



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 August Phone Conference

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Board Members Present: Jeff Baker, Barbara Cubic, Barry Hong, Cheryl King, Jerry Leventhal, Lynn Peterson, Patrick Smith (2006-2007 Board Member), Steve Tovian **Absent:** Rick Seime, Danny Wedding, Carl Zimet

Open Section

A. Review of Agenda

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

B. JCPMS

As planned Drs. King, Leventhal and Rozensky met with the representative from Springer at the APA convention to finalize the relationship between JCPMS and AMSP. Drs. Leventhal and King had already reviewed results of the meeting with Board members at the face to face meeting at APA, but the issues were discussed again for the benefit of Board members not present at APA.

Springer agreed to all requests made by AMSP. A Letter of Agreement will be prepared which confirms that: the name of AMSP (or the new name if the name changes) and the Association's logo will appear on the cover of JCPMS and the website for JCPMS. Included in each volume of the journal will be a brief statement about the organization and how to join. AMSP members will receive an electronic version of the journal at no cost as a benefit of their membership. Individual members who would like to have hard copies of JCPMS after this year would have to pay individual subscriptions rates to the journal. AMSP would have to have at least 160 or more members requesting a hard copy who were willing to pay additional fees in order for the persons get the hard copy version at a reduced rate.

In addition to finalizing the relationship between JCPMS and AMSP the Springer representative and Dr. Rozensky announced that a new editor for JCPMS will need to be identified as Dr. Rozensky will be stepping down from this role in 2007 to pursue other activities.

Lastly, Dr. Cubic noted to the Board that another benefit of the electronic access to the journal would be that student members would now have access to JCPMS through the website like full members do. Currently, student members do not receive the journal because their reduced rate dues fall far short of paying the cost of a JCPMS subscription..

C. Name Change for AMSP

Dr. Baker reviewed with the Board the results of the on-line election to date regarding the proposed name change to the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers (APAHC). As of today's date 52% of the membership has voted. Of those voting, 89% are in favor of a name change and 11% are opposed. The deadline for voting is 9/2/05 and the results of the election will be announced during the second week of September.

If the name change is approved by the membership. Dr. Wedding will have his staff assist in creating a new logo. Ms. Peterson indicated that she would help the organization change the name regarding links to Division 12 and APA.

D. National Conference Planning

Dr. Cubic reviewed with the Board the general discussion that occurred regarding the proposed national conference at the face to face business and board meetings at APA for the benefit of Board members who could not be present in Washington, DC. The over arching issue is leadership. While Dr. Seime continues to lead the planning efforts for the AMSP national conference set for September 7-9, 2006 in the Washington DC area the Board concurred that Dr. Seime would need considerable support in regards to devising a conference theme, practical details, and fiscal planning for a viable conference in 2006. As Dr. Seime was not on the call, an in-depth discussion of the conference had to be deferred.

Dr. Hong did note that he is pursuing avenues for fiscal support for a conference. Ms. Peterson indicated that she would create a timeline of tasks that need to be performed for a conference to occur and share this with Dr. Seime to determine viability of the conference. All other Board members indicated that they would be willing to take active roles to help make a conference happen even if they were not able to take a major leadership role.

Drs. King and Leventhal indicated that while they were in support of a conference, the top priorities for the organization over the next year needed to be implementing the agreement with Springer about JCPMS and increasing membership to make the organization stronger. Therefore, Dr. King indicated that if a decision needed to be made to postpone the conference for one year in the best interest of the Association, that decision needed to be made. She also indicated that over time, a long range plan should be made for a cycle of conferences (perhaps on an every two year basis) which addressed the needs of the membership.

E. Advocacy for Funding of NIH

Dr. Hong made the Board aware of a letter undersigned by a number of organizations, which represent patients, scientists, healthcare providers, and industry, which strongly urged support of an FY 2006 appropriation of \$29.4 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 14, 2005. Dr. Hong requested that APHAC join the list of organizations to support this request and the Board concurred.

The next phone conference will be Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 5 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted:

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