



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

The Voice of Psychology in Academic Health Centers

APAHC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 3rd, 2014 5:00 P.M. EST

Present on the call: Drs. Cynthia Belar, Sharon Berry, Cheryl Brosig-Soto, Ron Brown, Zeeshan Butt, Barbara Cubic, Laura Daniels, Kelly Foran-Tuller, Donna LaPaglia, Gerald Leventhal, Catherine Schuman, Amit Shahane, John Wryobeck

1. **Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes** -January(Dr. Brown)
2. **President's Report:** (Dr. Brown)
 - a. **Conference Call update:** Dr. Brown reported that board members wish to keep the monthly call at 5:00 pm eastern standard time, and that we will work towards possibly making the calls shorter by having committee reports every other month. This proposal will be explored in future calls.
 - b. **Student Rep Position:** Dr. Brown introduced board members to Ms. Laura Daniels, our new student rep for APAHC. Two issues were discussed as it relates to the Student Rep Position: 1. Dr. Schuman recommended to the board that the board pay for a travel stipend for the APAHC Student Rep to attend the APA conference and the APAHC every other year conference expenses up to \$1200. Drs. Brown and Berry suggested that we cover up to \$1500 for a travel stipend in case expenses run higher than \$1200. The Student Rep would submit all travel receipts and appropriate APA documentation. 2. Dr. Brown recommended that the Student Rep be responsible for putting together a student group which will act a pipeline for increased APAHC membership, provide opportunities for mentoring, and form a student "community". Dr. Brown asked Laura to follow up with a student member-David Moore who is looking for APAHC involvement, as her first order of business. Dr. Wryobeck will furnish Laura with two lists-the first list includes all paid student members (18), and the second list includes unpaid student members (14), of which she may be able to help re-engage.
 - c. **APAHC programming at APA for the 2014 conference:** Nothing new to report
 - d. **Division 12-** Dr. Berry reported on several Div. 12 announcements: 1. There were changes to division programming for 2014, with the expectation for interdivisional programming and collaboration. It is anticipated that hours will be reduced further for 2015, at which time Division 12 is likely to reduce hours for the Sections, with a tentative plan to allow each section One hour but have other hours available in the Hospitality Suite and with interdivisional programming. This is a universal cut across APA and divisions. The idea behind the decrease is to encourage section collaboration for programming and to make the convention more manageable for all in attendance; 2. There will be a Division 12 Hospitality Suite at APA 2014 which can be used for section programming; details will follow as we have them; 3. The section on Women would like to discuss partnering with APAHC. Dr. Berry sent an email to board members with details. Dr. Berry will initiate an introduction for Dr. Schuman who indicated interest; 4. Division 12 programming is looking to consolidate hours in an effort to create two and four hour presentations, with scientific basis; 5. Division 12 is looking to increase membership. She reminded the board that 50% of APAHC members need to also be members of Division 12. Dr. Wryobeck is monitoring this; 6. Division 12 is also looking to invigorate its awards ceremony and the connections between sections; 7. Division 12 is planning to host their first conference in either 2015 or 2015 which will be a vehicle for APAHC to participate in more national programming opportunities.

3. **Treasurer's report:** (Dr. Shahane)
The financial report is as follows:
Checking: \$36,671.59
Savings: \$10,047.33
Tribute Fund: \$2,199.88
Total: \$48,918.80

Updates from our committees:

- A. **Publications and Communications:** (Drs. Moore and Leventhal)
i. Grand Rounds: No new report
ii. JCPMS: No new report
- B. **Conference Committee:** (Dr. Shahane)
Dr. Shahane reported that Dr. Nadine Kaslow agreed to be the keynote speaker at the APAHC Conference. She has also recommended other speakers for the conference that Dr. Shahane will follow up with.
- C. **Research Committee:** (Dr. Leventhal)
No new report
- D. **Membership Committee:** (Dr. Wryobeck)
Dr. Wryobeck reported that APAHC has 200 current paid members. He does an annual membership email reaching out to unpaid members (49) every February. He indicated that approximately 10% of members do not renew due to retirements, job changes, or because the emails are not current. Drs. Leventhal and Cubic indicated that APAHC membership is at a high up from 119 just four years ago. Dr. Brown suggested that we may want to offer one year of free membership to increase membership numbers. Dr. Butt suggested that we may want to first set a *membership goal*, a number that we work towards and measure ourselves against in a years' time. Division 38 has 3000 members. Dr. Belar indicated that there are roughly 3000 total psychologists working in academic medical centers. Dr. Wryobeck shared feedback from members indicating that they appreciate the 'small' size of APAHC as creates excellent networking opportunities, strong mentorship from senior leaders, and opportunities for advancement. Even with the benefits of a small, strong organization, APAHC can work to gain increased membership. Dr. Cubic suggested that we may want to think about our "elevator speech", defining what is unique about APAHC and how we differ from Division 38. Dr. Brown agreed and suggested that we continue to work on an APAHC branding strategy to coincide with our new social media efforts over the next year.
- E. **Awards Committee:** (Dr. Cubic)
Dr. Cubic has spoken with past award winners and other APAHC members about participating on the awards committee. She will finalize committee membership and send out an email requesting nominations for the APAHC awards.
On a separate awards note-Dr. Shahane publicly congratulated Dr. Butt for winning the prestigious presidential citation for his leadership and scholarly contributions related to clinical health psychology.

4. New Business: No new business

Next APAHC Board Conference Call: **March 3, 2014**

Respectfully submitted by: Donna LaPaglia, Psy.D.