

2010

NCOPE Annual Report



Courtesy University of Texas Southwestern



NCOPE

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Chairman's Message



To the O & P community:

As I reflect on NCOPE's board, committee activities and accomplishments for 2010, I realize how much can be achieved when dedicated volunteers and a small but efficient staff work well together. I want to thank all of the commissioners and committee members who helped make this a very successful year for NCOPE. The time spent away from your families and clinical responsibilities in order to serve our profession through NCOPE is greatly appreciated.

Executive Director Robin Seabrook and her staff, Dominique Mungo and Joan Dallas, successfully guided and coordinated NCOPE's mission and volunteers. Through their dedication, the profession, and we as volunteers, benefited greatly. I want to personally thank them for a job well done.

NCOPE was busy in 2010!

- The Master's Standards were approved by CAAHEP, the conclusion of five years of hard work for everyone involved. We will continue to monitor the transition of O&P schools to the Master's Standards as they move to the 2013 deadline.
- The first Pedorthic Education Summit was coordinated and co-sponsored by NCOPE, ABC, BOC and PFA. At this meeting, all stakeholders agreed on the future direction of pedorthic education. The CAPE committee completed a draft of the new Pedorthic education standards and the Commission is expected to approve them in the spring of 2011.
- The Residency Outcomes Standards Committee completed the new residency Standards and the Commission is expected to approve them in early 2011. These new Standards will incorporate a residency competency assessment that covers a variety of pathologies in orthotic or prosthetic patient care as an outcome measurement.
- The Residency Directors Training Committee continued their work through the generous support from the Academy's grant.
- The second section of the on-line training for Residency Directors and mentors is well under way and targeted for completion in 2011.
- The Fitter Education Committee completed the new Standards for orthotic and therapeutic shoe fitter education. The committee also developed Standards for on-line educational models. The fitter education Standards were approved by the Commission last fall.

- NCOPE formed a new committee in 2010 to initiate the development of five new Master's programs in the next five years. Originally named the Five-in-Five Committee, the group was renamed the Futurity Committee and is working with a consulting group chosen by the NCOPE board to establish pre-O&P curriculum that will complement and contribute to the Master's programs, help facilitate the development of five new Master's programs and investigate ways to sustain our current programs.

These are the highlights of a very busy year for NCOPE!

Four NCOPE commissioners completed their terms on the Board of Directors in 2010.

- Michael Oros has been a consistent leader for the board during his seven years of service and in 2010 he finished his term as Immediate Past Chair.
- Alicia Davis provided teaching and residency knowledge in her six years of service and ended her term by serving as Secretary.
- For the past six years, Christopher Hovorka provided attention to detail and academic knowledge to the board as a commissioner for the past six years.
- Denise Chapman served as our public member for the past six years, bringing her PT background and university administrative knowledge to the board.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your service and thank you for all the hours, days and weeks of your time that you spent during your terms working for NCOPE. The NCOPE board and staff look forward to an exciting and productive year in 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan D. Day" followed by "CPO, CAO" in a smaller, less cursive font.

Jonathan D. Day, CPO
Chairman

Accreditation at a Glance 2010

During 2010, NCOPE performed accreditation and approval services for the following programs and courses:

Education Programs

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level

Georgina Tech	Performed site visit in February 2010 Recommendation of accreditation moved forward to CAAHEP Accreditation granted by CAAHEP May 2010
Newington Certificate Program	Review of Distance Learning Program (DLP) self-study. Action and review in 2011
University of Washington	Performed site visit in October 2010 Review of site visit report in 2011

Education Courses

Orthotic Fitter Course

Francis Tuttle Technology Center	Reviewed and granted approval 2010
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Therapeutic Shoe Fitter

Acor Orthopedics	Reviewed and granted approval 2010
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Residency Accreditation Report

During 2010, NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Reviewed and accredited:	144 patient care facilities for residency programs
Tracked residents:	309 residents in the 2009-10 cycle
Completed residents:	278 residents completed in 2010

Summary of 2010 Activities of NCOPE

2010 was an eventful and energetic year for NCOPE and some highlights of activities/accomplishments include:

- ❖ Planned and sponsored the first ever pedorthic education conference. The conference was sponsored in addition by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (ABC), the Board of Certification/Accreditation, International (BOC) and the Pedorthic Footwear Association (PFA). Information on the conference report can be accessed here http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/pedorthic_conf_report.pdf
- ❖ Adoption by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) of new education standards for orthotist/prosthetist. The link to the new standards and curriculum guide can be accessed with these links: http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/core_guide_for_masters.pdf and <http://caahep.org/documents/file/For-Program-Directors/OPStandards.pdf>
- ❖ Establishment of the *Futurity Project*, whose primary goals are the establishment of five new master's level programs within the next five years and the creation of pre O&P course of studies at universities throughout the country.
- ❖ Participation and attendance at the International Society of Orthotic and Prosthetics (ISPO) World Congress in Germany.
- ❖ The first award of the Larry Lange Travel Fellowship to an NCOPE resident.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Presented information on residency program to the student bodies of Eastern Michigan, Georgia Tech, University of Texas and University of Washington.
- ❖ Participated and co-sponsored a meeting of educators on "Sustainability of O&P Education".
- ❖ Conducted survey for proposed education standards for the pedorthic profession. Results of the survey can be accessed at http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/results_of_comment_on_pedorthic_standards.pdf



Courtesy of Eastern Michigan University

2010 Accredited Educational Programs Listing

Practitioner Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Masters = 3

Eastern Michigan University
Georgia Institute of Technology
University of Texas Southwestern

Baccalaureate = 3

California State University
St. Petersburg College
University of Washington

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate = 4

California State University
Century College
Newington Certificate Program
Northwestern University

Technician Level Programs (NCOPE Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 5

Century College
Baker College of Flint
Francis Tuttle Technology
Oklahoma State University
Spokane Falls Community College

Pursuing Initial Accreditation (application on file in 2010) – Candidacy Awarded

Masters =

University of Pittsburgh



Photo by R.J. Garrick

NUPOC prosthetics student Brian Yount (left) and educational model Larry Brittmon (right) discuss prosthetic fit.

Pedorthic Education Courses (NCOPE Accredited)

Pedorthic Courses = 8

Dr. Wm Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine/Rosalind Franklin University
Eneslow Pedorthic Institute's Pedorthic Pre-Certification Course
Foot Solutions Pedorthic Pre-Certification Course
International School of Pedorthics
Northwestern University
Pro-Learn, LLC
Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine
The Robert M. Palmer, MD, Institute of Biomechanics, Inc.

Fitter Education Course (NCOPE Approved)

Mastectomy Education Courses

Post-Mastectomy Courses = 7

American Breast Care
Airway
Amoena
Anita International
Jodee
Nearly Me Technologies, Inc.
Trulife



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Orthotic Fitter Courses

Orthotic Fitter Courses = 6

Applied Technology Institute/ATi
DeRoyal
DJO Orthotic Fitter Course
The Medical Careers Institute at Coordinated Health's Orthotic Fitter Course
Surgical Appliance Industries (SAI)
Trulife

Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Courses

Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Courses = 9

- ACOR Orthopedics Therapeutic Footwear Fitter Course
- Aetrex's Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Course
- CFS Allied Health Education – Certified Fitter of Therapeutic Shoes Course
- Dr. Comfort
- International School of Pedorthics
- National Pedorthic Services, Inc.
- NIPCO Therapeutic Foot Care Certificate Program
- Preferred Medical Supply Company, Inc. – Orthopedics Therapeutic Footwear
- P.W. Minor Therapeutic Shoe Fitting Course



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National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2010 and 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
ASSETS		
<u>Current Assets:</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 386,633	\$ 369,659
Investments	258,059	192,821
Accounts Receivable	5,725	1,165
Prepaid Expenses	<u>1,506</u>	<u>2,919</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 651,923	\$ 566,564
 <u>Fixed Assets:</u>		
Furniture and Equipment	<u>3,742</u>	<u>2,604</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 655,665</u>	<u>\$ 569,168</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 9,287	\$ 9,852
Accrued Vacation	8,112	7,877
Due to Affiliates	26,016	20,386
Deferred Revenues	<u>188,480</u>	<u>171,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 231,895</u>	<u>\$ 209,115</u>
 <u>Net Assets:</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ 415,960	\$ 352,243
Temporarily Restricted	<u>7,810</u>	<u>7,810</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 423,770</u>	<u>\$ 360,053</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 655,665</u>	<u>\$ 569,168</u>

National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Statement of Activities
Years Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009

	2010	2009
<u>Revenues and Other Support:</u>		
Contributions		
Unrestricted	\$ 58,444	\$ 54,364
Temporarily Restricted	2,000	-
Residency Fees	382,680	368,250
Application Fees	55,000	62,300
School Accreditation Fees	13,000	13,000
Miscellaneous	4,402	12
Reimbursed Expenses	-	-
Investment Income	9,840	4,672
Total Revenues and Other Support	<u>\$525,366</u>	<u>\$505,898</u>
 <u>Expenses:</u>		
Residency Accreditation	\$179,326	\$191,544
Primary Accreditation	226,287	191,951
CAPE	39,968	-
Governance	34,638	22,918
Fund Raising	804	-
Total Expenses	<u>\$481,023</u>	<u>\$406,413</u>
Changes in Net Assets from Operations	\$ 44,343	\$ 99,485
Change in Fair Value of Investments, Net	19,374	15,845
Changes in Net Assets	\$ 63,717	\$115,330
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$352,243	\$244,723
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$415,960</u>	<u>\$360,053</u>

2010 Officers and Board of Directors

Officers

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NCOPE Staff

Robin C. Seabrook, Executive Director
Dominique S. Mungo, Residency Manager
Joan Dallas, Administrative Assistant

Active Committee Roster for 2010

Committee on Accreditation of Pedorthic Education (CAPE)

Christopher Costantini, CPed - chair
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Bill Beiswenger, CPO, FAAOP
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Patrice Sobcznski, CFm (Mastecomy)
Chris Costantini, CPed (Therapeutic Shoe)

Futurity Committee

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Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP
Ray Burdett, PhD., PT, CO, CPed
Arlene Gillis, M.Ed., CP, LPO
Thomas DiBello, CO, FAAOP
Miguel (Mike) Mojica, CPO
Christopher Hovorka, MS, CPO, FAAOP
ClarityClose Consultants

Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Fund

William Barringer, CO
Dennis Clark, CPO
James Campbell, CO, FAAOP
Frank E. Friddle, Jr., CO, FAAOP
Catherine Carter, ABC Executive Director

Nomination Committee

William Barringer, CO – chair
Donald Shurr, CPO
Bryan Malas, CO
Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP

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Christopher Costantini, CPed
Brian Lagana, Executive Director PFA
Robin Seabrook, Executive Director NCOPE

Policy Committee

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Frank E. Friddle, Jr., CO, FAAOP

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Heidi Truman, CPO (Region 1)
Larry Paise, CPO (Region 2)
Carin Erbland, CO (Region 3)
Dallas Curtis, CPO (Region 4)
DeAnna Clough, CPO (Region 5)
Megan Zachar, CO (Region 6) – chair of committee
Leigh Davis, CPO (Region 7)
Angie Swindell, CPO (Region 8)

Residency Accreditation Committee

William Beiswenger, CPO, FAAOP
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Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP
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Residency On-line Training Committee

Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP - chair

Jonathan Day, CPO

Jennifer Richards, CPO, CPed, FAAOP

Alicia Davis, MPA, CPO, FAAOP

Stephen B. Fletcher, CPO

Chris Robinson, CPO, FAAOP

Residency Outcome Standards Committee

Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP - chair

Steve Whiteside, CO, FAAOP

Jonathan Day, CPO

Matthew Parente, CPO

Jennifer Richards, CPO, C.Ped, FAAOP

Michelle Hall, CPO, FAAOP

Mark Taylor, CPO, FAAOP

Kevin Meade, Ph.D.

Christopher Hovorka, CPO, FAAOP

Robert Rhodes, CO

Self-Study Review Committee – Practitioner level

Susan Kapp, CPO, FAAOP - chair

Tom Karolewski, CP, FAAOP

Matthew Parente, CPO

Kate Muller, CPO

Self-Study Review Committee – Technician level

Bernard Hewey, CPO

Catherine Voss, CO

Joseph Young, CPO

Edward Haddon, CO

**National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Mission Statement**

NCOPE develops, applies, and assures standards for orthotic and prosthetic education through accreditation and approval to promote exemplary patient care.



Photo by R. J. Garrick

NUPOC prosthetics student Craig Sarvo (left) makes an adjustment for educational model William Wells (right).

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.