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

MINUTES OF THE JUNE TELECONFERENCE

June 23, 2004

Present: Barbara Cubic, Jerry Leventhal, Richard Seime, Steve Tovian, Danny Wedding

Open Section

A. Review of agenda

Prior to beginning the teleconference role call was taken and Dr. Leventhal discussed the planned agenda.

B. Report from Administrative Officer

Ms. Peterson was unable to participate in tonight's call. Drs. Tovian and Wedding indicated that they feel Ms. Peterson has been helpful to the organization and that we are no longer over burdening her. Therefore, it appears that the relationship is working well.

Dr. Leventhal discussed the concept of asking Ms. Peterson to create a rolling calendar of AMSP events (12-16 month time line) in order to enhance planning and the Board approved.

C. Fiscal Issues

Dr. Tovian reported that we now have 158 paid members and \$10,406.08 in checking as of today's date. He indicated that 10 individuals have used their credit cards to pay dues online and that Ms. Peterson will reimburse the organization at the end of the year for individuals paying on-line. Dr. Cubic indicated that we have 12 new members to date for 2004.

Dr. Tovian indicated payments are made to Kluwer quarterly. Our most recent payment was for \$2,072 for Volume 11, Number 1 and 2 (for 135 individuals). He indicated that there will be an additional payment made to Kluwer for late payers of dues.

D. Status of New member packet

Dr. Cubic indicated that the new member packets have been created (with considerable input on content from Drs. Leventhal, King, and Baker) and were forwarded to all board members for review. The packets were then mailed to 12 new members. Ms. Peterson has also mailed the renewal post cards to all paying members of AMSP. Included in the new member packet is:

- 1) Welcome letter from Dr. Leventhal
- 2) AMSP Brochure
- 3) Information about the website and how to get on the list serve
- 4) AMSP's planned activities at the APA conference in Hawaii
- 5) A copy of the upcoming JCPMS Table of Contents
- 6) A Membership Certificate
- 7) A description of our Consultation Program
- 8) AMSP Bylaws

9) Minutes from our last two AMSP board meetings

A discussion ensued about whether to send certificates to all members and the viability of having some of the materials in the new member packet available at the AMSP offerings at APA. Drs. Leventhal and Cubic will dialogue via e-mail about what is feasible based on cost.

E. Implementing the Consultation Program

Dr. King was not available to discuss implementation of the new Consultation Program.

F. Awards Committee Update

The Awards Committee selected Dr. Ann Streissguth of the University of Washington School of Medicine for the Distinguished Achievement Award in Research. For the Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching the Award Committee selected Dr. Susan McDaniel of the University of Rochester School of Medicine.

The awards will be presented at the APA Convention at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom #4 on Friday, July 30, 2004, 1-1:50 p.m.

G. AMSP/JCPMS/Kluwer Relationship

During the APA meeting in Hawaii Drs. Leventhal, Tavian and Wedding will meet with Dr. Ron Rozensky, editor of JCPMS, and Malcom from Kluwer to discuss our relationship with JCPMS. AMSP would like to advocate for making the JCPMS the official journal of AMSP. Dr. Leventhal discussed how this is both an opportunity for AMSP but also an obligation to contribute regularly to the quality of the articles, with the hope of continuing to do a special AMSP issue yearly. Discussion also ensued about Kluwer's request for a \$3 increase per subscription for JCPMS. The Board agreed to make a counter proposal to Kluwer for consideration of a \$2 per subscription increase.

Dr. Wedding indicated that Dr. Hong continues to discuss with Dr. Rozensky the idea of a case presentation section for JCPMS. As noted in the last minutes this would be a proposal to use some of the anticipated additional pages now allocated to JCPMS for case presentations similar to those in the New England Journal of Medicine. For JCPMS, the format would consist of a short but informative presentation of a clinical case with some general remarks about the disorder, and followed by comments from by two or three senior clinical psychologists. This format would be a unique feature of JCPMS, provide clinical thinking by senior, invited discussants, and be a teaching tool for students, postdoctoral fellow and junior faculty.

Dr. Leventhal reported that he has circulated a draft proposal for the AMSP special edition of JCPMS in 2005 to the Board for review. The Board commented that the proposed outline for the special edition looks promising.

H. 2004 APA Convention in Hawaii

AMSP programs and activities for the 2004 APA Convention in Hawaii are as follows:

7/28 Wed: 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	Symposium: Psychologists in Academic Medicine Organizations Chair: Jerry Leventhal	Hawaii Convention Center, Meeting Room 307B
7/29 Thurs 4:00-6:00 PM	AMSP Board Meeting (Dinner Following)	
7/30 Fri 12:00 PM – 1:00 P.M.	AMSP Business Meeting	
	Hilton Hawaiian Village	Nautilus Suite II
7/30 Fri 1:00 PM – 2:00 P.M.	AMSP Awards Ceremony	
	Hilton Hawaiian Village	Coral Ballroom IV

7/31 Sat: 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	Symposium: Psychologists in Academic Health Centers: How are they doing?
	Chair: Danny Wedding Hawaii Convention Center, Meeting Room 301A
8/1 Sun 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Teaching Mentoring and Gender in Academic Health Center
	Chair: Barbara Cubic Hawaii Convention Center, Meeting Room 317B

The Board discussed ways to maximize attendance at AMSP's activities and programs. It was noted that the activities have been listed on the web page and were included in a colorful manner in the new member packet. Dr. Leventhal will also send an e-mail to the membership as a reminder (highlighting the titles of symposiums and redirecting members to the website for more details).

Dr. Leventhal will create a draft agenda for the business meeting of AMSP at APA. He will then forward it to the list serve to solicit membership input.

I. Membership Survey

Dr. Leventhal has created a membership survey for our new members to obtain their ideas about how AMSP can best serve them. Dr. Baker has been able to create an on-line version of the survey through Zoomerang. The Board discussed encouraging all members to complete the survey to increase input from membership. Drs. Leventhal, Cubic, and Baker will review the survey to determine if any alterations in wording would be needed to forward the survey to all members.

J. Advocacy

Dr. Leventhal encouraged the Board to begin considering ways that AMSP could participate in advocacy efforts for psychologists in academic health care settings. Dr. Seime pointed out that Item 15 on the Membership Survey could give us ideas about areas of focus. As an organization we can seek resources through APA, AAMC, and other sources.

K. Planning for an upcoming AMSP conference

Dr. Seime indicated that the Board might want to consider Seattle, Washington as a setting for an upcoming AMSP conference. He indicated that we might be able to get a venue for the conference at low or no cost. Seattle would also be an attractive destination that could serve as a positive draw for attendees. Gainesville, Florida remains another possibility as well as St. Louis. Drs. Seime and Wedding will obtain further details about the costs involved in various possible locations with the goal of planning for a 2005 conference.

L. Followup Topics Next Board Meeting

- [a] AMSP conference (2005, 2006)
- [b] Mechanism for subsidizing costs of JCPMS for trainees;
- [c] Possible designation of members as Fellows of AMSP after a long duration of commitment to the organization;
- [d] Potential Professional Service Award

Next Board meeting is on July 29, 2004 at APA Convention
Next telephone conference call is on August 25 (4th Wednesday)

Respectfully submitted:

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