**Presidents’ Report 2013**

September 9, 2013

Dear ACCTA Colleagues,

Welcome to the 36th Annual ACCTA Conference in the vibrant city of New Orleans, LA! We are thrilled that you have decided to join us! We have a record attendance at this year’s conference with over 120 members registered!!!!! In the section on Conference Highlights, I will let you know how we came up with this year’s theme and what will be happening at the conference that might be a little different. The report will then be broken into two areas: Internal and External business. However, before I start the formal part of the President’s Report, I would like to have a few paragraphs of gratitude and appreciation for ACCTA members who have gone above and beyond in their role with ACCTA.

A HUGE thanks that go to many ACCTA members that freely give of their time and expertise in representing our voice in training issues. I would like to especially thank our extremely dedicated Officers, Dr. **Maureen Lafferty**, Past-President, Dr. **Julie Corkery**, Secretary, and Dr. **Tricia Besett-Alesch**, Treasurer. Dr. Corkery and Dr. Besett-Alesch have written a Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s Report respectively, which can be found on the ACCTA website.

Our current board has been amazing this year and has been a constant source of support, ideas, and encouragement. I personally want to our hard-working Board members, Drs**. Cyndy Boyd, Ellie Hakim, Brooks Morse, Natasha Maynard-Pemba, MaryJan Murphy, Andrew Shea, Frances Diaz, Jon Brandon, Karen Lese-Fowler, and Matt Zimmerman**. In addition to all the demands of their “jobs”, they make time to give me suggestions, comment on national issues, carry out tasks that make our website functional, attend national conferences representing ACCTA, and so many other countless ways! Their excellent work is described in detail in the 2012-13 Board of Directors, Committee and Activity Reports found on the ACCTA web page. Numerous other members of ACCTA have also contributed significantly to the work of the organization through our Standing Committees and by volunteering for specific tasks. We could not be successful without their generous help and commitment.

Travel . . . we do a lot of it on the behalf of ACCTA. Below are all the meetings we attended and who represented us! I want to thank Drs. **Emily Russell Slife, Mary Ann Covey, Cynthia Cook, Natasha Maynard-Pemba, Tricia Besett-Alesch, and MaryJan Murphy** for traveling on our behalf and representing us in the most professional manner.

ACPA Commission on Counseling and Psychological Services **(CCAPS)** - Dr. Emily Russell Slife

American Psychological Association **(APA)** Convention – Dr. Mary Ann Covey

• Division 17/SCP Board Meeting, Presidential Address and Business Meeting

• APPIC Membership Meeting and liaison lunch

• Counseling Psychology Specialty Council/Synarchy Meeting

• CCPTP Meeting

• SCP Section on College and University Counseling Centers Meeting

• SCP Section on Supervision and Training Meeting

• CoA Town Hall Meeting

• APAGS TD meet and greet

APA Board of Educational Affairs **(BEA)/APA** Consolidated Meetings: Dr. Mary Ann Covey

Association for the Coordination of Counseling Center Clinical Services **(ACCCCS)** – Dr. Cynthia A. Cook

Association of Psychology Training Clinics **(APTC)** – Dr. Natasha Maynard-Pemba

National Multicultural Conference and Summit **(NMCS)** 2013 – Dr. Mary Ann Covey

Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors **(AUCCCD)** – Dr. Tricia Besett-Alesch

Council of Chairs of Training Councils **(CCTC)** - Dr. Mary Ann Covey

Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs **(CCPTP)** – Dr. Mary Ann Covey

\*\*\* We also created a new liaison with Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards **(ASPPB)**. Dr. MaryJan Murphy represented us at their national meeting and shared with us her liaison report.

We weren’t able to attend the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology **(NCSPP)** conference this year, but their relationship remains very important to us. Dr. Matt Zimmerman is our liaison.

To see all the liaison reports in further detail please go to our website and look for the 2012-13 Liaison Reports.

ACCTA members Drs. **Jon Brandon, Julie Corkery, Kathlyn Dailey, Joyce Illfelder-Kaye, Karen Lese-Fowler, and Karen Taylor,** working under the leadership of Dr. **Maureen Lafferty** developed a well formulated response to the Guidelines and Principles (GnP) Phase II from the Commission on Accreditation. At APA it was mentioned to me by members of APPIC, CCPTP and APA how well written ACCTA’s responses were to the GnP Phase II questions. If you looked at these questions and the answers this group generated, it was clear the tremendous amount of work this group of ACCTA members did to complete this enormous task. THANK YOU ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!

You will hear many times during the conference that ACCTA is a cohost in the upcoming 2014 Counseling Psychology Conference in Atlanta. What you might not know is that Drs**. Kathlyn Dailey and Joyce Illfelder-Kaye** are on the steering committee for the conference. They both have volunteered their time to contribute to the conference as the voice of counseling center training. Thank you!!!

I have also been on the Special Task Group (STG) that created the Counseling Psychology Competencies. Part of the process was a call for public comment and I want to thank Dr. **Karen Lese-Fowler** for her willingness to review the VERY lengthy document and give feedback on the behalf of ACCTA. Thank you Karen.

One of the primary values that the STG identified with Counseling Psychology Competencies was the social justice/advocacy aspect. One way that ACCTA has connected with this value has been the creation and role of the Standing Committee of Diversity (SCD). Drs. **Carmen Cruz, Cecilia Sun, AY Bryant, Pam Epps, Tawa Sina, Carina Sudarsky-Gleiser, and Maria Carrubba-Whetstine** have served in the role of SCD Steering Committee and have worked all year to examine the current role of the SCD and how can we meet the needs of our members. The SCD Steering committee will be coming to the conference a day early to work on ideas that will ultimately make our organization stronger. Thank you all so much for your passion regarding social justice/advocacy and your willingness to share of your expertise for ACCTA.

In terms of website management, the transition from Clarity Ventures to MemberClicks has gone as smoothly as anyone could have hoped. Now that it is up and running, we will have AMC Sources Greg Brooks demonstrate some of the website’s potential during our first lunch at the conference. Drs. **Matt Zimmerman, Andrew Shea, Ellie Hakim, Julie Corkery and Tricia Besett-Alesch** worked behind the scenes to recover our previous website content and improve many of our membership processes (changing TD’s, new members, paying dues, conference registration, etc.). I want to really state a HUGE thank you to Dr. Matt Zimmerman . . . he has been involved in this major project from Day 1. At times, this had been a “2nd job” for Matt and his dedication to the creation of the current website has been outstanding. When you see him at the conference . . . please thank him! Much of what he did was behind the scenes, but anyone involved with the project knows his impact. I believe the transition to MemberClicks has been a fantastic decision for the organization and in the long run provides our membership great resources.

It may be a little odd to thank nonmembers in a President Report – but AMC Source’s **Debbie Nolan** and **Greg Brooks** have been amazing to work with! Greg is so prompt in his responses to membership needs it is incredible! Not only does he complete the tasks we ask of him, but he offers ideas and suggestions. I am really excited for his presentation on Sunday during our lunch, where he will show us some of the possibilities available to us now that our website is fully converted to MemberClicks. I also want to thank Debbie. Like Greg she has not only completed tasks we might ask of her, she also gives her ideas and suggestions. Most recently she encouraged me to look at the cost of conference insurance. As a psychologist, I would have never have thought of such a thing or had the time or inclination to research it! Debbie sent me a contract for an estimate, talked me through what I needed to do, and we completed it before going to New Orleans during hurricane season. Simply outstanding! Debbie has worked closely with Terri and has provided many suggestions to help ACCTA save money or identify more efficient ways of hosting a conference. Kudos to her and Greg!!!

I want to thank our conference hosts this year who are Drs**. Carmen Cruz, Sharla Boyd, Cecilia Sun, and Cindy Cook**. Cecilia won’t be able to attend the conference, but she contributed to the creation of our conference webpage, excursions options, and helped us with restaurant selections. Carmen, Sharla and Cindy are working behind the scenes to help membership be able to enjoy the richness of New Orleans in the short time we are all there!! I also want to point out that the hosts work closely with Dr. **Terri Rhodes**, who is brilliant in her ability to bring the fun to our conference and create the space for this to occur!! Terri works closely with Debbie to work out many details that enable to conference to run as smoothly as possible. Thank you all!!!!!! Terri also wrote the following statement on our website to help prepare us for the upcoming conference:

“Attending the conference this year will look a bit different than it has in the past, so we wanted to give you an idea about some of the changes. The new ACCTA agenda will include a few changes to the scheduled meals and to the length and number of programs available during the conference. We will gather on Saturday evening as usual, greeting one another with a nice glass of wine or beverage of our choice and with heavy hors d’oeuvres that will be hearty enough to make a meal. We will also have two evening meals on our own to allow us to take advantage of the wonderful restaurants in the Big Easy. As you probably remember, we typically have one meal on our own on Monday evening following the excursion time, this year we will also have Sunday evening to explore the local New Orleans fare. ACCTA will provide us with credit to go towards defraying the cost of the Sunday dinner out. The conference will close with a dinner together with a bit of singing on Tuesday evening as you might expect. We will have two program lengths available this year to achieve a good number of CE’s, there will be one and two hour long program options. One additional piece of context is the registration fee. As long as I have been involved in the conference planning (it only seems like a million years), ACCTA has not been able to offset the costs of our conferences with the registration fee. We have tried various equations to make this more the reality but with the rising costs of necessary conference factors (such as A/V that has almost tripled in the last couple of years) there has been a gap between the registration fees and the total costs. Working with Debbie and AMC source has been a great help and over the next few years, the hope is to reduce the discrepancy so that the registration fee will cover the conference costs. To that end the registration fee will be approximately the same this year as last year, $475, and going forward the goal is to keep it relatively consistent from year to year to help us to plan for the costs. We hope that this bit of context will be helpful as you plan for the conference this year and look forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans.”

**CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

This year’s theme, *The Internship Crisis and Social Justice: Implications for Selection and Training*, was developed as a result of members sharing their experiences of the imbalance and how this crisis has impacted all levels of training. Last year at APA, I attended Dr. Greg Keilin’s address on the social justice issue of the internship crisis with Past-president, Dr. Maureen Lafferty. Maureen and I talked at length about the different ways that the internship crisis was potentially impacting training. We then brought the idea of somehow addressing this in the next conference to the board, and the board gave us many ideas about how we might address these issues.

One of the ideas generated from the board was to have liaisons address how the internship crisis impacted the particular group they represented. I spoke with every liaison regarding this idea, and all thought it would be an interesting way to broaden the conversation and emphasize other perspectives. Dr. **Pam Epps** will be leading this liaison panel which will address *The Impact of the Internship Crisis on the Psychology Training Community.*  We hope that through this panel our membership will gain a greater understanding of the impact of the internship crisis on all aspects of training.

We are also thrilled to have our own Dr. **Greg Keilin** and the President-Elect of APA, Dr. **Nadine Kaslow** as our keynote speakers. Their keynote is entitled *Training Directors' Roles in Addressing the Internship Crisis: A Social Justice Perspective.* The presentation will provide an overview of the historical trends, current statistics, and human impact of the internship supply and demand imbalance. The major recommendations that have been offered for addressing this serious crisis, along with their advantages and disadvantages, will be discussed. A social justice perspective will be offered for considering next steps and future directions, and will highlight the important role that internship Training Directors can play in influencing the discourse and action plans.

Also looking a little different on the program will be an unopposed **Experiential Program lead by SCD** Members. This program was created to demonstrate ACCTA’s commitment to our own journey related to diversity training. The program is entitled: Walking the Talk: Training Directors Journeys into Privilege and will encourage participants to become aware and critical of their personal privileges associated with several social identities and in particular, with the Training Director identity. Participants will be led through a privilege exercise to demonstrate how social identifiers that are, sometimes, out of participants’ control have affected their privilege and/or power.

We are also excited to have Dr. **Susan Zlotlow**, Director of the Office of Consultation and Accreditation and Dr. **Liz Klonoff**, Commission of Accreditation Chair, talk about the latest changes and the future plans to revise the Guidelines and Principles.

Our Conference Schedule, Continuing Education Descriptions, and list of Liaison/Special Guests can be found on our conference webpage:

<http://www.accta.net/conference>

Or at these direct links:

Conference Schedule:

<https://asaccta.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2013_Conference/accta%20conference%20schedule%202013.pdf?mcid_token=17e758f8-de4d-4e47-9be3-96954bacbbc2>

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**ACCTA’s Internal Business and Activities**

In response to input from the membership as well as discussion among Board members, the ACCTA Board identified a number of internal goals for the organization for 2012-13:

1. **To address the need to lower conference costs by exploring ways to save money in consultation with AMC Sources.**
2. **To transition from Clarity Ventures to Member Clicks for website needs.**
3. **To continue to support the Standing Committee for Diversity Steering Committee, as it continues to examine the current role of the SCD and how can it meet the needs of our members.**
4. **To listen to the membership regarding issues of concern and possible ways to provide resources to membership.**
5. **To the extent it is possible, be transparent in all ACCTA business.**

Standing Committee on Diversity

The Standing Committee of Diversity (SCD) has played a significant role in the life of the organization since its inception in the early 1990s. The SCD has been responsible for promoting cultural diversity, multiculturalism, social justice, and advocacy issues within ACCTA and is involved in several initiatives and activities during the year, including the Diversity Mentor Scholars Program, Culture Sharing and the nomination of an SCD Slate for Board elections. Due to an increase in the size of the SCD over the years, the Committee established a Steering Committee at the 2011 conference to redefine its mission, focus, and structure. Drs. Carmen Cruz and AY Bryant are the Co-Chairs of this Committee, which also includes members Drs. Maria Carruba-Whetsone, Pam Epps, Barbara Gilbert, Tawa Sina, Carina Sudarsky-Glaser. In 2012 Dr. Cecilia Sun joined the committee. SCD Board Liaison Dr. Frances Diaz has also played a key role in facilitating communication between the Board and the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee discussed a number of issues via e-mail listserv and conference calls throughout the year, including potential structural changes, the need for leadership continuity, and qualifications for the SCD Slate. The Steering Committee also assisted the Board by providing important input into decisions about future conference sites, board candidate statements, and inclusive conference programming. The SCD Steering Committee will continue to address the mission and role of the SCD during preconference meetings and it plans to provide the Board with updated Policies and Procedures for the SCD by beginning of the conference. We are grateful for these efforts to attend to the central place of diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion in the life of the organization.

Changes in ACCTA Structures and Procedures

The ACCTA Board continues to evaluate organizational structures and procedures in an effort to adapt to 1) the growth of the organization, 2) increased membership expectations regarding the use of technology (e.g. desire for web-based dues payment, conference registration, etc.), and 3) the increased complexity of tasks undertaken by Board/ACCTA members (e.g. conference planning, web management, etc.). We have addressed these issues by hiring AMC Sources and Member Clicks and will continue to evaluate their role with us and the cost to the organization.

In addition to these identified goals, I would like to note the following highlights and accomplishments in 2012-13.

Membership

Dr. Ellie Hakim reported ACCTA currently has 173 members, a 4% growth in membership over last year. ACCTA welcomes nine new member programs. There were also a significant number of changes in leadership in member programs. Twenty-one Training Director transfers were identified this year. Members are encouraged to continue thinking about colleges and university counseling centers that are from their geographic area and invite them to join our great organization. ACCTA’s continued growth helps support new programs in internship development. Other membership activities for the year included continuing to adding and addressing usability and functionality issues with the New Member Application, the Member Update form, and the Change in Training Director Form with the changes to the new website.

Standing Committee on By-Laws

Dr. Natasha Maynard-Pemba reported that the Standing Committee on Bylaws oversaw one Bylaws amendment. The Bylaws were amended by the membership in April 2013 to modify the ACCTA fiscal year to begin on July 1 and end on June 30, instead of October 1 through September 30. This revision was also made to the ACCTA Policies & Procedures (P&P) after approval from the Board:

1. In April 2013 the ACCTA fiscal year was revised in the P&P in accordance with the Bylaws change above.

The Standing Committee on Bylaws continues to assist ACCTA Officers and Board Members with Bylaws consultation and Policies & Procedures revisions as requested. In addition to the activities above, new committee members will be recruited during the 2013 Conference in New Orleans.

Diversity Mentorship Scholarship Program

Drs. Tawa Sina and Heather Frost successfully coordinated the application and review process for a talented group of scholarship candidates. We look forward to welcoming Drs. Valerie Minchala and Carolyn O’Keefe to the conference and learning from their presentations.

Standing Committee on Conferences

Dr. Terri Rhodes reported that the New Orleans conference marks the second ACCTA conference where the majority of the conference coordination was assumed by Debbie Nolan and her colleagues at AMC Source. AMC Source has successfully located our hotel site, negotiated the contract with the site including achieving significant discounts and benefits for ACCTA, and will serve as the primary liaison to the hotel during the conference. They also continue to provide consultation to ACCTA about many conference tasks and activities including menu planning and budgeting. The registration process including on-site registration has been shifted to AMC Source, making it an easier process for members. Additionally, the conference web page and information on the page is now handled by Greg at AMC Source. This shift in conference planning and coordination has been very successful and has benefited ACCTA in many ways, besides, they are wonderful people to work with, in large part because they understand our organization and can advocate for ACCTA based on that understanding.

**The Standing Committee on Conference Planning has recommended to the Executive Committee that Standing Committee be dissolved.** The Executive Committee has encouraged Dr. Terri Rhodes to continue to serve as an ACCTA liaison to AMC Source and coordinate a few of the conference tasks that remain the responsibility of ACCTA (e.g., recruiting hosts and supporting them in their roles, coordinating the welcome table, identifying excursions, generally troubleshooting conference issues and questions as they arise) . This year’s conference hosts are Drs. Cecilia Sun, Carmen Cruz, Sharla Boyd, and Cindy Cook; they provided us with fabulous options for the excursion, will coordinate the meals, have provided important information for the conference website, will coordinate the conference packets, and will act as additional ACCTA liaisons with the hotel during the conference. Cecilia has worked her computer magic in joint effort with Greg in getting the content for the web page up and running. Carmen, Sharla, Cindy, and Mary Ann and Terri will be coordinating the new dinner out options on Sunday evening of the conference.

**As we no longer will have a committee for conference planning per se, we will not have a committee meeting in New Orleans; however, ACCTA members who are interested in helping out with the conference tasks are welcome to chat with Dr. Terri Rhodes.** Plenty of tasks remain in the hands of ACCTA members, so Terri can always find something that puts you to work. These conference tasks are fun and social, allowing members to meet other members while contributing to the workings of ACCTA and the conference. **And remember, every year we need new folks to be the conference hosts for the following year’s conference.**

Standing Committee on Research – The SCR, chaired by Dr. Mollie Herman, has been very productive this year!!! The committee developed, conducted, summarized, and shared results from the 2012 ACCTA conference evaluation and developed and conducted the 2013 ACCTA survey, which will be presented at the 2013 ACCTA conference in New Orleans, LA. Additionally, the committee worked on three main projects:

1. **The Licensure Requirements Project:** Members of the committee and other ACCTA members contributed to the project coordinated by Mollie Herman to gather licensure requirement information from all states in the U.S. Mollie Herman and Nathan Sharer (2011-2012 intern and current staff member at Towson University Counseling Center) wrote a manuscript describing the experience and submitted it to Training and Education in Professional Psychology where it was published in spring, 2013.
2. **Diversity Scholars Project:** The study of past Diversity Scholars, their career paths and the ways in which the Diversity Scholar program influenced them is completed. Findings were presented in a poster session at the National Multicultural Conference and Summit in January 2013. The committee has also drafted an article based on the study findings. We are nearing completion of a final draft and intend to submit it for review for publication by mid-August.
3. **Self-Study Experiences Project:** Dr. Kim Hays continues heading up a project to look at training directors’ experiences with the APA self-study. Dr. Mollie Herman and Dr. Sarah Armstrong are also working on this project as is faculty collaborator, Dr. Jeff Kahn, from the Psychology Department at Illinois State is assisting with the data analysis. Results have been analyzed and are currently being written up with hopes of submission for publication.

Standing Committee on Nominations – Dr. Maureen Lafferty, Past-president and Voting Coordinator, solicited online nominations from the membership for the positions of President-elect, Secretary, and five (5) ACCTA Board Members for 2013–2015. These nominations were accepted between August 16, 2012 and September 13, 2013 and nominees were contacted via email to determine if they wanted to accept or decline the nomination. Conference attendees will be able to make further nominations from the floor during a conference meeting. The Standing Committee for Diversity (SCD) will also accept nominations from the floor for the SCD Slate during a conference meeting. All nominees will be asked to submit a written statement and photo following the conference to be posted on the ACCTA website. Elections will be held online no later than three weeks after the fall conference.

ACCTA Mentor Program – Dr. Brooks Morse reported that the ACCTA Mentor Program is in full swing and had a third successful year. The purpose of the ACCTA Mentor Program is to offer new training directors the opportunity to receive more individualized support and guidance from a more seasoned ACCTA training director. Some areas of mentorship that were requested and discussed were the following: 1) Help with self-study, intern recruitment, pre-site visit preparation, and accreditation process; 2) Guidance in beginning a new internship program as well as obtaining APPIC and/or APA accreditation; 3) Help with post-doctoral or externship programs; and/ or 4) Help with navigating ethical or political situations in a new role, and intern performance issues. During the first year, there were 6 mentees paired with mentors. During the second year, there were 27 new mentors added to the program (one previous mentor was re-assigned), and 28 new training directors who requested a mentor. This past year from September 18, 2012-August 16, 2013, we have had six new mentors added to the program, seven re-assigned and 13 new training directors who requested a mentor. We did a one year follow up with mentor pairings of which four asked to continue the current mentor relationship for another year, and six mentees felt their needs had been met by that time. There are a total of 33 mentor and mentee pairs currently in the program. Efforts were made to request ACCTA mentors through individual emails and the list-serve. Co-Chairs were able to gather important information about each mentor and mentee’s university, center, training program and mentee unique needs. We received helpful feedback in response from mentees and mentors in the follow-up e-mail to mentor pairings of one year. Feedback from most mentees who responded stated that they benefited positively from the program including being helped to adjust to the new role as training director, managing challenging interns, and providing support through initial accreditation and reaccreditation processes. Less positive feedback appeared to be a result of less beneficial matching based on geography or the type of training program. For next year the goal will be to contact all of the paired mentors and mentees for a follow-up survey.

Standing Committee on Training Resources – Dr. Ellie Hakim reported that the Standing Committee for Training Resources (SCTR) spent much of the past year on hiatus awaiting the changeover to the new ACCTA website. Once this transition was complete, a representative of the SCTR reviewed the Training Resources area of the website in June 2013 for missing information and broken links that were present under the previous webmaster. These were then quickly corrected by the new webmaster, Gregory Brooks of AMC Source. **Now that the website is fully operational again, the SCTR is currently accepting suggestions and ideas on how the Training Resources section of the website can further meet members’ needs.** Please submit your ideas to Jon Brandon, chair of the SCTR, at jbrandon@iastate.edu or to any other SCTR member. Please also consider joining the SCTR to add your experience and voice to the committee. The collective wisdom of ACCTA members, new and “seasoned,” helps to make the Training Resources section of our website a valuable resource. All are welcome! The Committee invites new members to join by attending their breakfast meeting at the 2013 conference!

Website Committee Report:

Drs. **Andrew Shea and Matt Zimmerman** reported the following work has been done regarding our website. The previous site design, copy, images and menu structure was maintained on the new system. The majority of available content, including all copy, images and files have been migrated from the previous system (Clarity) to the new platform (MemberClicks). Given the volume of data not accessible at the time of pre-planning – the entire process took longer than originally anticipated. During the transition, it was learned that many links and associated files on the former system were broken. Although the placeholders were maintained on the new system – the links were inactive. Volunteers and our administrator have teamed up to tackle the problem. The new system protects content and files from being deleted; therefore broken links will no longer pose a problem. New content and revisions are being made often and quickly.

**Membership Database:** The previous database was successfully transferred to the new system.Several notices were emailed to members to check and update their profiles if necessary.An electronic member survey was conducted to collect additional program information. Member profiles were automatically updated with new data.The membership committee chairs and administrator have been working together to update TD changes and communicating with the new TD.Members can login and access history. This includes payments, activity and communication.The administrator has been providing member support when necessary. This includes requests for profile changes and login credentials.Membership reports are being generated by request on a timely basis.

**New Members:** Applications are being completed online. Copies are emailed to the membership committee for approval. Once the program is approved – the applicant is contacted for payment. Following, the membership is activated, a welcome message is delivered and website and listserv access is granted. The Treasurer is alerted with payment information.

**Membership Renewals: Dr. Tricia Besett-Alesch** and our administrator worked together to plan the upcoming renewal cycle.The entire system has been set up. Notices will be delivered automatically by email on a predetermined schedule. Those who already pay their dues will not receive duplicate notices. The membership committee and Treasurer will receive email copies of all renewals.Renewal reports will be provided by request.

**Conference Planning & Registration:** The conference committee and administrator have been working together to maintain the conference page. This includes adding program schedule and other information.

The online conference and excursion registration system is processing all registrations and payments.

Registration reports are being provided by request.

**Financial Management:** All online forms accept credit cards. Transactions are reported to the Treasurer. For those who pay by check – the administrator records all payments and updates the associated transaction as paid. Checks are then sent to the Treasurer for deposit.Reports are generated by the system on request.

**Communications:** Regular member communication is being conducted by the new system (personalized emails) and with the existing listserv. The new system listserv is currently being tested. Once finalized – the former listserv will be transferred to the new system. This will eliminate manually updating the listserv.

**Forms:** Online forms can be developed quickly. Information is collected, stored and shared. The scholarship committee successfully completed a campaign online.

**Budget:** As per the original agreement, the entire system cost was $1,995 to set up. Monthly fees are about $135 for the system and $200 maintenance/technical support. There was a small one-time fee under $100 not originally budgeted for graphics work.

**Overall, the website committee is pleased with the new system and support. We are looking forward to launching many new features, improvements and benefits.** One of the key benefits of the new system is reducing the amount of volunteer leader administrative support to focus on bigger picture priorities.

**ACCTA External Activities and Involvement in the National Training Community**

ACCTA is committed to being a “voice at the table” and maintaining its engagement in national conversations regarding psychology training, which currently includes the internship imbalance/crisis, accreditation and quality assurance, licensure issues, and the development of the health service psychology competencies. Many of these conversations happen in forums such as the Council of Chairs of Training Councils, (CCTC), the Board of Educational Affairs (BEA), and numerous meetings at the annual APA Convention. ACCTA is well-represented at these gatherings and is a vital contributor to these conversations.

**Internship Imbalance/Crisis** - One of the greatest concerns in the psychology training community continues to be the significant imbalance between internship applicants and available internship positions. The imbalance grows every year, creating - in the words of ACCTA member and APPIC Match Coordinator Greg Keilin - a troubling social justice issue for our profession. Concerns regarding the imbalance continue to be discussed on every training council as well as at CCTC/BEA. Themes include the need for quality control/assurance, “truth in advertising”, efforts to develop mechanisms/incentives for programs to take responsibility for their match rates, and the development of criteria (such as accreditation) for doctoral programs to participate in the Match. Due to the gravity of the internship crisis, it has been stated previously in this report that we have devoted this year’s theme to be related to this national issue.

**Accreditation** – The issue of accreditation is also receiving much attention in the national training community. During APA in August, the Council of Representatives passed a resolution on accreditation for academic programs AND internship sites. Basically it states that for a psychologist to be able to provide health services, the academic program has to be accredited in 5 years and the internship site needs to be accredited in 7 years. As you may recall, APPIC also recently came out with a policy that only APA approved doctoral programs will be able to participate in the Match as of 2017.

As an organization, ACCTA is firmly committed to helping programs achieve accreditation. We are working on what this resolution may mean for many of our members who currently do not have accreditation. This is a fast moving issue with many political motivations and implications.

The Resolution on Accreditation will be discussed at our pre conference board meeting and at the conference. I hope to have news to share with membership about possible ideas of helping membership with this issue. Given the speed of recent changes, we are also considering the need for adding a midyear board meeting to ensure that decisions we make are well thought out and timely.

Additionally this year, we have provided the opportunity to attend two post conference workshops. ACCTA also works closely with CoA to offer a Self-Study Workshop or Site Visitor Training on alternate years the day after the ACCTA Conference. This year, due to the demand, we offered both workshops. The record numbers for both presentations demonstrate our members’ commitment to the accreditation process. Our new relationship with Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards **(ASPPB)** was another step in making connections with licensing laws and the need for accreditation. Lastly, Dr. Kathlyn Dailey will be conducting a session entitled *Resources for Developing Internship Programs: Conception to Accreditation.* ACCTA’s Mentor program strives to assist individual members/ training programs as they move toward accreditation.

**Conclusion**

Well, this turned out to be a lot longer than I expected but once I got into it . . . there was more work that needed to be reported!!! I cannot state strongly enough how much I support the statement that I wrote a year ago as the President’s Welcome on our webpage: “I believe that ACCTA thrives because of our culture of collaboration, community, and culture building, with multiple voices informing both our process and our content. We are committed to being an organization that is sensitive, knowledgeable, and inclusive of the many cultures and diverse identities of our members. We strive to engage in the ongoing and fluid process of working to create safe and welcoming space for everyone.” Thank you all for the honor to serve in this capacity.

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