



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
BOARD CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, March 8, 2006, 5:00-6:00 PM, EST

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Jeff Baker, Barry Hong, Cheryl King, Jerry Leventhal, John Linton, Patrick Smith and Danny Wedding

Other Individuals on the Call: Guest: Bill Robiner (Assisting with the National Conference for 2007)

Board Members Absent: Barbara Cubic, Lisa Opiari-Arrigan, Ron Rozensky, Rick Seime

Open Section

A. Review of Agenda

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

B. Report from Treasurer, Administrative Director

Dr. Smith reported that there are only 43 members paid – but this represents only checks mailed to him. Others joined on line using a credit card but since Ms. Peterson wasn't on the line the exact number of paid members at this time is unclear. The Board expressed a concern about a perceived decline in paid members and indicated a need to identify those who have not renewed to encourage them to do so. Dr. King indicated that she will get a list of non-payers and pursue one or more renewal strategies (i.e. contacted all non-payers or have each Board member personally write several non-renewers). Dr. Leventhal underscored the need to have a systematic process of soliciting dues especially since we have moved to an electronic process.

C. Annual Report

Dr. Leventhal indicated that he will send copies of the annual report to each of the Board members as soon as it is finalized.

D. JCPMS

The Board discussed the search process for a new editor for JCPMS. Dr. Cubic was not on the call as she has applied for the position. Dr. Leventhal reported that the JCPMS search committee would have a conference call at end of this month with a plan that recommendations from selection committee be made to board by the first week in April. Dr. Leventhal indicated that he would also contact the candidates for the position to update them on the process.

E. Research Committee

Dr. Leventhal indicated that the research committee had nothing new to report on the survey of physicians. Dr. King reported on the postdoctoral survey sponsored by CCTC and indicated that APA wants the survey redrafted and that APAHC could possibly co-sponsor the postdoctoral survey.

F. National Conference

Dr. Robiner was on the call to discuss the status of the conference planning as Dr. Seime was unavailable. He indicated that the conference dates have been finalized as 5/3/07 – 5/6/07. APAHC has a draft contract from the Minneapolis Hotel which will charge \$105 per night per room/plus conference room charges. Efforts are being made to see if the University of Minnesota Campus club could be a possible site for a Thursday reception. Funding possibilities for the conference are being explored with the publisher of the MMPI, pharmaceutical companies, etc. Dr. Hong indicated that he can more actively seek financial support for the conference once a more solid program is set.

Currently, it appears that the conference fee would need to be set at about \$200 to achieve a break-even point but this will need to be determined once costs are clearer and we understand how many attendees must attend to assure no financial loss. Board members discussed the importance of having speakers bring LCD projectors and other AV needs to cut costs.

Dr. Linton proposed an alternate format along the lines of the AMSP conference held previously in Georgetown which would involve a mix of plenary presentations with work-group breakouts. Attendees would be invited. There would be a task agenda for each work group (e.g., research, clinical, teaching, governance, or more than one work group within each of these areas). The Board supported this idea as it would allow the conference to involve active problem solving and yield a final product, e.g., publications.

The next phone conference call will be held on April 12, 2006 5:00-6:00 EST.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Cubic, Ph.D., APAHC Secretary

(notes taken by Jerry Leventhal in my absence)