NAB Elects New Leadership at Its Annual Meeting

Long term care administrators, academics and state board members and executives from Alaska to Florida convened in Long Beach, California for the NAB 2018 Annual Meeting in June. During the course of three eventful days, meeting attendees gained valuable information and updates on NAB programs, awarded Health Services Executive (HSE) accreditation to two academic programs and elected new officers for the 2018-2020 term.

New NAB Chair Lisa Hahn (Virginia) and Past Chair Delvin Zook (Oregon) are joined on the Executive Committee by Chair-Elect Mary Ellen Wilkinson (Nevada), Treasurer Gaylord “Z” Thomas (Oklahoma) and Secretary Michael Hickey (Washington). Hahn presented Zook with an award in recognition of his leadership of NAB as it underwent the monumental process of implementing the new Health Services Executive (HSE) designation and launched the new NAB exam structure. NAB is also grateful to Keith Knapp (Kentucky), who completed four consecutive terms of service on the Executive Committee, for his dedication to NAB’s ideals and his invaluable leadership.
Keynote Presentation Discussed Quality Dementia Care in Long Term Care Settings

Doug Pace, NHA, and Sam Fazio, PhD, of the Alzheimer’s Association delivered the keynote address at the NAB Annual Meeting. The topic of their presentation was defining care for residents dealing with dementia and promoting supportive and therapeutic practices for them in long term care settings. Pace, Director of Mission Partnerships, and Fazio, Director of Quality Care Psychosocial Research, utilized real-time interactive polls to gain feedback from our attendees.

Pace and Fazio shared the Alzheimer’s Association’s practice recommendations for dementia care, which include personalized care, promotion of early detection and diagnosis, and coordination among care providers. They also stressed the need to create a safe and supportive environment for residents, and to educate family members about the transitions between care settings. They further promoted the use of evidence-based models to avoid unnecessary hospitalizations and ensure placements in appropriate settings.

The PowerPoint of their presentation may be found on NAB’s website, https://www.nabweb.org/events.

Former NAB Chairs Awarded for Distinguished Service

Former NAB Chairs Jane Baker (North Carolina, 2008-10) and Randy Snyder (Minnesota, 2012-14), were presented the NAB Distinguished Service Award during the Annual Meeting. Outgoing Chair Delvin Zook praised Baker and Snyder for their exemplary leadership and dedication to NAB’s mission.
Committee Reports

CONTINUING EDUCATION
Chair Michael Hickey (Washington) reported that the committee had met its strategic planning goals over the past two years, including the launch of the CE Registry and new monitoring procedures. The Board of Governors approved three NCERS sponsors for certified status: Benedictine Health System, Diversified Health Partners and LeadingAge Maine-New Hampshire.

EDUCATION
The Board of Governors approved HSE accreditation for Bowling Green State University in Ohio for its undergraduate and graduate academic programs. Vice Chair Kathie Will (Ohio) presented Jennifer Wagner of BGSU with a certificate, renewing the school’s accreditation until June 2023. The Board also approved the HSE accreditation to Eastern Washington University, which had submitted an application a “paper review” to the accreditation task force. Will also reported that NAB would pursue the accreditation platform with LearningBuilder, for which the Board had previously approved funding.

MEMBER RELATIONS AND OUTREACH
Committee Chair Laura Lucas (North Carolina) reported that the committee had formed a workgroup to plan a fundraiser for the NAB Foundation in conjunction with the November meeting in Tucson. Another workgroup looked into ways NAB can update and enhance the online videos on NAB’s website. Lucas also reported on the rapid growth of NAB’s social media platforms over the past year, which are drawing interest from administrators across the country.

STATE GOVERNANCE
Chair Randy Snyder (Minnesota) reported that the AIT manual has been utilized over 2,000 times, and that almost 15,000 administrators had signed up with the CE Registry, and he thanked the Board for getting the word out on these NAB programs. The Credentialing Commission had approved 118 HSE applications, and there are over 1,000 more in the application process. The feedback from the Goal 51 exercise from the November 2017 meeting will be submitted for the strategic plan in August. NAB will provide sample testimony in support of HSE to the boards, as nineteen states are currently working toward adopting the HSE.

Next NAB Meeting
We invite you to join us at our 2018 Mid-Year Meeting, November 7-9 in Tucson. Meeting details and registration forms will be emailed and posted on www.nabweb.org in August. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!