Chairman’s Message

To the O & P Community:

NCOPE had an extremely busy 2011, accomplishing many of our goals through day to day activities and the hard work of our committee members. I continue to be impressed by what NCOPE achieves through its dedicated volunteers, and a small but growing and very efficient staff, all working together to accomplish an ever increasing amount of work. I want to thank all of the commissioners and committee members who helped make this a successful year for NCOPE.

The time spent away from your families and clinical responsibilities to serve our profession, is greatly appreciated. NCOPE’s Executive Director Robin Seabrook and staff, Dominique Mungo and Joan Dallas, helped guide and coordinate NCOPE’s volunteers ensuring that our goals were met. Many times it was the staff support that helped facilitate the accomplishments of the volunteers. Great job everyone!

NCOPE continues to work with the professional organizations that support our profession and maintains its position as the authority on educational aspects of the orthotic and prosthetic profession. Some of our accomplishments during 2011 included:

- Assisting several of the O&P practitioner education programs in completing the transition to the Master’s standards. NCOPE will continue to work with the remaining programs transitioning to the Master’s standards in the coming year.

- The CAPE Committee completed the new Pedorthic education standards and they were approved by the Commission.

- New residency standards were completed by the Residency Outcomes Standards Committee and approved by the Commission. These new standards incorporate a resident competency assessment as an outcome measure for all aspects of patient care. These measures cover a variety of pathologies in orthotic or prosthetic care. Residency sites accepting new residents after June 1, 2012 will be utilizing the new competency outcome measures.

- The Residency Directors Training Committee continued their work with funding support from the Academy grant by completing the second section of the on-line training for residency directors and mentors.

- The Five-in-Five Committee/Futurity Committee worked with our consultants to investigate the feasibility of pre-O&P education to feed the master’s programs, helped facilitate the development of five new master’s programs and identify ways to help sustain the current programs. The results of the consultant’s work were presented to the Alliance at the AOPA meeting last September. NCOPE hopes that some of the unexpected outcomes presented by the consultants become a spark to bring greater collaboration and a more unified strategic plan and vision for our profession that all of our national organizations can work toward together in the future.
NCOPE Commissioner Marj Reif completed 12 years of service to NCOPE. Marj started as our CAAHEP liaison serving for six years and then continued a public member for another six years. Her knowledge of accreditation and attention to detail will be missed by the Commission. A special thank you for all of the volunteer hours, days and weeks that you spent working for NCOPE during your terms. The Orthotic and Prosthetic profession is better today thanks in part because of your service.

NCOPE looks to continue moving our profession forward through its ongoing work in 2012!

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. Day, CPO
Chairman
Accreditation at a Glance 2011

During 2011, NCOPE performed accreditation and approval services for the following programs and courses:

**Education Programs**

**Orthotist/Prosthetist Level**

- Loma Linda University  Reviewed candidacy application  
  Performed candidacy site visit in August 2011  
  Candidacy status awarded August 2011

  Focused site visit for DLP December 2011

- St. Petersburg College  Moved from initial accreditation to continued under CAAHEP system

- University of Hartford  Transfer of sponsorship from Hanger O&P to University of Hartford under CAAHEP system

**Technician Level**

- Joliet Junior College  Reviewed application  
  Performed site visit November 2011  
  Accreditation awarded December 2011

**Education Courses**

**Orthotic Fitter Course**

- Northern Virginia Community College’s Orthotic fitter Program  Reviewed and granted approval 2011

**Mastectomy Fitter**

- O&PEdu Mastectomy Course  Reviewed and granted approval 2011

**Therapeutic Shoe Fitter**

- CFS Allied Health Education – Certified Fitter of Therapeutic Shoes course  Reviewed and granted approval 2011
Residency Accreditation Report

During 2011, NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Reviewed and accredited:  113 patient care facilities for residency programs
Tracked residents:   324 residents in the 2010-11 cycle
Completed residents:   286 residents completed in 2011

Summary of 2011 Activities of NCOPE

2011 was an eventful and energetic year for NCOPE and some highlights of activities/accomplishments include:

- Finalized the “Best Practice Study” and published the report. The link to the report can be accessed at http://www.ncope.org/assets/pdfs/Best_Practices_Final_Report_6-29-11.pdf
- 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 to the student bodies of Eastern Michigan, Georgia Tech, St. Petersburg, University of Texas and University of Washington.
- Worked on Section 2 for on-line residency training – titled “Development of a Residency Program”. Course went live in February 2012.
- Self-study committee worked on creation of a new self-study guide for programs seeking accreditation
- The Typhon committee worked and developed the “Typhon Reference Guide” and made it available for residents, directors and resident mentors.
- Started movement and development of a “centralized application service” (CAS) for the education programs at the master’s level wanting to participate. Contract for development is with Liaison International and the goal is to the orthotic/prosthetic CAS (OPCAS) system live in October 2012.
2011 Accredited Educational Programs Listing

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Masters = 6

- Eastern Michigan University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- University of Hartford
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Texas
- University of Washington

Baccalaureate = 2

- California State University
- St. Petersburg College

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate = 4

- California State University
- Century College
- Newington Certificate Program
- Northwestern University

Technician Level Programs (NCOPE Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 6

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

Pursuing Accreditation

Masters =

- Loma Linda University – Candidacy Awarded August 2011
- Alabama State University – letter of intent to pursue Candidacy received June 2011
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
- Amoena
- Anita International
- Jodee
- Nearly Me Technologies, Inc.
- OandPEdu
- Trulife

Orthotic Fitter Courses

Orthotic Fitter Courses = 7

- Applied Technology Institute/ATi
- DeRoyal
- DJO Orthotic Fitter Course
- The Medical Careers Institute at Coordinated Health’s Orthotic Fitter Course
- Oklahoma State University – Okmulgee
- 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
Foot Solutions Therapeutic Shoe Fitter
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

*Picture Courtesy University of Pittsburgh*
National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education  
Statement of Financial Position  
December 31, 2011 and 2010

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### National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
### Statement of Activities
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2011 Officers and Board of Directors

Officers

Jonathan D. Day, CPO
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Robin C. Seabrook, Executive Director

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Dominique S. Mungo, Residency Manager
Joan Dallas, Administrative Assistant

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Active Committee Roster for 2011

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Louis Innauzzi, PT, CPed
John Galbraith, CPed
Darlene Hall, OST, CPed, L.Ped
Harlon Compton, CO, CPed
Bill Meanwell, CPed.
Marj Reif, M.Ed.,PA-C, CMA
Jennifer Richards, CPO, CPed., FAAOP - NCOPE liaison

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Stephen B. Fletcher, CPO
Bill Beiswenger, CPO, FAAOP
Bryan Malas, CO
Rhonda F. Turner, CFom (Mastectomy)
Patrice Sobcznski, CFm (Mastectomy)
Chris Costantini, CPed (Therapeutic Shoe)

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Kevin Meade, Ph.D.
Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP
Arlene Gillis, M.Ed., CP, LPO
Thomas DiBello, CO, FAAOP
Miguel (Mike) Mojica, CPO
Christopher Hovorka, MS, CPO, FAAOP
Curt A. Bertram, CO
Mark D. Muller, CPO, FAAOP
Bryan Malas, MHPE, CO
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

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

Policy Committee
Marj Reif, M.Ed.,PA-C, CMA - chair
Christopher Hovorka, MS, CPO, FAAOP
Frank E. Friddle, Jr., CO, FAAOP

Regional Residency Liaison
Anthony Ung, CPO (Region 1)
Julie Schaar, CPO (Region 2)
Aaron Jacobsen, CPO (Region 3)
Molly Linquist, CPO (Region 4)
DeAnna Clough, CPO (Region 5) – chair of committee
Sara Pschigoda, CPO (Region 6)
Catherine Leigh Davis, CPO (Region 7)
Carin Erbland, CPO (Region 8)

Residency Accreditation Committee
William Beiswenger, CPO, FAAOP
Charles W. Kuffel, CPO, FAAOP
Kevin S. Garrison, CP
Christopher Moore, BS L/CPO

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Jennifer Richards, CPO, CPed., FAAOP
Alicia Davis, MPA, CPO, FAAOP
Stephen B. Fletcher, CPO
Chris Robinson, CPO, FAAOP
Walter P. Afable, CP
Mark Geil, Ph.D.
Self-Study Review Committee – Orthotist/Prosthetist level
Susan Kapp, CPO, FAAOP · chair
Susan Ewers, CPO
Kate Muller, CPO
Ann Yamane, CO

Self-Study Review Committee – Technician level
Bernard Hewey, CPO
Catherine Voss, CO
Joseph Young, CPO
Edward Haddon, CO

Typhon Committee
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Jonathan Day, CPO
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Christopher Robinson, CPO

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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.

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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.