

Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
APA Conference
San Francisco (Marriott; Division 12 Suite)

Friday, August 17, 2007, 3:00-5:00 PM

Minutes

1. Welcome/Roll Call

2007 Board Members Present: Cheryl King, John Linton, Jerry Leventhal, Patrick Smith, Elena Reyes, Ron Brown, John Robinson, Barry Hong,

Other Individuals Present: Lynn Peterson (Administrative Officer), Kitty Sanders (Chair, Membership Committee), Bill Robiner (Co-Chair, APAHC 2007 Conference; President-Elect term begins Jan.1, 2008), Rick Seime (Co-Chair, APAHC 2007, Conference), Members: Jeff Baker, Danny Wedding, Dave Martin

Absent: Barbara Cubic (JCPMS editor; ex officio member), Tracey LeDoux, Richard Handel, Anna Churhansen (Advisor to President)

Dr. King congratulated and welcomed the new President –Elect, Bill Robiner. She reported that Dr Robert Klepac (President-Elect candidate) will continue to be involved with APAHC.

2. Review/Approve Minutes: July Conference Call

July minutes approved with corrections.

3. Membership Committee:

Dr. King welcomed Kitty as the new Chair of the Membership Committee. A discussion of possible initiatives to promote membership followed. Dr. Hong who is Chair of Div 12 Membership reported that Div 12 will be starting an initiative to recruit professors that train health psychologists. Dr. King suggested 1 year of free membership for student members. Dr. Robinson noted that APA's Membership Committee had tried the free years for students and without positive results. Dr. Hong suggested development a Research Practice Network where members would contribute cases that follow some protocol. It could be developed into a study group. Dr. Robiner suggested free membership for the 1st 2years of work at an AHC. Dr. Robinson wondered if going to an electronic journal may result in lost membership. Dr. King suggested inviting people who recently published in journals on relevant topics. Dr. Hong suggested we target international members. Dr. Robinson commented that we need to target recruitment, engagement and retention and suggested we answer the query "What do you get for your dues (which are currently \$65). Dr. Martin noted that there are two important changes nationally that will be affecting AHC's and APAHC should consider these when recruiting: 1) Center for Medicare changes in reimbursement for assessment and 2) changes in the health and behavior code and how to integrate training and academic issues regarding these changes. Dr. Brown suggested that APAHC publish a book about

working in AHC's. Dr. Reyes suggested APAHC can be a resource center for issues of teaching medical students. Dr. King suggested salary and billing issues. She also noted the possibility of increasing membership and decreasing dues. Dr. Linton emphasized that we need to think about what the organization has to offer new members. Dr.

Leventhal wants to explore issues around medical education.

Action Plan: Minutes will reflect the ideas discussed so they be reviewed and pursued by Dr. Sanders.

4. Candidates for Office:

Dr. King informed the group that candidates for APA offices are requesting to be able to campaign through our organization. Ms. Peterson reminded the attendees that Div 12 rules state that the Board cannot endorse a candidate. Dr. Hong suggested that if they are members of the organization, perhaps they can post on the Listserv. However, Dr. Linton objected to this because it appears too political. Dr. Hong agreed and withdrew his suggestion. Dr. King suggested that APAHC could pose questions for all candidates and we would post their responses. A general discussion of pros and cons of having candidates use the listserv.

Dr. Handel moved that consistent with Div 12 policy, APAHC not endorse candidates for APA offices. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Dr. Leventhal moved that APAHC adapt Div 12 policy decisions with respect to all political campaigning and related matters. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. Officer's Manual:

Dr. King wants to construct an officer's manual. This task was started in the past but never completed. The last draft available is from Summer 2004. The manual should include a timeline of the activities and policies of the organization.

6. Board Member Reports

-APA Conference – Dr. Linton reported that two of APAHC's presentations are at competing times. Next year Div 12 will need to be notified that we can't have this conflict. Ms. Peterson suggested that APAHC use the same name for each presentation in order to avoid the conflict. APAHC tradition is for President – Elect to be program Chair for APA convention. Dr. Hong is now on the committee that will be suggesting speakers for next year.

Action Plan: Brainstorm regarding suggestions for next year's APA program.

-Research Committee – Dr. Leventhal reported that there will be a meeting on Sunday at 4:00 pm with the Center for Workforce Studies of APA to continue work on the survey.

-Treasurer's Report – Dr. Smith reported that the organization's current balance is \$19,000. The bank used by APAHC recently updated the web-based banking services and now allows 2 more users. Drs. King and Leventhal currently have signature authority.

- Division 12 Liason – Dr. Brown reported that he will attend the meeting in Tucson in two weeks. He will report to the division the membership decrease

issue. Bill Robiner will be prominently featured in the September newsletter that is sent to 4,000 members.

-CAS Update – Drs. Linton and Hong reported that a group of prescribing psychologists are seeking from APA Council that the term “medical psychologist” be used to designate psychologists who prescribe. Div 38 wants the support of APAHC in opposing this term. There has been a battle between the Committee for Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) and academic psychologists. CAPP regards this terminology as a practice issue. Of interest to APAHC is that Council will consider this on Sunday and it could become APA policy. Dr. Brown moved that we oppose use of the term “medical psychologist” as the term to be used in the model license for prescribing psychologists. Dr. Linton seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Action Plan: Dr. Hong will represent APAHC’s Board position.

-Publications – Dr. Leventhal reported that masthead change for journal is still under discussion. There will be a meeting Saturday at Noon of Janice Stearns (representative from Springer) and Drs. King, Leventhal, and Linton. They will discuss any potential interest in supporting an APAHC primer along with discussing current financial arrangements.

7. New Business: Next National Conference

A member noted that it would be expensive to have the conference at the same time and place as the AAMC annual meeting. There was a discussion of overall issues involved with possible locations. The survey completed by the conference attendees had a number of different cities suggested. It was agreed by all that leaders need to be identified quickly and they are to be involved with the decision of the site. It was noted that Barbara Cubic did in the past volunteer to be involved.

Action Plan: Identify leaders and program chairs.

Announcement:

Dr. King reminded attendees of Board dinner immediately following this meeting at Annabelle’s Restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Next Meeting: Conference call Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:00 – 6:00 pm EST

Respectfully submitted:

Elena Reyes, PhD, APAHC Secretary