



Association of Medical School Psychologists

The Voice of Psychology in Medical Schools and Academic Health Centers

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

MINUTES of the Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 2005

Board Members Present: Barbara Cubic, Barry Hong, Cheryl King, Jerry Leventhal, John Linton (Board Member 2006-2012), Lynn Peterson, Ron Rozensky, Rick Seime and Danny Wedding and Carl Zimet **Absent:** Jeff Baker and Steve Tavian

A. Overview of the Meeting

Dr. Leventhal welcomed the membership, introduced the Board members present and discussed the planned agenda. The agenda included reviewing the activities of the Board over the last year and a number of topics for discussion including the upcoming national conference, the AMSP-JCPMS relationship, a potential name change for the organization, the role of student members, and initiatives for the coming year. Members were also provided with general information about the organization (AMSP brochure, AMSP program events at APA, AMSP consultation program, information about JCPMS, and information about the AMSP website) and a copy of the AMSP semi annual Treasurer's Report.

B. AMSP Activities at APA

Membership was reminded that the following AMSP activities were occurring at APA and were encouraged to attend:

Symposium 1: IOM Report on Enhancing Behavioral & Social Science in Medical Education: Impact and Opportunities for Psychology

Symposium Chair: Suzanne Bennett Johnson, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Medical Humanities and Social Sciences, Fla. St. Univ. College of Medicine

Integrating Behavioral Science into Medical Education: Old and New Models

Speaker: Elena Reyes, PhD, Director of Behavioral Science Curriculum,
Department of Medical Humanities & Social Sciences, Florida State University
College of Medicine

The Challenge of Teaching Integrated Bio-Behavioral Sciences to Student Physicians

Speaker: John E. Carr, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychiatry and
Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington College of Medicine

Symposium 2: Distinguished Contribution Award Winner Lectures: Association of Medical School Psychologists

Symposium Chair: Gerald Leventhal, Ph.D., Univ of Med & Dentistry of NJ - Newark

How a Woman's Drinking Can Change her Child's Behavior -- Even Into Adulthood

Speaker: Ann P. Streissguth, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Psychiatry and
Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington School of Medicine.
Winner of the 2004 AMSP Distinguished Research Award

A Biopsychosocial Systems Approach to the Education of Professional Psychologists and other Health Professionals

Speaker: Susan H McDaniel, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry & Family Medicine
University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry
Winner of the 2004 AMSP Distinguished Teaching Award

Panel Discussion 1: Salary Structures and Negotiation Opportunities in Academic Health Settings

Co-Chairs:

Cheryl A. King, Ph.D., ABPP, Dept of Psychiatry; Univ of Michigan Medical School
Gerald Leventhal, Ph.D., University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Newark

Panelists:

Anne E. Kazak, Ph.D., ABPP, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
Scott S. Meit, Psy.D., ABPP, West Virginia University School of Medicine
Doug Johnson-Greene, Ph.D., ABPP, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

It was noted that there is another symposia offered through Division 12 listed as a Section offering and AMSP members were also encouraged to attend this event.

C. JCPMS

Drs. King, Leventhal and Rozensky discussed meeting with representatives from Springer at the APA convention to finalize the relationship between JCPMS and AMSP. The membership was informed that in 2006 access to JCPMS will be electronic. Drs. Leventhal and Hong also spoke to the membership about the goal of adding a special feature to JCPMS which would provide articles with an educational description of a specific illness with an associated case. The case and educational information would then be followed by a discussion from 3-4 senior clinicians who would comment about the case. The title would be "A case presentation of a topic from the AMSP."

D. Name Change for AMSP

Dr. Leventhal explained to the membership the rationale for why the Board had proposed a name change from AMSP to the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers. He also indicated that the impression of the Board remains that most members support a name change. He urged members to vote if they had not done so.

E. National Conference Planning

Dr. Seime explained that the Board is planning for an AMSP national conference set for September 7-9, 2006 in the Washington DC area. He solicited ideas for membership about funding sources and topics. Members suggested that the topics be varied to provide program material for all level of participants (i.e. students, interns, fellows, new faculty, senior faculty), include consultation sessions on topics like publishing, grant writing, negotiating salaries, developing interdisciplinary collaborations, and possibly be tracked by themes. There was discussion of whether the recent IOM report on enhancing the behavioral and social sciences in medical school curriculums could be a focal point for some of the presentations.

Due to time constraints other items on the agenda could not be discussed. The next Business Meeting of AMSP will be held during the 2006 American Psychological Association Convention (time and location to be announced).

Respectfully submitted:
Barbara Cubic, Ph.D., AMSP Secretary