



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

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

MINUTES of the December Phone Conference

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

2005 Board Members Present: Jeff Baker, Barbara Cubic, Barry Hong, Jerry Leventhal, Lynn Peterson, Ron Rozensky, Rick Seime, Danny Wedding, Carl Zimet **Other Individuals on the Call:** Patrick Smith (Board Member 2006-2008), John Linton (2006-2012 Board Member), Jack Carr (Chair, JCPMS Editor Search Committee) **Board Members Absent:** Steve Tovian

Open Section

A. Review of Agenda

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

B. Search Committee for the Editorship of JCPMS

Dr. Jack Carr, Chair of the Search Committee for the Editorship of JCPMS, and Dr. Ron Rozensky, current JCPMS Editor, were both able to be on today's call. To date two individuals have expressed interest in the editorship and one individual has submitted a letter of interest. Interested individuals have been encouraged to make contact with Janice Stern from Springer as well to obtain additional information.

The Board discussed ways to support a new editor and decided that all interested individuals should be advised that APAHC would be willing to provide a list of individuals who might serve as Associate Editors if the new editor would welcome such a list.

C. Development of a Publication Committee

Dr. Leventhal presented a draft plan for a Standing Committee regarding APAHC relations with JCPMS & Springer. The following functions were proposed:

- 1 Maintain contact with JCPMS Editor and Publisher (Springer);
- 2 Provide assistance and advice to the Editor and Publisher as may be useful;
- 3 Keep APAHC Board informed of evolving JCPMS policies and problems;
- 4 Present monthly updates to Board and annual end-of-year report to the Board re JCPMS operation and prospects
- 5 Make recommendations to Board re working relationship between the Association and JCPMS Editor and Publisher

The suggestion was also made that the role of the Publication Committee should be broadened to consider new opportunities as well (e.g. newsletters, monographs, book series). The Board discussed possible membership on the committee and recommended that the committee include the Editor of JCPMS, APAHC President, one additional Board member (unspecified), and one additional non-Board APAHC member. It was underscored that this committee would be advisory in nature.

D. On-line Access Arrangement for JCPMS

As the journal will become electronically accessible as of 2006 the Board discussed synchronization of paid APAHC dues payments with access to JCPMS on line. The Board discussed the importance of preventing abuse of the access code and when to notify members of access to electronic versions of JCPMS

E. Treasurer's Report and Update on Membership

Prior to the teleconference Dr. Tovian provided the Board with the Annual Income and Expense Report for January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 as he could not be on tonight's call. The total income for 2005 was \$19,380.63 and the total expenses for 2005 were \$8,317.24.

Dr. Smith stated that he is in the process of transitioning the funds from the bank in Chicago to a bank account in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Smith also indicated that he is ready to receive credit card payments as well and is beginning to work on the 2006 budget.

The Board thanked both Drs. Tovian and Smith for their efforts in achieving a successful transition regarding the APAHC funds.

F. National Conference Planning

After an in-depth discussion the Board agreed that the Alexandria location for the next National Conference would not be feasible. The Board felt that the ideas for the conference were not yet well formulated enough to proceed by September 2006. If the conference is moved to the Spring of 2007 the rates become too high to maintain the same venue. Ms. Peterson agreed to contact the hotel representative to cancel our current contract.

The Board then brainstormed about possible venues including Minneapolis St. Paul and Norfolk. The Board also discussed identifying cost effective convention centers as sites and setting the conference up as a retreat. There was an agreement that a more solid outline/theme of the conference was needed in order for a site to be chosen. Dr. Seime will correspond with the Program Committee for the conference by e-mail and present various templates for the conference. The Board agreed that a January 31, 2006 deadline seemed feasible for having a draft conference template. Then, a site will be identified that matches the goals of the conference and is the most practical for APAHC members.

The next phone conference will be Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 5 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted:

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