



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Center

The Voice of Psychology in Academic Health Centers

APAHC Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2018 – 5 PM EST/4 PM CST/ 2 PM PST

Present on the call (**bolded** are voting members):

☒ **Annie Bradford**

☐ **Ron Brown**

☒ **Zeeshan Butt**

☒ **Molly Clark**

☐ **Kristine M. Diaz**

☒ **Donna LaPaglia**

☒ **Amit Shahane**

☐ **Wendy Ward**

☒ Laura Daniels

☒ Roseanne Illes

☒ Briak Isakson

☒ Leila Islam

☒ Michael Mejia;

☒ Teresa Pan

☒ Bill Robiner

☒ Laura Shaffer

☒ Amy Williams

☒ Joey Yost

☒ John Yozwiak

1. Call to order: 4:02 pm called to order.
2. Review of February 2018 minutes: Minutes approved by the Board.
3. President's Items (Dr. Butt)
 - a. Board meeting updates: Dr. Butt encouraged all Board members to review quarterly Board reports to remain up-to-speed on current and future initiatives.
 - b. Officers' manual update: Dr. Butt needs to update timeline for officers before the manual is finalized and distributed to entire Board.
 - c. Trainee and ECP membership drive: Recent free membership drive for students and ECPs has generated considerable interest. As of today, the Association has 571 members, representing nearly doubling of its size compared to just one month ago.
 - d. Grand Rounds editor search: Dr. Butt updated Board on the search for a newsletter editor. After soliciting across a number of Division listservs, it became clear that Dr. Lauren Penwell was the strongest candidate. Dr. Butt notified Board that Dr. Penwell accepted the appointment and will be invited to join future Board calls.
 - e. Association communications: Dr. Butt informed the Board of his desire to identify a Communications Chair to help coordinate activity of the journal, website, newsletter, and social media. Item will be taken offline.
4. Officer/Committee Items for Board Discussion
 - a. Tribute Fund: Dr. Shahane provided an update on the existence, purpose, and current funding (~\$2700) of the APAHC Tribute Fund. Board discussed potential ways to commemorate those who contribute any amount vs. \$500+. One idea was to have space on the website to recognize these donations. Discussion ensued on need to advertise the Fund and/or use funds if want to continue with it.
 - b. AAMC letter to NIH re NIH funding: Dr. Shaffer summarized for Board the request from AAMC for APAHC to sign on to a letter recommending preservation of



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NIH funding. Request was reviewed by APAHC Presidential Trio, who approved sign-on. Dr. Shaffer communicated same to AAMC.\

- c. 2019 APAHC Conference: Drs. Williams and Yozwiak provided an update on conference planning. New Orleans has been selected as the host city, with target date of Feb 7-9, 2019. Bids for hotels were reviewed; Drs. Williams and Yozwiak discussed rationale for selecting their first choice. Data on bids for other top choices were also reviewed. Board was in agreement with top choice and contract will be reviewed by APA Office for General Counsel for legal review.
 - d. Trainee/ECP Involvement: Drs. Pan and Islam reminded Board that they are available to help identify trainee and ECP volunteers for new projects. Discussed in context of recent membership drive and new initiatives already planned.
 - e. Website update: Dr. Isakson provided an update on the website revamping. Brian Johnson's group remains on timeline to have preliminary new website available for review in April.
5. Other Business (All): None.
 6. Next Conference Call:
 - a. Monday, April 2, 2018 at 5 PM EST/4 PM CST/3 PM PST.