ACAOM Announces New Commissioners

EDEN PRAIRIE, MN, Sept. 25, 2020 - - The Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) is pleased to announce the election of two new Commissioners: Katherine Taromina, DACM, LAc was elected as an Academic member, and Sandra Wise, PhD, RN was elected as an Administrator member.

Dr. Taromina is the Academic Dean and Director of Research at the Seattle Institute of East Asian Medicine (SIEAM). She earned her Doctorate of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (2016, CA) and Master’s degree (1998, NY) from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. She has advanced training and clinical experience in East Asian Sports Medicine and in providing supportive care for cancer patients. Prior to joining SIEAM, Dr. Taromina served first as an acupuncturist, then as the Program Manager, for the Integrative Therapies Program of Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Taromina is a researcher with an interest in the conducting clinical trials that will expand patients’ access to East Asian Medicine. She is a student of, and assistant for, Tom Bisio at New York Internal Arts (NYIA) and International Arts International (IAI), and previously served as an ACAOM Commissioner (2012-2018).

Dr. Wise was most currently the Senior Director for the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). She has a diverse background and strong record of service in higher education, and to CAPTE, having served as a Commissioner from 2007-2011. Prior to her role as Senior Director, she was Campus President and Chief Academic Officer at Argosy University. Dr. Wise’s primary health care background is in public health. She received her Bachelor’s degree in nursing from Bowling Green State University, Master's degree in nursing from Ohio State University, and her doctoral degree in Health Education from the University of Toledo. She has authored and presented on numerous higher education topics, including competency-based education, and continues to be actively engaged in professional organizations that advance the health professions’ roles in evidence-based practice.