The National Consortium for Health Science Education (NCHSE) Board of Directors held the 2014 Annual Board meeting in sunny Santa Barbara, California, January 29-30. In addition to the business of the organization, the Board heard presentations on the National Health Science Assessment by Edson Barton, Precision Exams President; the Health Professions Pathway Project (H2P) by Dr. Marianne Krismer, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College; and Future Careers in Health Science Research by Julie Kelly, California Institute of Technology, Executive Director, Biology and Biological Engineering. Members of the Publishers Coalition provided information on new and innovative health science education resources.

Health Science State Leaders from twenty states met a day prior to the annual board meeting on January 28 for a time of unparalleled networking opportunities and updates. As always, we learned as much from the informal interactions with board members and partners as from the formal presentations. NCHSE Chair, Thalea Longhurst did an excellent job facilitating the meeting. Board members appropriately thanked this outgoing chair with a standing ovation, as a gesture of appreciation for her outstanding service in this role for two consecutive terms. Thalea respectfully passed the gavel to the highly qualified incoming chair, Cindy LeCoq (2014-2016).