



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
APAHC: The Voice of Psychology in Academic Health Centers
Formerly the Association of Medical School Psychologists (AMSP)

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

MINUTES of the November Phone Conference

Wednesday, November 2, 2005, 5:00-6:00 PM, ET

2005 Board Members Present: Jeff Baker, Cheryl King, 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)
Board Members Absent: Barbara Cubic, Steve Tovian

Open Section

A. Review of Agenda

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

B. Report on Treasurer's phone meeting

Dr. Smith and Ms. Peterson met by phone and had a productive discussion about how to transition the treasury duties to the new treasurer. Outgoing treasurer Dr. Tovian has sent Dr. Smith a number of documents and Dr. Smith plans to move the account to Mississippi in order to oversee it more effectively.

C. JCPMS and APAHC

There was discussion of the search for a new JCPMS Editor and it was noted that there is a dearth of viable candidates. Board members asked for support in making personal contacts with potential candidates and Dr. Leventhal will discuss the issue with Search Committee Chair Jack Carr. Dr. Carr will also be asked to take part in the next Board conference call.

It was agreed that it might be useful to formulate a pool of experienced potential Associate Editors so that candidates might feel more prepared in accepting the editorship position. Dr. Rozensky noted that the publisher is looking for candidates at the Associate level or above, with a history of publication, some editorial experience, and also someone with a broad health psychology orientation that fits with topics covered in JCPMS. The publisher retains veto power over Board recommendations.

Dr. Leventhal also presented an outline for creating a new standing APAHC committee to interface with the publisher (Springer) and JCPMS Editor. There was discussion of the name, functions, and membership of such a committee. Dr. Leventhal will provide a detailed draft proposal regarding these matters at the next conference call.

D. Work Group on Standing Research Committee

Drs. Leventhal, Wedding and Hong discussed the result of their conference call regarding a standing APAHC research committee. (See Step 1 of the attachment to these

minutes.) The proposal was approved unanimously. The group would be known as the APAHC Research Committee, with Drs. Wedding, Hong and Leventhal as members, and Dr. Leventhal serving as Chair. The Committee will meet again by phone, communicate by e-mail, and take steps to clarify the group's mission.

E. List Serve

Dr. Baker will change the name of the list serve to make it compatible with the Association's new name.

F. National Conference

The plans for the national conference were discussed. The conference planning group will hold 2 conference calls a month dedicated solely to the conference. Dr. Seime will spearhead and coordinate the effort. Dr. Wedding will join the planning group and Dr. Bill Robiner of the University of Minnesota has also volunteered to participate. Dr. Seime has identified one of his staff people to work with him at a cost of \$16 per hour.

A detailed budget for the conference is needed. Dr. Hong plans to develop an application to Jansen Pharmaceuticals for funds, but that can't be done until a comprehensive conference plan has been outlined. The Board noted that the conference needs themes that will attract participants, and that keynote speakers need to be identified. With regard to conference size, a maximum of 100 attendees seems appropriate. The Board also noted that the conference needs to appeal to the diversity of APAHC's members. Possible potential themes were discussed which generally centered around evidence based practice and ways for psychologists to partner with medicine, differentiate themselves for other disciplines, and thrive in academic health centers,

G. 2006 APA National Convention

Ms. Peterson reminded the Board that December 8th is the deadline for submitting our section's programs to the Div 12 program chair. Ms. Peterson will inform David Tolland that Dr. Linton is our program chair.

H. Transition issues

Incoming President Dr. King noted that her task as president will be to monitor and facilitate current Board initiatives. Dr. Leventhal noted the importance of developing a tradition of smooth transitions as we're doing this year which includes getting incoming officers involved prior to their official term.

The next phone conference will be Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 5 p.m. EST.

**Minutes were drafted by Gerald Leventhal, Ph.D., APAHC President
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PLAN FOR COLLABORATIVE STUDIES OF PHYSICIANS' VIEWS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS' ROLES IN MEDICAL SCHOOL SETTINGS

STEP 1. Form Research Unit within APAHC

1. Establish Standing APAHC Research Committee

A. Initial membership

- • Chair: Leventhal
- • Members: Hong, Wedding (& others)
- • Ex Officio member: APAHC President

B. Goals and Objectives

- Conduct studies of psychology and psychologists' roles in academic health centers
- Build on history of collaboration with APA Office of Research & Past Surveys of medical school psychologists
- Studies designed to identify psychology's status and new opportunities for psychologists' in medical schools & academic health centers
- Develop diverse models for integrating psychology into the structure of medical schools and academic health centers that are mutually advantageous to psychology, medicine, and other health disciplines

STEP 2. Establish Inter-organizational and Inter-Professional Collaborative Relationships as Necessary

A. Working relationship APA research partners

- Develop collaborative arrangements with APA Office of Research
- Obtain support from senior APA administrators

B. Working relationship with AAMC leaders and with physician affiliates of AAMC

- Obtain contact information for populations of academic physicians
- Survey Chairs of selected Medical School clinical departments, e.g., Chairs of family medicine, psychiatry, pediatrics, neurology, & others

STEP 3. Implement studies and publish results

A. Identify physician research collaborators

- Design questionnaire items suitable for physicians
- Physician collaborators receive co-authorships in publishing findings

B. Develop models for integrating psychology in academic medical settings

- Consistent with IOM goals of integrating behavioral science into medical education
- Consistent with psychologists' goals
- Consistent with the needs of various medical school clinical departments
- Encourage Physicians to become stakeholders in models we develop