



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

BOARD CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 5:15-6:00 PM, ET

Minutes

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

Other Individuals on the Call: Rick Seime (2007 APAHC Conference Chair), Bill Robiner (2007 APAHC Conference Chair), Barbara Cubic (JCPMS editor), Lynn Peterson, [\(Administrator\)](#), Jeff Baker (Webmaster)

1. Welcome/Roll Call

Dr King called [the meeting](#) to order at 5:15 pm and roll call was taken. Dr. King thanked Dr. Reyes for updating the APAHC letterhead and for sending out the call for nominations for President-elect.

2. Call for Nominations for President-Elect

No nominations have been received. Several possible nominees were suggested (Drs Baker, Robiner, Rozensky). Dr. King will inquire about their interest. Dr Reyes will post the call to the listserv again highlighting the deadline of February 20th.

3. Awards Committee

Dr Handel agreed to Chair the committee. Committee members: Drs Robinson, Cubic, Leventhal. Dr. Handel will send out announcement for nominees.

4. Website Report

Dr King stated that Dr Jeff Baker has agreed to maintain the website until after the conference. He has done a great deal of work and we need to identify a new person beginning in May. There is a low time demand for this task (although it has increased with the upcoming conference). A simple program is used. Dr Baker is willing to help during the transition. The functions of the webmaster are: 1) to keep the website updated; 2) monitor the Listserv; 3) run on-line balloting. It involves approximately 10 hrs per month. There is a possibility of splitting off the task of running the Listserv.

5. Treasurer's Report

Dr Smith reported no change / news. We have approximately \$14,000 in checking account. He and Ms Peterson agreed to have conference money going directly to him rather than through Accu-conference billing in order to cut costs.

6. Division 12 Liaison Issues

Dr Brown reported that he attended the meeting in Seattle. Some issues that came up: Sections are not reporting their membership. Our section was on time. Membership in the Division is declining (retiring baby boomers). Sections are encouraged to increase section membership as this will increase Division membership as well. Dr Hong discussed the possibility of increasing sections and attracting young members. The loss of the child section has contributed to the membership decline for the Division. Dr King inquired about availability of data describing the demographics of membership. Dr Hong reported that the Division never recovered from the loss of the child section. There are some sections that have members who are not APA members. Pros and cons about this were discussed including the advantage of having people who feel disenfranchised from APA join a section. Dr King recalled previous data showing membership of Division 12 being older than other Divisions and wondered whether that was also true for APAHC. Data was not available to answer this.

7. CAS Update

Dr Hong pointed out that our section is the only conduit to organized medicine. APA has no links. Dr King reminded group that there had been a discussion of inviting Dr. Cynthia Belar (Council member) to represent the Section when Dr Hong rotates off. Dr Rick Seime has also been representing APAHC and it would be important to maintain continuity. Dr Hong would like to stay for another year or two. Dr Hong pointed out that Dr Belar would be a good choice because she could serve as a conduit to APA. Expenses have become an issue. Dr. Smith suggested that APAHC could contribute financially to the expenses involved in AAMC representation. He requested a fiscal statement to assess costs for this activity. Dr King requested the statement from Dr Hong. Costs along with term length will be discussed during the next meeting. Dr. Hong reported that he will be attending the Spring meeting of the Council of Academic Societies where the upcoming physician shortage will be discussed.

8. Publications Committee/JCPMS

Dr Barbara Cubic (JCPMS editor) reported that the entire March issue is online. Electronic Manager System is up and running. She is working on the June issue. There is no official notice from APA legal office as to whether we met criteria as an “official” organization, so calling it “affiliated” pending final word from APA.

9. Research Committee / Salary Survey

Item differed to next meeting due to need to discuss conference.

10. New Business

None discussed.

11. APAHC 2007 National Conference

Dr Robiner reported that he sent out PDF of preliminary program . So far the registration is not what we would like it to be. As of today there are 12 registrations and 2 poster submissions. Deadline is March 1st – suggested sending a follow-up announcement with extended deadline. Based on anecdotal reports, it appears that the number of attendees estimated (80-100) might be exceeded. Travel budget restrictions across the country may be impacting the number of attendees registering. Dr. King pointed out that choosing menu has an impact on costs and inquired as to deadline for this. Dr Robiner did not have this information but he and Dr Seime will be meeting at with the hotel personnel

this coming Saturday to discuss this. The hotel has also been contacted regarding reserving a larger room that will accommodate a reception with posters exhibit. Confirmation has not been received. Dr Robiner emphasized that we just need to keep getting the word out and encouraging people to register. There may be some other conferences scheduled which may compete for attendees (e.g. Eating Disorders Conference and APAIC conference). APAIC registration are also reportedly low. Dr Hong reported that he has contacted some funding sources but none have been confirmed. Dr. King suggested that we discuss further the financial aspects of this conference at the next meeting and that we start discussion at 5:15. Dr Seime agreed to this time.

Last announcements: Dr Hong requested suggestions of other drug companies or other potential sponsors. He will send letters. Congratulations were extended to Dr John Robinson for winning the Stanley Sue Award.

The next Conference Call will be Wednesday, March 14th, 5:00-6:00 pm Eastern

Respectfully submitted:

Elena Reyes, PhD, APAHC Secretary