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Section VIII, Society of Clinical Psychology/Division 12 of APA

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST TELECONFERENCE

July 30, 2004

Present: Jeff Baker, Cheryl King, Jerry Leventhal, Lynn Peterson, Richard Seime, Steve Tovian, Danny Wedding, Carl Zimet

Other Individuals Present: Malcolm Crystal (Kluwer), Nadine Kaslow

Open Section

A. Review of agenda

Prior to beginning the meeting role call was taken and Dr. Leventhal discussed the planned agenda. Dr. Jerry Levanthal convened the meeting and had everyone identify themselves to the group. Invited guests remained during the segment of the meeting relevant to them.

B. General Business

The Board discussed the changes related to Kluwer. A holding company has purchased the publication house and possible changes may affect JCPMS. The journal would likely become part of a consortia sale group as of January 1, 2006, at no cost to AMSP.

The suggestion was made to have monthly meetings for a single hour. The group was in agreement on this and decided to have the conference calls on the third Wednesday of every month from 5-6:00 PM Eastern.

C. Invited Guests

Representation on APPIC

Dr. Nadine Kaslow was an invited guest at the meeting. She asked the group to get representatives on the APPIC board, if at all possible. She suggested developing a way to systematically do this (i.e., email all APPIC members in medical schools and suggest they could fulfill this role for the group).

AMSP/JCPMS

Malcolm Crystal, from Kluwer, was also an invited guest. He further outlined the upcoming changes due to the buy-out. He discussed the journal being on-line only for the membership. He felt this would benefit clinicians and those traveling. From the publishing angle, it would be easier to track downloads. This would be done through the university site, however, not the members-only site. There would also be the ability to cross-reference from a citation to the source cited.

Dr. Barry Hong agreed to develop case studies similar to case studies in the New England Journal of Medicine to showcase some diverse cases. There could then be a broad discussion about the medical issues – prevalence, symptoms, etc. He asked if

Kluwer would be interested in publishing these as hard back or textbooks, after they originally appeared in the Journal. Mr. Crystal responded that:

1. The publishing house could do a book;
2. If they opt not to do so, could permit the group doing so on their own, or
3. The group could request permission at the outset and do it themselves.

Talk then led to books being published electronically using PDF files. These publications allow one to choose by topic.

The contractual agreement was then a topic. In January of 2006, publication fees will increase from \$32 to \$35 per person/member. The publishing house will send Dr. Levantahl an outline of this and he will, in turn, send affirmation. Dr. Levantahl discussed AMSP desire to make JCPMS their official journal and Dr. Wedding concurred. Mr. Crystal agreed to include this in the agreement letter.

The group talked about how to make this a mutually beneficial arrangement. Mr. Crystal noted that Springer is able to advertise the Journal worldwide. The publishing worked is changing dramatically – individual subscription sales are becoming a thing of the past. Now, libraries subscribe as blocks in a consortium and whole groups of journals are part of a subscription list. Springer has agreements with over 100 consortia. He referenced a report he had for the meeting and gave copies to the group. This report contained information on “impact factor”, usage, and content.

Dr. Carl Zimet asked if any radical changes could be expected in the buy-out/merger. Journal content is what is the driving force behind academic publishing. As long as the Journal maintains its readership, there is little chance that they’d be “dropped” by the publishing house. The group then discussed the editor and his/her term. Currently, the publishing house has chosen the Editor, not the BD. They asked for a voice in the selection of the next Editor. Mr. Crystal didn’t disagree, but he noted the publishing house holds ownership of the Journal, so they would have final say. The group decided on a change of by-laws to have the editor of JCPMS be a member of the Board and decided to invite the current JCPMS editor, Ron Rozensky, on the next conference call.

D. Administrative Officer’s Report

Hours – January and February were more time consuming for the office, with 16 or 17 hours being worked. March ran at 10.5, April at 8.5, May at 9, June at 6, and July will be about 12. These hours include work done by Lynn Peterson, as well as database management and upkeep by staff. These hours also include conference calls and meetings.

Membership – the database shows 159 paid members for 2004, including three that have also paid for 2005. There have been 13 transactions done via the web site, both new and renewing members. If the group decides to keep a time line similar to Div 12 and other sections, renewals will be done in late September/early October so that the bulk of the membership drive is complete before the new publication year beginning January 1st. The database has been modified for central office. Addresses and emails have been updated. Information has been sent to Dr. Baker for the web site and to Dr. Tovian for the financial records. Two lists have been sent to Kluwer. If possible, it would

be helpful for the Central Office to have a production schedule for the journal, and to receive a copy for the office files.

E. Awards Committee

The award information was circulated, a decision made, and the materials generated and brought to the Convention for the Award ceremony.

F. Fiscal Issues

Of the \$500 which was sent to central office early in the year, \$137.87 has been spent as follows:

Supplies (envelopes, labels, file folders, etc.)	\$51.12
Stamps 4/04 (1 roll .37, 1 roll .23)	\$60.00
Stamps 5/04 (1 roll .23)	\$23.00
Kinko's copies	\$ 3.75
TOTAL	\$137.87

G. Membership Survey

There was a lengthy discussion of the on-line Zoomerang survey. This was extremely helpful in assessing membership and journal information.

Dr. Zimet will again chair the Award Committee for 2005, but some new members will be asked to serve, as well. The Current President, Past President, Dr. Zimet, and two other people will serve on the Committee. The two additional people will be a new member, and an "old" member who is desirous of getting more involved with the group. The group then decided to create a student award for next year.

H. Upcoming Conference

Our future AMSP conference was discussed by the group. A preliminary exploration of the Seattle area is still being done. The financial risk of a conference was noted, and the Treasurer noted that there is no "cushion" in the bank at this point in time.

I. Consultation Program

Dr. King asked Dr. Baker to make some changes to the consultation application form which is on the web.

J. Other Business

A suggestion was made to have a panel at APA next year with several new members as discussants. Four to five questions would be posed and they'd respond/discuss. The group was receptive of this idea.

Dr. Jeff Baker was announced as the representative to the Division 12 advocacy group.

The need for student membership and mentoring was discussed. A decision was made to send another announce-only listserv note to try and recruit young members. This led to a request for something to be put together that could be handed out to potential members. The Central Office will have copies made and sent to Drs. Seime and King.

Next telephone conference call is on August 25 (4th Wednesday)

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