

Nancy Smith Receives Exceptional Service Award...

The CAAHEP Exceptional Service Award recognizes an individual who advances CAAHEP's mission and goals, assumes leadership responsibilities within CAAHEP, exhibits notable participation in one or more CAAHEP activities or programs, and advances ideas or new strategies to benefit the organization. Ms. Smith's commitment to and involvement in CAAHEP epitomizes these principles.

Ms. Smith served two terms on the CAAHEP Board and as Secretary to the Board during her second term. Over the past six years, she served on numerous committees and task forces, most recently the Task Force on Distance Education, and made numerous presentations on behalf of CAAHEP. Ms. Smith is currently the Board liaison to the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).

Those who nominated Ms. Smith for this award stated: "In her role as a recognized leader in the Cytotechnology profession, Ms. Smith demonstrates an infectious passion for Cytotechnology education and for assuring fair and high quality education. She has been a spokesperson and advocate for CAAHEP and for its outcomes-based standards. She played a critical role in the transition to outcomes-based standards in Cytotechnology."

Ms. Smith provides continual support to the Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee (CPRC), and was instrumental in the recent initiative to add sponsors, providing guidance, input and strategic perspective throughout the process. Although retired from her position as a cytotechnology educator, Ms. Smith remains active in Cytotechnology profession and in CAAHEP, continuing to serve as Commissioner and as Board Liaison to MAERB.

CAAHEP President Hugh Bonner said, "CAAHEP is extremely fortunate to have dedicated, hardworking volunteers such as Nancy Smith engaged in helping to move CAAHEP's mission forward and assuring the education programs in the allied health fields are in compliance with each professions' nationally-recognized Standards. Nancy has been a true asset to CAAHEP and is most deserving of the CAAHEP Exceptional Service Award."