



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

BOARD CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, April 12, 2006, 5:00-6:00 PM, ET

Minutes

Board Members Present: Jeff Baker, Barbara Cubic (who stepped off the call during the discussion regarding the JCPMS editorship), Barry Hong, Cheryl King, Jerry Leventhal, John Linton, Ron Rozensky, Patrick Smith, and Danny Wedding **Other Individuals on the Call:** Rick Seime (National Conference Chair for 2007) **Board Members Absent:** Lisa Opiari-Arrigan

Open Section

A. Review of Agenda

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

B. JCPMS

Editor Search

The JCPMS editor search was discussed without Dr. Cubic on the call because she is one of the nominees for the position. Dr. Rozensky discussed the editor search process and Dr. King forwarded a recommendation letter from Jack Carr to all Board members (except Dr. Cubic). The process involved a careful review of nominees' vitas and letters submitted by the candidates outlining their vision for the journal. Dr. Rozensky pointed out that Springer retains the right to make the final decision and that the APAHC is simply making a recommendation which will be taken under strong consideration. The Board noted that the final nominees were both strong candidates, then voted unanimously to nominate Dr. Cubic for the position. The decision was largely made on the diversity of her interest patterns and her vision for the journal.

Electronic Access

Dr. Leventhal continues to work with Springer to establish the most efficient manner for APAHC members to access JCPMS electronically.

C. Treasurer's Report

Member Stats/Dues payment update

To date there are 96 dues paying members for 2006. Dr. King indicated that she had sent out a recent e-mail to the list serve to prompt members to pay their dues and had a modest response. Dr. King indicated that she will send out an additional e-mail to paid members regarding a call for nominations for the Board elections and for the 2006 awards.

The Board decided to send a hard copy to all members who have not paid dues and Dr. King will follow-up three weeks later to send a reminder to individuals who have not paid their 2006 dues who are not on the list serve. Dr. King reminded the Board that they need to keep thinking about ways to enhance membership. Dr. Smith indicated that he had drafted a letter today to send to 22 individuals he identified that might be interested in becoming APAHC members. He indicated that he will forward a copy for the Board to review, revise, and potentially send to others.

Dr. Seime also highlighted that the 2007 conference could be viewed as a recruiting tool if marketed appropriately.

D. APAHC Election

Dr. King indicated that she has asked Dr. Cubic to forward a Call for Nominations. The positions up for election will be Secretary, Division 12 Representative, and Member-at-Large. Dr. King indicated that she will follow up with Dr. Opiari-Arrigan to determine whether she has vacated her position.

E. Awards Committee

Dr. Cubic has been asked to chair the Awards Committee. She indicated that the committee will consist of Drs. Robert Archer, Jeff Baker, Ann Streissguth and Carl Zimet. Nominees for the *Bud Orgel Award for Distinguished Achievement in Research* and *Ivan Mensh Award for Distinguished Achievement in Teaching* will be solicited from members and reviewed. The goal is to finalize decisions by June of 2006 and the awards will be given at APA in New Orleans.

F. APAHC Conference Plan

Dr. King indicated that she has finalized a contract with the Radisson Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the 2007 APAHC National Conference. In the contract APAHC has received a “great rate” and has committed to 50 rooms per night in order to receive the discounted room rental rate. The room rate will be extended for two nights before and two nights after the conference for those who want to attend the APA site visitors training or to stay in the area past the conference. There are also other hotels close by if additional rooms are needed and not available at the site

Dr. Robiner has followed up regarding Dr. Baker’s idea that APA Site Visitor Training be held the day before the conference and there is local interest. Dr. Seime has talked with Susan Zlotlow of APA about whether the training could be provided and she indicated that there could be both a senior chair and introductory workshop. If we pursue the idea APA will take care of details and will likely pre-register individuals to get a head count. APA would then work through APAHC to reimburse us for our costs. APAHC would need to make sure and book the space. Registrants for the APAHC conference would have priority to attend the site visitor training.

Dr. Smith is creating a working budget for the conference. The Board discussed an anticipated break even point and what registration fees would be needed. The Board also reviewed a tentative timeline regarding actions steps needed.

Drs. Seime and Robiner are finalizing the details about holding a reception at the University of Minnesota on Thursday or Friday and checking with the institution about support. The plan is for the conference to end noon Saturday. Personal invitations will be sent to members of APAHC and the conference will also be marketed to others who might be interested. The goal is for the conference to be highly interactive.

Dr. Seime indicated that the program committee needs to identify who our plenary speakers will be or the main topics and then match speakers to topics. He indicated that the President of the University of Minnesota is a psychologist and there are several other local talented psychologists he could invite. He will have a separate conference call with his planning committee to move things forward.

The next phone conference call will be held on May 10, 2006, 5:00-6:00 EST.

Respectfully submitted:

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