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ABHES BULLETIN

To: ABHES-Accredited Institutions and Programs and Interested Parties
From: Mr. Craig Pfannenstiehl, Commission Chair
Date: August 10, 2017
Subject: Commissioner Appointment Announcements

In accordance with the ABHES Bylaws, I am pleased to announce that the Commission ratified the following Commission appointments: Mr. Matthew Calhoun, Mr. Guy Euliano, Mr. Buddy Hoskinson, Dr. Thomas Kenny, Dr. Robin Nelhuebel, and Dr. Ravi Rathnam. These appointments have been made to secure the proper composition of the ABHES Commission due to the expansion from 13 to 15 Commissioners and the resignations and/or completed terms of former Commissioners.

Mr. Matthew Calhoun

Elected Seat – Administrator in a Healthcare Related Area: Director of Regulatory Affairs, Arizona College, Glendale, Arizona

Mr. Calhoun has worked in higher education for 16 years since graduating from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. 15 of those years have been dedicated to the students of Arizona College. After completion of a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University, he was promoted to Campus Director and later to Director of Regulatory Affairs which is the position he currently holds. Matt has served ABHES as a team leader for many accreditation visits and he has sat on the ABHES conference committee since 2010 and also the Preliminary Review Committee from 2011 - 2017.

Mr. Guy Euliano

Elected Seat – Commissioner at Large: Director, Institute of Medical and Business Careers, Erie, Pennsylvania

Mr. Euliano is currently the Director and a Board Member at the Institute of Medical and Business Careers in Erie, Pennsylvania and former president of Tri-State Business College in Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. Euliano has served as an ABHES Commissioner in the past, including service as Chair and Past Chair. Mr. Euliano has nearly 30 years of postsecondary education experience, including administrative oversight, management, and ownership of nationally-accredited institutions, as well as multiple years of service on various accrediting and state association boards.

Mr. Euliano holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Tampa in Tampa, Florida.

Mr. Buddy Hoskinson

Appointed Seat – Public Member: Quality Assurance and Accountability Director, Department for Aging and Independent Living, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Frankfort, Kentucky

Mr. Hoskinson is the Quality Assurance and Accountability Director for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services in the Department for Aging and Independent Living. He was appointed to the Education and Workforce Cabinet under Former Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear. During that administration he led efforts in employment and training and vocational rehabilitation. He has also served as Chairman of Kentucky's Unemployment Insurance Commission during the last administration and through the first part of current Governor Bevin's administration. Mr. Hoskinson was selected and is currently serving with other state and national leaders on a Work Matters Task Force in Kentucky. Prior to his roles in Kentucky state government he spent 23 year in education with the majority of those years being in post-secondary education.

Mr. Hoskinson holds a Bachelor of General Studies (emphasis in education) and Master of Arts in Education from Western Kentucky University.

Dr. Thomas Kenny

Elected Seat – Ownership Representative: Director of Regulatory Affairs, Northwest Career College, Las Vegas, Nevada

Dr. Kenny, a licensed dentist, has worked at Northwest Career College in various capacities since 2004. He is passionate about education and has a proven track record of success in his current role as Director of Regulatory Affairs. He believes that a strong partnership between the education and compliance departments is critical to an excellent educational experience for administrators, educators, students, and businesses seeking successful outcomes.

Dr. Kenny holds a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Robin Nelhuebel

Elected Seat – Educator in a Specialty Area: System Director of Education, Riverside College of Health Careers, Newport News, Virginia

Dr. Nelhuebel is a Registered Nurse and Radiologic Technologist with more than 27 years of clinical, instructional, and administrative experience to include positions as Radiologic Technology Program Clinical Coordinator and Program Director, Director of Allied Health Programs, and Director of Academic Affairs. She currently holds the position of System Director of Education for Riverside Health System and Campus Administrator of Riverside College of Health Careers which offers programs in nursing (RN, PN, & NA) and allied health (MA, PTA, RT, and ST).

Dr. Nelhuebel is a site visitor for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology and served on the initial ABHES Radiography Standards Advisory Board. Additionally, she holds appointments on the Virginia Peninsula Council for Workforce Development Executive Board, the Newport News Public School Educational Foundation Board, and the Thomas Nelson Community College Corporate Advisory Board. Within ABHES, Dr. Nelhuebel is a member of the Substantive Review Committee, and the Distance Education Committee.

Dr. Ravi Rathnam

Appointed Seat – Higher Education Specialist: Associate Dean and Director of the School of Health Sciences, Stratford University, Falls Church, Virginia

Dr. Rathnam has been committed to advancing excellence for students, supporting educators, and improving academic outcomes. He currently serves as the University Director for Health Sciences at Stratford University, Falls Church, Virginia and shares an instructional philosophy of helping students gain skills and confidence, through a competency based, student-centered environment. Dr. Rathnam has served ABHES since 2012 as a program specialist, administrative team lead, distance education evaluator, appeals panelist, and a member of the Standards Review Committee. He has presented his research on “Enhancing Affective Learning Outcomes through the Use of Objective Structured Clinical Examinations” and “The Effects of Role Play on Team Training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.” He has worked with the Career Education Colleges and Universities (CECU) and the Higher Education Act (HEA) taskforce to develop legislative recommendations on teach outs, the development of articulation agreements, and cohort default rates.

Dr. Rathnam holds a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree and a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA).