

FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

ANNUAL REPORT

**Committee on
Accreditation**
of Educational
Programs for the
Emergency
Medical Services
Professions

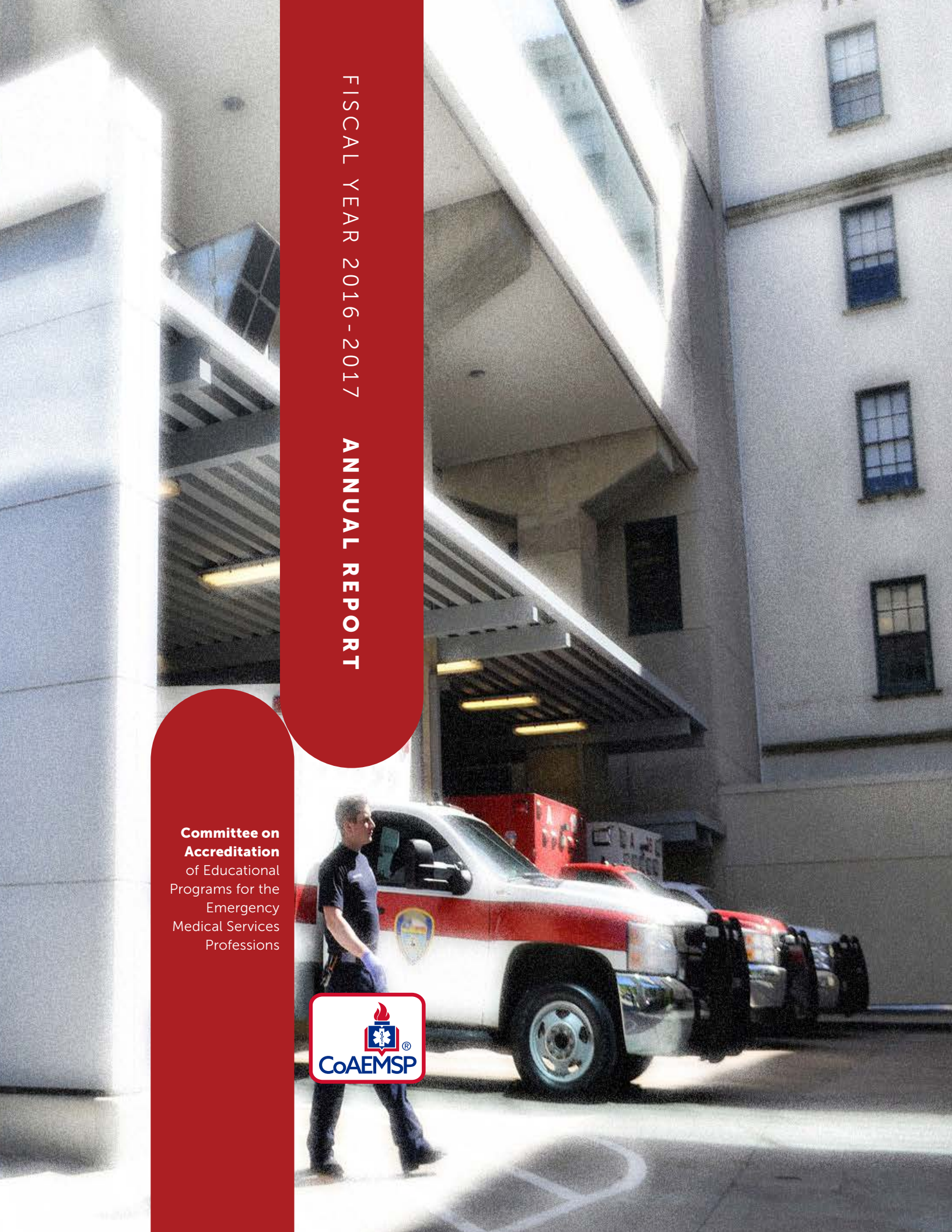
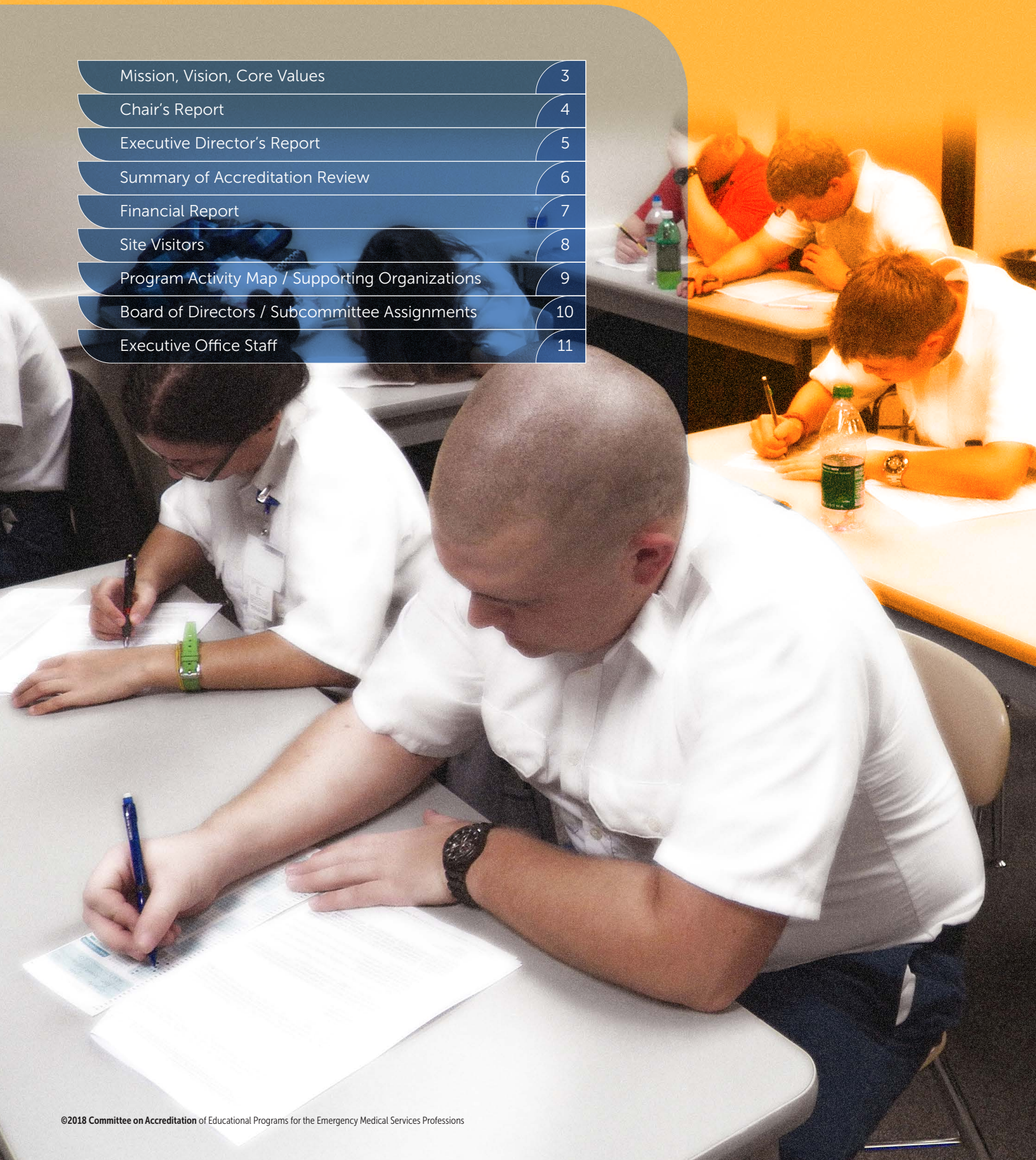


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MISSION

The mission of the CoAEMSP is to advance the quality of EMS education through CAAHEP accreditation.

VISION

CoAEMSP is recognized as the leader in evidence-based standards for accreditation.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal #1

Developing a high level process for the collection and analysis of data for the purpose of improving EMS Education.

Goal #2

Restructure Board/staff to meet the needs of the growing organization and EMS profession. Improve Board engagement and effectiveness.

Goal #3

Position CoAEMSP to effectively respond to and manage trends in EMS Education including developing competent evaluative processes especially for Distance Education.

THE CRITICAL CONNECTION

BETWEEN THE CoAEMSP & CAAHEP

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is the largest programmatic accreditor in the health sciences field. CAAHEP reviews and accredits over 2100 educational programs in twenty-eight (28) health science occupations.

CAAHEP is comprised of the Commission and its Board of Directors. The Commission is representatives of CAAHEP's community of interest member organizations, including 23 Committees on Accreditation (CoA), of which CoAEMSP is one. The CAAHEP Board of Directors takes action on Paramedic programs upon the recommendation of CoAEMSP.

CORE VALUES | CLARITY

Commitment

Dedication of time, talent and resources toward the achievement of CoAEMSP's mission.

Leadership

Inspiring others to advance the vision and goals of the CoAEMSP.

Action-oriented

Advancing the goals and projects of the CoAEMSP through timely, deliberate and thoughtful decision-making and effective implementation.

Respect

Honoring the perspective of any individual or organization.

Integrity

Carrying out the work of the CoAEMSP with honesty, professionalism and high ethical standards.

Quality

Consistently meeting or exceeding established standards and expectations in all CoAEMSP activities.

CHAIR'S REPORT

As I reflect on the Core Values set forth by the CoAEMSP and stated on our website, I marvel at the ability of this volunteer Board to not only have met but exceeded them this past fiscal year.

The Board members' voluntary commitment, leadership, decision-making abilities, integrity, and quality of service, have afforded us an inestimable amount of non-paid service on committees, Board meetings, site visits, and more. In addition, they not only grasp the significance of this organization to EMS education, but possess a passion for serving the greater good of the American public.

The statistics on page 6 of this Annual Report provide additional proof of the extent of work the Board, staff, and site visitors most successfully and brilliantly completed in the past year.

To that end, the CoAEMSP reached a major milestone in our history: as of February 14, 2017, the CoAEMSP became the largest Committee on Accreditation within CAAHEP with 528 programs. Since then, we have continued to add both Accredited programs as well as those holding the Letter of Review. This milestone was no small feat but reflects the capabilities of this organization.

Responsible in part for this Board's success was the twice-yearly professional development sessions we have held at our meetings. Topics center around our fiduciary responsibilities, the accreditation landscape, identifying the challenges of multi-Board involvement through better understanding of the separation of responsibilities and confidentiality, increasing Board engagement, and procedures for communicating Board actions to our sponsors and the public.

In its quest for more data to support the CAAHEP *Standards*, the Board established a Research Committee, which is currently studying the impact of simulation on Team Leads in Paramedic education, and whether programs that assess Team Leads in the lab perform better in the field.

In 2018 I am looking forward to celebrating another milestone in our history: the 40th anniversary of the CoAEMSP. Finally, with the unrivaled success of our accreditation workshops (with waiting lists for every workshop and the necessity for an additional workshop in 2016,) I earnestly welcome the annual conference that the CoAEMSP is developing for 2019.



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Thomas B. Brazelton III, MD, MPH, FAAP (AAP)
Chair

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CoAEMSP Growth in CAAHEP Continues

The exponential growth we have experienced in the preceding years has taken us from a small Joint Review Committee established in 1978 to the largest Committee on Accreditation within the CAAHEP system. I recall asking many other CoA leaders from Surgical Technology, Medical Assisting, and CAAHEP Board members about their operations and experiences dealing with large numbers of programs. Today, I am still asking those questions; however, many of those questions are now being asked of *me* and how *we* accomplish it. The method of operation when I joined the CoAEMSP and we accredited just over 200 programs pales in comparison to the 528 programs we work with today. We are not done yet, and continued growth remains for the foreseeable future.

Board Commitment is Impressive

The CoAEMSP Board of Directors is a diverse group representing 14 professional Sponsoring organizations that support our work. These Sponsors pay an annual fee to the CoAEMSP and CAAHEP, just as Paramedic programs pay an annual fee to provide an ongoing commitment to the growth and strengthening of Paramedic education nationwide. Support from sponsors is essential to our success. The commitment they make allows two members from their organizations to attend CoAEMSP meetings and actually do the "heavy lifting" needed to evaluate the hundreds of Paramedic educational programs we oversee. I can assure you that without their volunteer efforts and hard work, the success of accreditation in EMS would simply remain an idea discussed in the *National EMS Education Agenda: A Systems Approach in 2000*.

The Board dedicates countless hours reviewing program submissions in order to make recommendations on accreditation actions to CAAHEP. This is accomplished via assigned teams that meet on a quarterly basis through conference calls in addition to the hours they spend reviewing those program submissions prior to each call. Additionally, many Board members serve as Site Visitors in the field assessing programs. ALL of their work is voluntary. Each of them represents the best of what EMS needs to drive our educational efforts to increase professionalism and protect the public in their time of greatest need.



Staff Efforts Continue to Grow

One characteristic all successful organizations have in common is employees who believe in the organization's mission, and who strive to be the best at what they do. I am blessed to work with such a group that continues to push the boundaries of improving our processes, and determine how best to serve each of you—every single day. These folks are the real stars of the show, and although they are small in numbers, they are mighty in terms of results. Gordy Kokx, Karen Franks, Lynn Caruthers, Lisa Collard, Jennifer Anderson Warwick, Ruth Crump, and Keith Orloff make up the CoAEMSP staff that makes us genuinely successful. What's more, face-to-face daily meetings are not an option since we all work remotely. The "virtual" office we all share allows us to accomplish a great deal, but means when we do get together in person on a quarterly basis, our staff meetings are long, and we often work late into the evening. I am confident that we could not be as successful as we are without their efforts. I am hopeful that you will meet all of them if you attend one of our many annual workshops held around the country. The chance to put together that "name to a face" is not just important to you but for each of us as well.

Where We are Headed

A great many things were accomplished in the current fiscal year, and there are many to accomplish in the coming year. We will strive to become more evidenced-based in our approach to accreditation. CoAEMSP's Appendix G will be "synched up" to meet the NREMT portfolio requirements. We all need to keep in mind that evidence of an individual portfolio for each student is necessary to meet the requirements, but there is only a *single* portfolio required.

Work continues to better educate programs on what is needed to be successful in achieving and maintaining CAAHEP accreditation. Workshops will continue annually, but we believe we can offer more in terms of support to our programs. Thus, work is in progress to take these accreditation workshops to the next level.

Finally, I like to reflect on how far Paramedic education has come since the inception of this organization. Today's programs are far more sophisticated and comprehensive than the Paramedic program I attended in 1978. Expectations for our graduates are much higher than ever before. The use of technology continues to increase and push the field forward, but it can never replace compassionate interaction with people. The affective domain is as important today as ever before, and we need to find ways to better connect our students, graduates, and employers with patients so that they never lose the humanistic interaction needed to be a Paramedic.

I wish each of you much success in your accreditation journey.

All the best,

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George W. Hatch Jr., EdD, LP
Executive Director

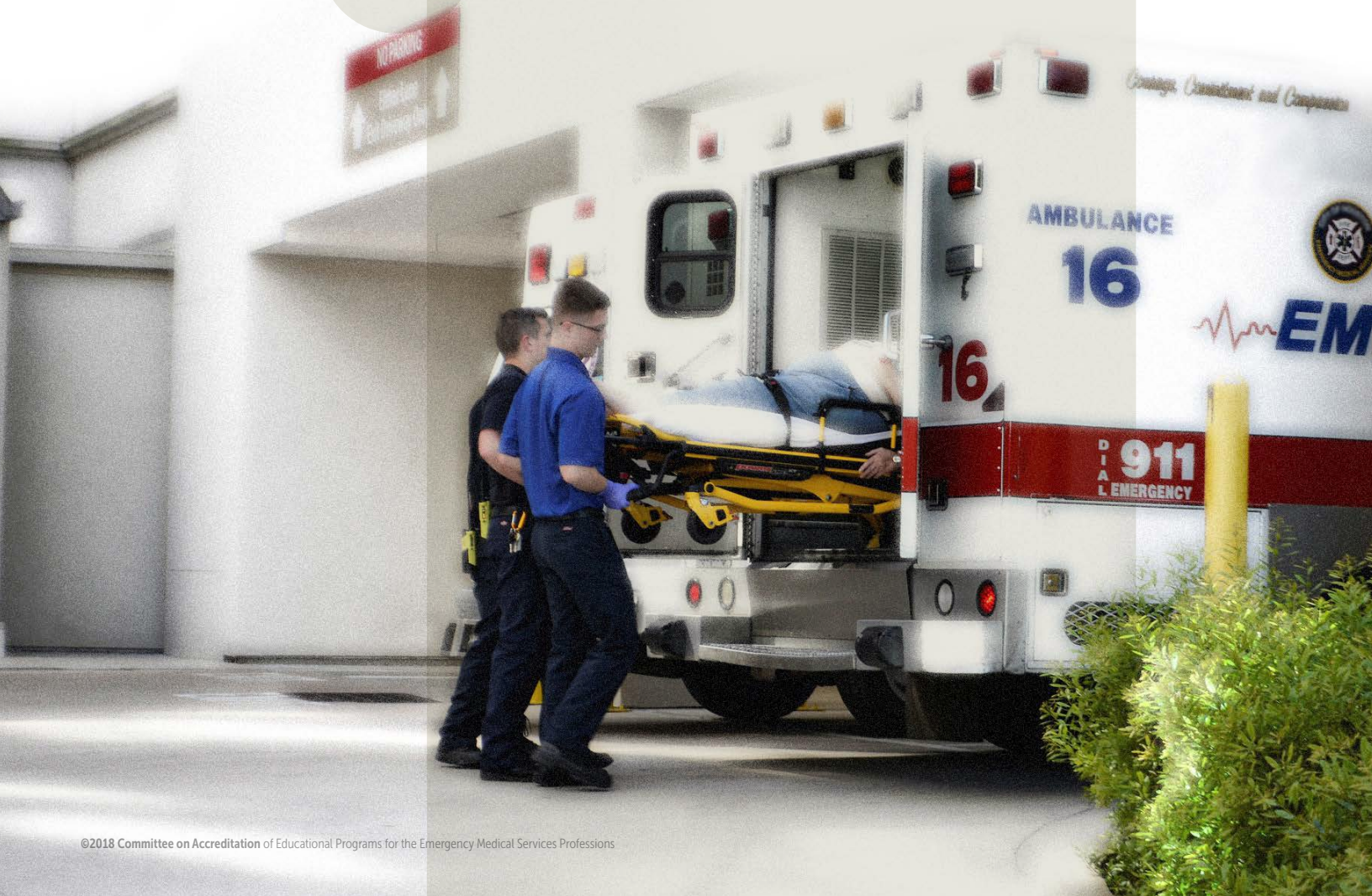
SUMMARY OF ACCREDITATION REVIEW

**Volunteer
Hours**
37,988

Site Visits	149
Total Programs Reviewed	282
Volunteers (Site Visitors & Board Members)	121
Volunteer Hours	37,988
Workshops/Attendees	4/178
States Visited by Staff	19

External Organization Meetings / Conferences Attended

NAEMSO Annual and Mid-Year Meetings
NAEMSE Annual Symposium
CAAHEP Leadership, Annual and Summer Meetings
Eagles Conference
Texas Educators Summit
Tennessee EMS Educators
Wisconsin EMS Educators
ASPA Spring and Fall Meetings





FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Summary - Statements of Position For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

ASSETS	2017	2016
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 825,069	\$ 841,091
Temporary investments	556,076	554,660
Accounts receivable, net	17,800	53,316
Prepaid expenses	13,035	154,584
Property and equipment, net	3,631	7,426
Total assets	\$ 1,415,611	\$ 1,611,077
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 45,699	75,579
Deferred annual fees	667,100	561,217
Prepaid site visit fees	302,400	378,000
Total liabilities	\$ 1,015,199	\$ 1,014,796
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	400,412	596,281
Total net assets	400,412	596,281
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,415,611	\$ 1,611,077

SITE VISITORS

Azeemuddin Ahmed, MD, MBA
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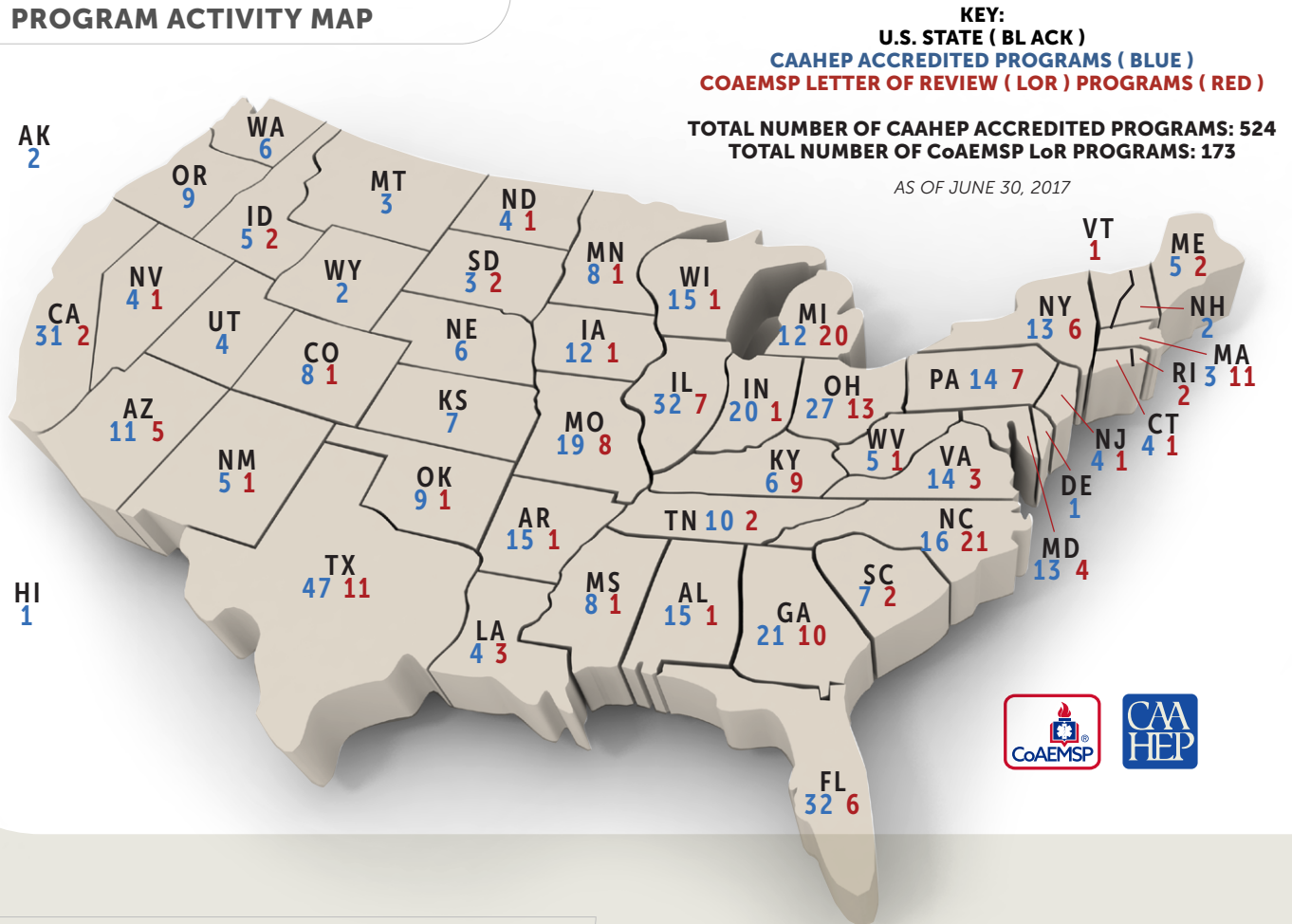
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 is a daily
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—PROGRAM DIRECTOR

PROGRAM ACTIVITY MAP



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www.aap.org

American Ambulance Association (AAA)

www.the-aaa.org

American College of Cardiology (ACC)

www.acc.org

American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)

www.acep.org

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP)

www.acoep.org

American College of Surgeons (ACS)

www.facs.org

American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)

www.asahq.org

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

www.iafc.org

International Association of FireFighters (IAFF)

www.iaff.org

National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians (NAEMSP)

www.naemsp.org

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)

www.naemt.org

National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE)

www.naemse.org

National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO)

www.nasemso.org

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)

www.nremt.org

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