



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

The Voice of Psychology in Academic Health Centers

APAHC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 4th, 2016 5:00 P.M. EST

Present on the call: Drs., Catherine Schuman, Ron Brown, Zeeshan Butt, Gerald Leventhal, Laura Shaffer, and Amit Shahane

1. **Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes** – December meeting minutes were approved.
2. **President's Report:** (Dr. Schuman)
 - a. *Endorsement letter* (Dr. Zeeshan Butt) – Dr. Butt asked the board to write a letter of endorsement for Dr. Tovian for nomination on the board for the Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP). The board members all agreed with the endorsement of Dr. Tovian, and Dr. Butt kindly agreed to draft the letter of endorsement.
 - b. *Develop board plan/goals for the next year* – Dr. Schuman asked the board to consider developing goals for the upcoming year.
 1. Drs. Shaffer and Schuman suggested creating an officer manual complete with organizational calendar that coincides with specific job duties for officers and committees.
 2. Develop increased programming/outreach for early and mid-career faculty. The board noted examples such as Dr. D'Angelo's development of a mid-career bootcamp for the next APAHC Conference. Also discussed was offering more mentoring services and webinars.
 3. The Board also discussed initial feasibility for APAHC to become an APA division. Discussion involved: (a) identifying the requirements in becoming an APA division (e.g., percentage of membership and petition), (b) Benefits of Division status, and (c) the impact of potential division status on the culture of APAHC.
 4. Dr. Leventhal suggested integrating policy changes to clarify the role of the JCPMS editor and better integrate the journal. Dr. Leventhal agreed to draft the proposed policy changes.
 5. Dr. Butt suggested growing membership and increasing outreach within institutions. He also encouraged the development and use of a survey to assess the needs of our APAHC membership. A possible role for the APAHC Research Committee (RC) was discussed. Dr. Leventhal will discuss this possibility with RC members.

Treasurer's report: (Dr. Shahane)

The current financial report is as follows: Dr. Shahane reported that he will email the final financial report (2015 budget and taxes) to the board prior to January 8th, 2016. The current financial report is as follows:

Checking Account:	\$34,536.06
Savings Account:	\$10,054.35
<u>Tribute Fund:</u>	<u>\$ 2,201.42</u>
Total	\$ 46,791.83

Updates from our committees:

- A. **Publications and Communications:** (Drs. Gonzalez and Leventhal)
 - i. *JCPMS:* Dr. Leventhal reported that Drs. Cash and Tran would be guest co-editors for an upcoming JCPMS Special Issue consisting of invited papers from seven APAHC Award Recipients (within the past three years). He also reported that another JCPMS Special Issue is being implemented. That second Special Issue has a dual theme: psychologists' participation in AAMC-related activities; and psychologists' roles in AHC governance. Dr.

Darryl Kirsch will contribute to the special issue by submitting an updated version of his 2014 APA presentation on the role of psychology in the health services system. Drs. LaPaglia, Cubic, Smith, and Schmaling will also contribute to the special issue. Dr. Leventhal also discussed a well-developed plan for mentorship in reviewer-skills training for APAHC student members in collaboration with the Journal.

- B. **Research Committee:** (Dr. Yozwiak and Leventhal) – Dr. Leventhal reported on the an online survey conducted in collaboration with the APA-Center for Workforce Studies in which the research committee added questions on integrated care and interdisciplinary teams in different types of clinical work settings. The Committee also submitted a research poster for the annual AAMC Health Workforce Conference and is anticipating preparing a manuscript describes who AHC psychologists work with and collaborate.
- C. **Health Disparities Committee:** (Dr. Breland-Noble): Dr. Leventhal reported that the he and Dr. Breland-Noble working on developing a special issue of JCPMS that focuses on diversity issues. More details to follow soon!

New Business: Next Board call will be on February 1st, 2016, 5:00 pm E.S.T. (800-977-8002; participant code 778748#)