



Association of Medical School Psychologists

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

MINUTES of the July Phone Conference

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Board Members Present: Barbara Cubic, Jeff Baker, Cheryl King, Jerry Leventhal, Steve Tovian, and Carl Zimet **Absent:** Barry Hong, Lynn Peterson, Ron Rozensky, Rick Seime and Danny Wedding

Open Section

A. Review of Agenda

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

B. JCPMS

Drs. King, Leventhal and Rozensky are slated to talk to the representatives from Springer at the APA convention to finalize the relationship between JCPMS and AMSP. Dr. Leventhal requested that Dr. King draft a written proposal to submit to Springer prior to the meeting in order to facilitate the formalization of the relationship.

Dr. Leventhal informed the Board that Dr. Rozensky will dedicate a special section of JCPMS to articles generated from the AMSP presentations at APA rather than a special edition. This change was made because of the number of quality articles awaiting publication in JCPMS. However, the change also means that only selected AMSP presentations at APA will become publications. The Board discussed which presentations should be prioritized and concluded that the presentations of the award winners should be top priority and other presentations (e.g. IOM, salary) could be compressed into single articles. Dr. King discussed whether articles based on the AMSP presentations at APA should be published throughout the year in JCPMS rather than in a special section.

Dr. Tovian encouraged the Board to discuss fiscal issues with Springer regarding the need for an established billing cycle for JCPMS and a more rapid processing of payments.

C. Election Results

Although the newly elected Board members have been notified of the election results they have not yet been officially asked to participate as observers at the upcoming Board meeting at APA and on future phone conferences. Dr. Leventhal will send them a formal invitation to participate. As a follow-up to last month's teleconference the Board again discussed ways to encourage the individuals who ran for the Board but were not elected to remain active on the behalf of AMSP.

D. Name Change for AMSP

The Board discussed the recent exchange of additional e-mails regarding the proposed name change from AMSP to the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers received from members who are not on the list serve (prompted by a request for feedback from all current AMSP members). The impression of the Board remains that most members support a name change and that a vote should proceed.

Dr. Seime will be asked to draft a ballot for a change in by-laws that would give the Association a new name. Dr. Baker will set up a voting process on Zoomerang. Dr. Leventhal will send an e-mail to all members encouraging them to vote.

E. AMSP Activities at APA

Official Symposia offered by AMSP:

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 will also be encouraged to attend this event.

Other AMSP Activities at APA

Board Meeting. The Board meeting originally set for 7 p.m., Friday, August 19, 2005, (with dinner to follow) may be difficult for some members to attend. Therefore, Dr. Cubic will solicit information about possible alternative times to meet. If there is not a more feasible time, the original time will be kept.

AMSP Business Meeting. The Business meeting for the general membership will be at 3 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2005. Board members and newly elected Board members are encouraged to attend. At the business meeting Dr. Leventhal will give an overview of this year's major AMSP activities and objectives. To facilitate a group discussion, Dr. Cubic will draft an agenda outlining key areas where group feedback would be beneficial. Proposed themes include the potential name change, planning for the 2006 national conference, membership issues, involvement of students in the organization and any new initiatives the membership would like to focus on over the next year.

F. National Conference Planning

Dr. Seime continues to lead the Board in planning for the AMSP national conference set for September 7-9, 2006 in the Washington DC area. As Dr. Seime was not on the call, an in-depth discussion of the conference could not ensue but an earlier e-mail indicated that he and Drs. Scott Meit and Susan McDaniel would work on a program. Dr. Barry Hong will likely join in the planning process. The Board discussed the importance of an early announcement of the dates in order to allow psychologists to mark it on their calendars especially in light of the increasing demands being placed on the profession.

G. Allegheny General Hospital Update

Dr. Leventhal reminded the Board that he had sent a letter on behalf of AMSP regarding the issues at Allegheny General Hospital stating that psychologists have and should continue to serve in leadership positions within academic medicine based on qualifications.

H. Awards Committee

In order to allow for early planning Dr. Leventhal asked Dr. Zimet to continue to serve on the Awards Committee after his tenure on the Board. Other members of the awards committee will be chosen soon.

The next meeting of the Board will be Friday, August 19, 2005 at 7 p.m. during the American Psychological Association Convention.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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