed by board in fall 2008.

Accreditation granted for five year cycle.

Joliet Junior College

Reviewed self-study application for initial accreditation.

Additional materials submitted and reviewed.

Site visit to occur in 2009.

Oklahoma State University Institute
of Technology

Reviewed self-study for reaccreditation.

Performed on-site visit June 2008.

Granted accreditation for five year cycle.



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Summary of 2008 Activities of NCOPE

2008 was a busy and active year for NCOPE and some highlights of activities/accomplishments include:

- ⇒ Contracted with an on-line residency management suite system called New Innovations. Was piloted in 2008 for all registered residents as of June 1, 2008. Information on accessing New Innovations can be found at http://www.ncope.org/tracking_instructions/.
- ⇒ Continued work on development of the master's level curriculum guide. Timeline for movement to the master's can be accessed at http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/timeline_movement_master.pdf.
- ⇒ Negotiated with the Commission on Accreditation of Pedorthic Education (CAPE) in 2008 to bring the pedorthic education approval system under NCOPE starting in 2009.
- ⇒ Applied with ABC for recognition by the International Society of Orthotists and Prosthetists (ISPO) for category I on behalf of the entire US education/residency/exam process. An on-site visit occurred in December 2008 to observe and review several residency programs, the University of Texas education program and the ABC examination.
- ⇒ Applied and received approval by CAAHEP to add the technician education level to their system. 2009 will start the work of a technician curriculum guide and CAAHEP outcome based standards.
- ⇒ Creation of "Legacy Projects". These projects are a way for residents to enhance their experience and to give to residents who come after them. Information and sample projects can be accessed at http://www.ncope.org/legacy_projects/
- ⇒ Hosted a new board orientation for three new board members in the fall of 2008
- ⇒ Conducting a survey of currently accredited residency programs.
- ⇒ Conducted a survey from the currently accredited CAAHEP programs and their movement to the master's.
- ⇒ Conducted two residency directors workshop in cooperation with the Academy and AOPA during their annual meeting.
- ⇒ Participated in the Academy's residency network session and AOPA's career fair.
- ⇒ Presented information on residency to the student bodies of Eastern Michigan, Georgia Tech, University of Texas and University of Washington.

2008 Accredited Educational Programs Listing

Practitioner Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Masters = 2

Eastern Michigan University

Georgia Tech

Baccalaureate = 4

California State University

St. Petersburg College

University of Texas

University of Washington

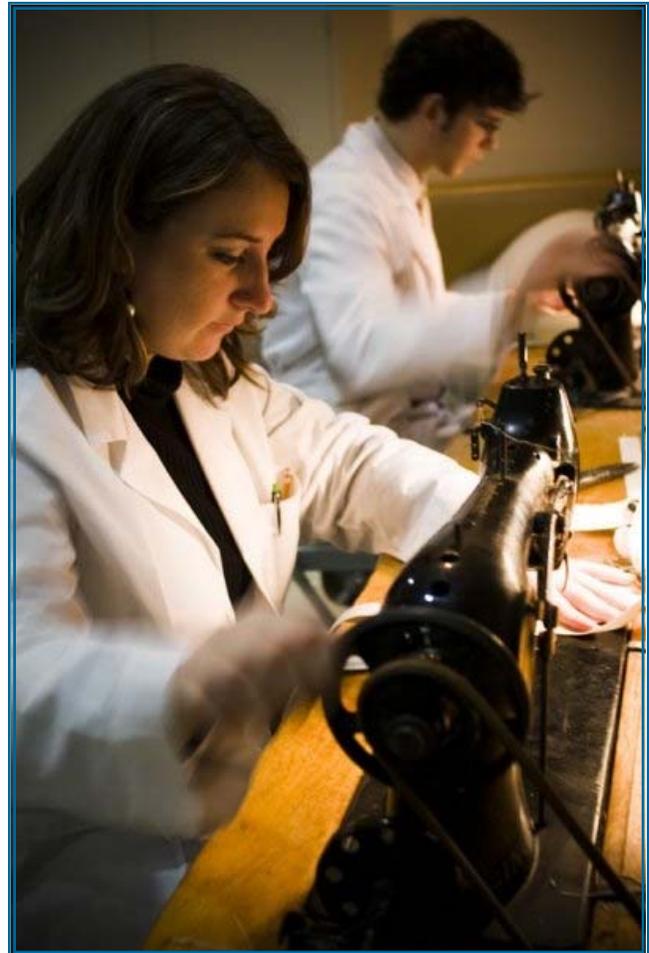
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate = 4

California State University

Century College

Newington Certificate Program

Northwestern University



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Technician Level Programs (NCOPE Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 5

Century College

Baker College of Flint

Francis Tuttle Technology Center

Oklahoma State University

Spokane Falls Community College

Pursuing Accreditation (application on file in 2008)

Masters = University of Pittsburgh (orthotist/prosthetist level)

Associate Degree/Certificate = Joliet Junior College (technician level)



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National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2008 and 2007*

ASSETS	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Current Assets:</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 331,857	\$ 276,373
Investments	126,092	213,711
Accounts Receivable	614	4,278
Prepaid Expenses	<u>1,434</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 459,997	\$ 494,362
<u>Fixed Assets:</u>		
Furniture and Equipment	<u>3,164</u>	<u>6,883</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 463,161</u>	<u>\$ 501,245</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 16,010	\$ 51,543
Accrued Vacation	8,028	8,024
Due to Affiliates	22,450	2,589
Deferred Revenues	<u>171,950</u>	<u>173,700</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 218,438</u>	<u>\$ 235,856</u>
<u>Net Assets:</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ 236,913	\$ 261,689
Temporarily Restricted	7,810	3,700
Permanently Restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 244,723</u>	<u>\$ 265,389</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 463,161</u>	<u>\$ 501,245</u>

**To review the entire audit with accompany notes, please contact NCOPE*

National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Statement of Activities
Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Revenues and Other Support:</u>		
Contributions		
Unrestricted	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Temporarily Restricted	4,110	3,700
Residency Fees	343,850	305,700
Application Fees	39,000	36,400
School Accreditation Fees	8,250	8,250
Miscellaneous	3,139	10
Reimbursed Expenses	817	7,733
Investment Income	<u>781</u>	<u>14,361</u>
 Total Revenues and Other Support	 <u>\$ 419,947</u>	 <u>\$ 396,154</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Residency Accreditation	\$160,119	\$157,016
Primary Accreditation	159,990	189,727
Governance	<u>40,598</u>	<u>34,924</u>
 Total Expenses	 <u>\$360,707</u>	 <u>\$381,667</u>
 Changes in Net Assets from Operations	 \$ 59,240	 \$ 14,487
Change in Fair Value of Investments, Net	<u>(79,906)</u>	<u>(1,589)</u>
 Changes in Net Assets	 \$(20,666)	 \$ 12,898
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$265,389</u>	<u>\$252,491</u>
 Net Assets, End of Year	 <u>\$244,723</u>	 <u>\$265,389</u>

2008 Officers and Board of Directors

Board of Directors

Michael H. Oros, CPO, FAAOP
Chairman

Steven R. Whiteside, CO, FAAOP
Vice-Chairman

Jonathan D. Day, CPO
Secretary/Treasurer

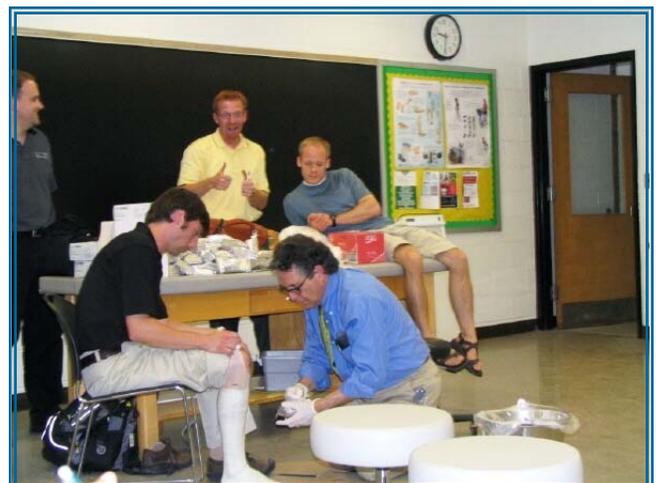
Bryan S. Malas, MHPE, CO
Immediate Past-Chairman

William D. Beiswenger, CPO, FAAOP
Alicia J. Davis, MPA, CPO, FAAOP
Christopher Hovorka, MS, CPO
C. Michael Schuch, CPO, FAAOP
Ann Yamane, CO
Denise Chapman, PT, Ph.D, *Public Member*
Marjorie R. Reif, MEd., PA-C, CMA, *Public Member*

Robin C. Seabrook
Executive Director

NCOPE Staff

Robin C. Seabrook, Executive Director
Dominique S. Mungo, Residency Coordinator



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Active Committee Roster for 2008

Finance Committee

Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP - chair
Bryan Malas, CO
Steve R. Whiteside, CO, FAAOP
Jonathan D. Day, CPO

Fitter Education Committee

William Beiswenger, CPO, FAAOP – chair
Steven R. Whiteside, CO, FAAOP
Stephen B. Fletcher, CPO

ISPO Recognition Committee

Bryan Malas, CO,- chair
Stephen B. Fletcher, CPO
Robin C. Seabrook
Catherine Carter

Master Curriculum Committee

Gene Gary-Williams, Ph.D., PT – facilitator
Scott Hornbeck, CPO – California State representative
Robert Rhodes, CPO – Eastern Michigan representative
Christopher Hovorka, CPO – GA Tech representative
Matthew Parente, CPO – Newington representative
Ingrid Masterson, PT – Northwestern representative
Scott Sanford, CO – St. Petersburg representative
Mike Mojica, CPO – University of Texas representative
Daniel Abrahamson, CPO – University of Washington representative
Ann Yamane, CO – NCOPE board liaison

Nomination Committee

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Donald Shurr, CPO
Bryan Malas, CO

Regional Residency Director's Network

Mark Taylor, CPO (Region 6) – chair
Walt Racette, CPO (Region 1)
Chris Piel, CO (Region 4)
Bill Beiswenger, CPO, FAAOP (Region 3)
Michael Moor, CPO (Region 2)
Open (Region 7)
Matt Nelson, CPO (Region 5)
Staci Dorr, CO (Region 8)

Regional Residency Liaison

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Larry Paise, CPO (Region 2)
Dallas Curtis, CPO (Region 3)
Angie Swindell, CPO (Region 4)
Jennifer Richards, CPO (Region 5)
Megan Zachar, CO (Region 6)
Heidi Jeske, CPO (Region 8)

Residency Accreditation Committee

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Mark Clary, CO
Michael Oros, CPO
Alicia Davis, MPA, CPO, FAAOP



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Residency Outcome Standards Committee

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Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP
Jonathan Day, CPO
Matthew Parente, CPO
Jennifer Richards, CPO
Michelle Hall, CPO
Mark Taylor, CPO
Kevin Meade, Ph.D.
Christopher Hovorka, CPO
Robert Rhodes, CO
Daniel Abrahamson, CPO

Self-Study Review Committee – Practitioner level

Susan Kapp, CPO – chair
John Ferguson, CPO
Tom Karolewski, CP, FAAOP
Daniel Abrahamson, CPO
Kate Muller, CPO

Self-Study Review Committee – Technician level

Bernard Hewey, CPO
Catherine Voss, CO
Joseph Young, CPO
Edward Haddon, CO



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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.



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