



Association of Medical School Psychologists

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

MINUTES of the August Board Meeting

Friday, August 19, 2005

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

Open Section

A. Review of Agenda

Roll call was taken and Dr. Leventhal discussed the planned agenda.

B. JCPMS

Drs. King and Leventhal reported that they had met with Ron Rozensky, current JCPMS editor, and Janis Stern, representative from Springer, earlier today at the APA convention to finalize the relationship between JCPMS and AMSP. Both Drs. King and Leventhal felt that the meeting had been "quite positive." The main emphasis of the meeting was a discussion about how to link the journal and the organization in a manner which would result in the growth of both entities.

During the meeting Dr. Rozensky and Ms. Stern announced that Dr. Rozensky and his current Associate Editors for JCPMS will be ending their term at the helm of the journal. Springer is looking to AMSP to help them shape the future of the journal and to assist them in identifying successors for editorship. It was also noted that Dr. Rozensky is the founding editor of JCPMS and that his vision has made the journal viable and lead to the journal's recent successes.

At the meeting decisions were made to solidify the relationship between JCPMS and AMSP, making JCPMS the official journal of our organization. JCPMS will be available on-line to members as of 2006. AMSP is being asked to create an Editor Selection Committee to invite or solicit applicants for the role of JCPMS editor. The Board discussed the need for the new editor to have a vision for the journal which builds readership, provides information for empirically oriented practitioners, and creates visibility for psychology in academic health centers. The Board agreed to ask Dr. Jack Carr to chair the search committee and to identify five individuals to assist him (with at least one of the committee members being a current AMSP Board member). The goal is to have an identified new editor and editorial board for JCPMS who could begin accepting and reviewing manuscripts by January of 2007. Dr. Rozensky and his editorial board would continue in their role until the end of 2007 which would allow for overlap and for him to finalize articles he is overseeing.

C. Honoring Dr. Ivan Mensh

Dr. Zimet informed the Board of plans to honor Ivan Mensh at the 2006 APA Convention. Dr. Mensh died in March of this year. The goal will be to see if APA and AMSP can work together to have a joint 1 hour presentation honoring Dr. Mensh and highlighting his contributions to psychology. A proposed title was "Ivan Mensh: A History of Psychology in

Medical Schools.” Dr. Zimet will work with Dr. Paul Nelson of APA to see if this can be a joint function or if AMSP should use the organization’s own program time for the event. Dr. King also reminded the Board that our AMSP programming for next year’s APA needed to be finalized by 12/05.

During this discussion the Board also discussed naming the two current awards given by AMSP and finalized the following decisions:

IVAN MENSCH AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN TEACHING

The Teaching Award is presented to outstanding psychologists who work in and conduct innovative teaching and training in medical school and health care settings.

BUD ORGEL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH

The Research Award is presented to outstanding psychologists who work in and contribute to the advancement of research and scholarship in medical school and health care settings.

C. National Conference Planning

The remainder of the Board meeting was focused on the planned national conference. Many of the Board members stated concerns that the planning of the conference would be difficult to complete in order to have the AMSP national conference set for September 7-9, 2006 in the Washington DC area.

Dr. Seime reported that he had lunch with Dr. Cynthia Belar, from the APA Education Directorate, to discuss the feasibility of the conference. Dr. Hong indicated a willingness to begin to speak with pharmaceutical companies to determine whether there would be some outside financial support for the endeavor. The Board discussed the need for more involvement from Board members and the membership at large. Dr. Seime indicated that upon returning to his institution he would send out a request to membership for individuals who would be willing to assist. The Board indicated that a Local Arrangements Chair, A Program Chair, and a Marketing Chair needed to be identified.

Following this lengthy discussion the Board decided to postpone any decision about a conference for two months. If action groups can be pulled together in a two month time frame and can insure a high quality conference which provides participants with meaningful skills and tangible products by September of 2006 then the Board will support the endeavor. If immediate actions can not be taken the Board indicated that a request would be made for the conference to be postponed to a later date.

The next phone conference will be Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at 5 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted:

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