

Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

The Voice of Psychology in Academic Health Centers

APAHC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 6th, 2014 5:00 P.M. EST

Present on the call: Drs. Ron Brown, Zeeshan Butt, Barbara Cubic, Kim Dixon, Donna LaPaglia, Gerald Leventhal, Melissa Moore, Catherine Schuman, Amit Shahane, Patrick Smith, John Wryobeck

- 1. Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes (Dr. LaPaglia)
- 2. President's Report: (Dr. Brown)
 - a. There was no formal President's report as this was Dr. Brown's first official call; however he did wish to review the two student representative applications. Board members felt that the candidate with health psychology experience would be an asset to APAHC. In addition, Dr. Brown revisited the question "what can we *invest in* for our membership?" Several ideas were discussed: 1.The creation of a new initiative to benefit APAHC members; 2. a plan to increase APAHC membership; 3. setting up an honorarium for conference speakers. He asked board members to think about these suggestions as well as to come up additional ideas to share on the next board call.
 - b. Dr. Schuman reviewed the plans for APAHC programming at APA for the 2014 conference. Dr. Darrell Kirch, President and CEO of the AAMC will speak on the role of psychologists in medical education, and Dr. Bob Archer, 2012 APAHC award winner, will present on past and future trends of testing in academic health centers. The time of these presentations is still to be determined.
 - c. Dr. Cubic reported on the Division 12 initiative to partner with the sections to CE programming. Each section will be responsible to put together a session complete with topic and presenter. Dr. Cubic asked the board to think of possible topics for future programming.
- 3. Treasurer's report: (Dr. Dixon)

The financial report is as follows:

Checking: \$34,524.50
Savings: \$10,046.90
Tribute Fund: \$2,199.79
Total: \$46,771.19

Dr. Dixon reported that APAHC's taxes were submitted to the IRS. She next announced that she will be resigning from the board due to being nominated president of Division 38. She proposed that Dr. Amit Shahane take over as interim treasurer and that his name, along with Dr. Brown's, is added as a cosigner to the APAHC bank account (Wells Fargo) and credit card. Dr. Dixon offered to orient Dr. Shahane to the position. Board members congratulated her on her new role and confirmed the plan.

Updates from our committees:

- A. Publications and Communications: (Drs. Moore and Leventhal)
 - i. Grand Rounds: Dr. Melissa Moore asked Dr. Brown if he wished to write the President's column, a biannual (fall/spring) column that Dr. Cubic wrote. He indicated his interest in continuing this practice. Dr. Moore reported that Dr. Zeeshan Butt is the guest editor for the next issue of the newsletter on Technology.
 - ii. JCPMS: Dr. Leventhal reported that the journal received 160 submissions last year, with a 55% rejection rate. He proposed the idea of students as reviewers— "reviewers in training". This idea will be explored further.

B. Conference Committee: (Drs. Shahane and Schaffer)

Dr. Shahane reported that they are solidifying the program. He indicated that the committee is utilizing the feedback from the last conference for planning. Dr. Shahane will reach out to Dr. Brown and others regarding speaker ideas.

C. Research Committee: Dr. Leventhal

Dr. Leventhal reported that the committee has been very productive. The committee submitted a paper to the Journal of Academic Medicine titled *The Shortage of Medical Residency Positions: Lessons from the Supply Demand Imbalance in Doctoral Psychology Internships.* In addition, the committee prepared a poster abstract for submission to the AAMC 2014 Workforce Conference.

4. **New Business:** No new business

Next APAHC Board Conference Call: February 3, 2014

Respectfully submitted by: Donna LaPaglia, Psy.D.