



NCOPE Annual Report

2019

Improving lives and strengthening the profession through education

Chairman's Message



To the Orthotics & Prosthetics Community,

On behalf of the National Commission on Orthotics and Prosthetics Education (NCOPE) it is my sincere hope that this message finds you safe and in good health. Writing this letter to accompany the 2019 Annual Report is truly a unique challenge. While this document serves in part to memorialize NCOPE's exceptional performance and significant achievements of the previous year, I simply cannot ignore the gravity of what we're currently faced with in April of 2020.

As I write this, our industry and our entire nation are grappling with what is perhaps the most significant challenge of our times – the threat of Coronavirus, the lethality of COVID-19, and widespread uncertainty stemming from “Stay-at-Home” orders that have on the one hand, helped to limit the spread of infection, but on the other, crippled small businesses and put record numbers of persons out of work. The enormous physical, emotional, and financial tolls we are burdened with are often too great to comprehend.

This uncertainty has called us at NCOPE to question all that we do. We've partnered with our sister organizations and educators from our schools in ways we couldn't have imagined. We've listened to the concerns of students, residents, mentors, and business owners alike. We've drawn upon each other, staff members and the Board, our collective and individual strengths and contributions. We know that together we can rise to the challenge before us.

In this way, it seems in an odd way fitting that last summer we as a Board revisited, and ultimately re-imagined our mission statement – our statement of purpose, or why we exist. The previous mission statement had perhaps too many words, but too little focus. The scope was perhaps too wide, and at the same time lacking in specificity. So we emerged from that strategic planning session in Sedona with a renewed mission, a new game plan, and revitalized hope, in “Improving lives and strengthening the profession through education.”

It is this spirit that I have borne witness to over the last few weeks in watching my colleagues respond to this crisis. I've seen firsthand both staff and Board members' resilience, wisdom, strength, resourcefulness, creativity, and can-do spirit. It is these qualities which give me hope and the confidence that we will emerge from this time stronger and more focused than ever.

Peace and blessings,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WPAfable', written in a cursive style.

Walter P Afable, CP, MBA
Immediate-Past Chairman

Accreditation at a Glance 2019

During 2019, NCOPE performed accreditation and approval services for the following programs and CAAHEP activities:

Education Programs

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level

Alabama State University	Awarded <i>continued</i> accreditation CAAHEP. March 2019.
Baylor College of Medicine	Submission and review of self-study for <i>continued</i> accreditation. Site Visit December 2019.
Concordia University	Awarded <i>continued</i> accreditation CAAHEP. July 2019.
Florida International University/ International Institute of Orthotics and Prosthetics	Awarded continued accreditation CAAHEP. November 2019.
Georgia Institute of Technology	Placed <i>inactive status</i> CAAHEP. Not enrolling cohorts.
Kennesaw State University	Request for <i>Transfer of Sponsorship</i> from Georgia Institute of Technology to Kennesaw State University. October 2019.
University of Pittsburgh	Submission of self-study for <i>continued</i> accreditation. November 2019.

Assistant Level

Standards	Approved by CAAHEP. September 2019.
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Pedorthic Level

Standards	Approved by CAAHEP. November 2019.
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Programs	Transition to CAAHEP system in 2021 – 2022.
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Technician Level

Francis Tuttle Technology Center

Submission of self-study for *continued* accreditation. August 2019.
Site Visit December 2019.

St. Petersburg College

Submission of self-study for *continued* accreditation. December 2019.



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Residency Accreditation Report

During 2019, NCOPE performed the following accreditation services:

Residency Sites Information:

Reviewed and accredited:

152 patient care facilities for residency programs

Resident Information:

Tracked residents:

710 residents in the 2018-19 cycle
(June 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019)

396 residents registered in 2019
(January – December 2019)

Completed residents:

447 residents completed in 2019



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Summary of 2019 Activities of NCOPE

Highlights of several accomplishments and activities this past year include:

- ❖ Delivered the Approved Clinical Mentor course (ACM) designed for residency directors and mentors to ‘train the trainer’, at the Academy and AOPA annual meetings and by invitation by the Hanger Clinic and the Florida Chapter.
- ❖ Continued to implement and use the *NCOPE Tracker* for tracking residents patient encounters.
- ❖ Participated in the Academy’s residency network session.
- ❖ Held an NCOPE leadership strategic planning meeting and created a renewed mission statement.
- ❖ Participated in the ISPO World Congress held in Kobe, Japan, with a presentation by the NCOPE executive director for Basic Instructional Course, in collaboration with ABC’s executive director.
- ❖ Coordinated accreditation activities for submission of self-studies for four programs and two site visits.
- ❖ Participated in the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) annual meeting in April and workshop in July.
- ❖ Held two in person Board of Directors meetings and monthly executive committee conference calls.
- ❖ Coordinated and planned sponsorship and logistics for student representatives from each of the master’s level programs to attend the AOPA Policy Forum meeting.
- ❖ Hosted a virtual recruitment fair for perspective residents and students seeking positions at the orthotist/prosthetist and technician levels.



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2019 Accredited Educational Programs Listing

Orthotist/Prosthetist Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Masters = 13

Alabama State University
California State University
Concordia University/Century College
Baylor College of Medicine
Eastern Michigan University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Loma Linda University
Northwestern University
Florida International University/International Institute of Orthotics & Prosthetics
University of Hartford
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas - Southwestern
University of Washington

Technician Level Programs (CAAHEP Accredited)

Associate Degree/Certificate = 6

Century College
Francis Tuttle Technology Center
Joliet Junior College
Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology
Spokane Falls Community College
St. Petersburg College



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Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology -
Okmulgee*

Pedorthic Education Courses (NCOPE Accredited)

Pedorthic Courses = 4

Academy of Pedorthic Science/Kennesaw State University
Francis Tuttle Technology Center
Robert M. Palmer Institute of Biomechanics/Oklahoma State University Institute of
Technology
St. Petersburg College



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Florida International University*

**National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2019 and 2018**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 484,240	\$ 405,362
Certificate of Deposit	-	129,935
Investments	1,781,367	1,379,777
Accounts Receivable	11,085	6,530
Prepaid Expenses	<u>9,611</u>	<u>7,882</u>
Total Current Assets	\$2,286,303	\$1,929,486
Fixed Assets:		
Fixes Assets - Net	<u>13,546</u>	<u>92,033</u>
Other Assets:		
Deposits	<u>1,700</u>	<u>12,508</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$2,301,549</u>	<u>\$2,033,577</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 19,825	\$ 10,100
Accrued Leave & Salary	32,508	27,242
Due to Affiliate	53,712	110,189
Deferred Revenues	<u>463,449</u>	<u>503,058</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 569,494	\$ 650,589
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 1,732,055</u>	<u>\$ 1,382,988</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,382,988</u>	<u>\$ 1,382,988</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$2,033,577</u>	<u>\$2,033,577</u>

National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Statement of Activities
Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2019	2018
Revenues and Other Support:		
Contributions	\$ 34,027	\$ 33,015
Program Fees:		
Residency Fees	910,610	825,367
Application Fees	95,775	82,045
School Accreditation Fees	36,600	21,400
Other Program Fees	20,440	21,499
Interest and Dividends	41,675	37,965
Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	3,033	17,415
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	209,686	(158,520)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	34,000	33,000
Temporarily Restricted	<u>(34,000)</u>	<u>(33,000)</u>
 Total Revenues and Other Support	 <u>\$1,351,846</u>	 <u>\$ 880,186</u>
 Expenses:		
Residency Accreditation	\$538,836	\$442,807
Primary Accreditation	370,599	401,549
Governance - Administration	88,725	90,432
Fund Raising	<u>4,619</u>	<u>4,513</u>
 Total Expenses	 <u>\$1,002,779</u>	 <u>\$939,301</u>
Changes in Net Assets	\$349,067	\$ (59,115)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>\$1,382,988</u>	<u>\$1,442,103</u>
 Net Assets, End of Year	 <u>\$1,732,055</u>	 <u>\$1,382,988</u>

2019 Officers and Board of Directors

Officers

Walter P. Afable, CP, MBA
Chair

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Marilyn G. Randolph, PhD, PT, *Public Member*

Robin C. Seabrook, *Executive Director*

NCOPE Staff

Robin C. Seabrook, Executive Director

Dominique S. Mungo, Director of Residency Program Services

Chris Robinson, MS, MBA, CPO, ATC, FAAOP(D), Clinical Resource Director

Joan Dallas, Residency Program Coordinator & Accreditation Assistant

Active Committee Roster for 2019

Governance

Executive Committee

Walter P. Afable, CP, MBA – *chair*
Thomas Karolewski, CP, FAAOP
Mark Clary, CPO, FAAOP
Susan E. Spaulding, MS, CPO
Robin C. Seabrook – *staff liaison*

Finance Committee

Mark Clary, CPO, FAAOP - *chair*
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Walter P. Afable, CP, MBA
Meghan Christ, CPO
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Robin C. Seabrook – *staff liaison*

Policy Committee

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Michael P. Madden, CPO, LPO, FAAOP
Mark D Clary, CPO, FAAOP
June McKoy, MD, MPH, JD, MBA
Joan Dallas – *staff liaison*

Primary Education

Self-Study/Site Team Review Committee – Orthotist/Prosthetist & Technician levels

Susan Spaulding, MS, CPO – *board liaison*
Michael Brncick, CPO
Arlene Gillis, CP, FAAOP
Stephanie D. Langdon, CPO, FAAOP(D)
Susan Kapp, CPO, FAAOP
LaCheeta McPherson, PhD
Kate Muller, CPO, FAAOP
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Joshua Utay, CPO
Ann Yamane, CO
Chris Robinson, MS, MBA, CPO, ATC, FAAOP(D) – *staff liaison*



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Residency Education

Larry Lange Travel Fellowship Award Selection Committee

William Barringer, CO – *chair*
Zacharay Block, CPO
James Campbell, CO, FAAOP
Catherine Carter, ABC Executive Director
Alyssa N. Perry, CPO
Dominique Mungo – *staff liaison*

NCOPE Training/Educating Committee

Thomas Karolewski, CP, FAAOP
Ashley Mullen, CPO
Jennifer Richards, CPO, FAAOP
Chris Robinson, MS, MBA, CPO, ATC, FAAOP(D) – *staff liaison*

Residency Application Review Committee

Charles W. Kuffel, MSM, CPO, FAAOP
Stephanie D. Langdon, CPO, FAAOP(D)
Thomas Karolewski, CP, FAAOP
Sheryl Nathanson, CPO
Joan Dallas – *staff liaison*
Dominique Mungo – *staff liaison*

Regional Residency Liaison

Michael Carroll, CPO (Region 1)
Alex Shimkus, CPO (Region 2)
Kathleen Carroll, CO (Region 3)
Sarah Bui, CPO (Region 4)
Kinsey Herrin, CPO (Region 5)
Kimberly Gorbutt, CPO (Region 6)
Therresa Field, CPO (Region 7)
Nina Bondre, CPO (Region 8) – *chair*
Dominique Mungo – *staff liaison*



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Resident/Student Activities Committee

Regional Residency Liaison Committee Members

Dominique Mungo – *staff liaison*

Chris Robinson, MS, MBA, CPO, ATC, FAAOP(D) – *staff liaison*



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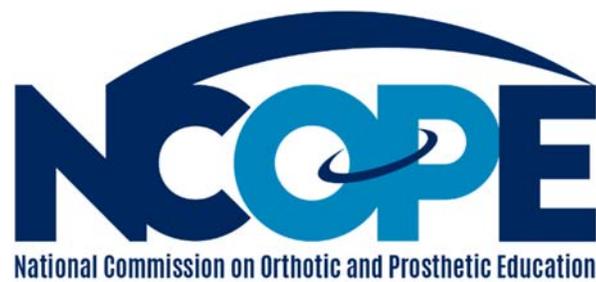
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**National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education
Mission Statement**

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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.