

Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

BOARD CONFERENCE CALL

Monday, March 3, 2008, 5:00-6:00 PM, ET

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Minutes

1. Welcome/Roll Call

2007 Board Members Present: John Linton, Kimberly McClanahan, Cheryl King, Bill Robiner, Ron Brown, Patrick Smith, John Robinson

Other Individuals Present: Barbara Cubic (JCPMS editor; ex officio member) Bob Klepac (APAHC 2009 Conference co-chair)

Absent: Rick Handel, Barry Hong, Tracy LeDoux, Anna Churleson (Senior Advisor to the President)

2. Review/Approve Minutes from February Board Meeting

Minutes were not available for review from the February Board meeting.

3. President's Report

Update on 2009 National Conference Co-chairs:

Dr. Linton welcomed Dr. Bob Klepac to the call and thanked Dr. Klepac for agreeing to co-chair the 2009 APAHC national conference.

Dr. Linton also noted that he intends to call Dr. Kim Dixon, currently at Eastern Carolina Medical School, to join Dr. Klepac as co-chair. Dr. Linton provided some details of Dr. Dixon's background and suitability to serve as co-chair. No one had suggestions of other co-chairs should Dr. Dixon decline the offer.

Dr. Klepac will be responsible for content, and Dr. Dixon, if she agrees, will be responsible for arrangements.

A third person, as yet unnamed, may be considered for local area arrangements depending upon where the meeting is held.

4. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Smith reported that APAHC has \$21,837.60 in a checking account, and \$2,773.58 in a money market fund. He thanked everyone who did the fantastic work at the conference. He also thanked Lynn Peterson for getting out membership information and noted that those people who are working for the Section on a day-to-day basis are the ones who make the dollars come in regularly. Dr. Smith was asked how many members APAHC currently has, and he estimated it to be approximately 80.

APA Conference Program Report

Dr. Robiner reported that Herbert Bensen, M.D. will speak between 8 and 10 am on Friday at the convention. APA had also wanted Dr. Bensen to do a plenary session, but Dr. Bensen chose to speak only once. Unfortunately, the early morning timeframe could not be changed. It was suggested that Dr. Bensen's presentation be well-publicized to increase attendance. It was suggested that Candy Won may be able to help with publicity. It was also suggested that the database that has been used to invite interested people to other functions could be utilized again to let people know about the Bensen presentation.

Dr. Robiner also reported that Ron Abeles is speaking on Friday; he believes it is from 4-5 pm, and the Awards Ceremony is from 5-5:50. He will verify these times.

6. JCPMS Report

Dr. Linton reported that the March issue of the journal is complete and looks wonderful.

Publication Committee:

Dr. King reported that she and Drs. Smith and Leventhal had a conference call last week about the primer. Dr. Brown was unable to participate on the call.

She reported that the goal of the book is becoming more focused with one objective; they discussed a specific audience, early career professionals, and want to look at focusing the book on tips as to how to advance their careers in their setting and to set up a mentorship team. The overriding goal would be to contribute to the field with a secondary goal of possible adding new members to APAHC

They are considering 300 double-spaced pages with a shelf life of five years. The style would be practical and evidence based. Dr. Linton reported that he was glad to see that some clinical lore will be kept in the book.

Dr. Brown discussed how the book needs to be presented to the publisher, but he expressed concerns that a publisher will not publish the size of book being considered. Discussion also ensued regarding who will do the writing and who will head the project. Dr. Brown stated that he and Dr. Leventhal are doing to speak about it again at the end of the month.

Dr. King stated that she thought Dr. Brown might take the lead on the book. Dr. Smith agreed that Dr. Brown might be the appropriate leader.

The next step is for some people on the committee to put together a brief proposal and shop it around and get a publisher. They are not considering an edited book at this point.

Dr. Brown thought it should be a short book like Dr. Belar's and everyone could be an author.

Dr. King moved that Dr. Brown would go forward with his ideas to get this started. He stated that Guilford or Springer might publish it, if it's short.

Dr. Linton wondered if setting aside time at the convention would be a good idea to continue discussion.

Dr. Brown stated that he is willing to do the beginning stages, and Dr. Robiner suggested some helpful people, such as Danny Wedding.

Dr. Brown said that he will continue to think about it, review Dr. Belar's book, and report back to the Board.

10. APAHC National Conference

Dr. Linton reported that the current thinking is that the 2009 Conference will be in Houston, TX sometime in October, 2009. Dr. Linton suggested that the first three weeks in October be considered as possible options.

A final site was not agreed upon, and Dr. Brown suggested that other cities, such as Washington, D. C., Seattle, Chicago, San Antonio, or Charleston, SC might produce a larger turn-out than Houston.

Dr. Klepac had several questions about the 2007 conference and how it was run. He had also prepared a written list of questions for the Board to consider; the Board members had these questions in hand during the discussion.

The format and content of the 2007 convention was discussed in some detail. Major points considered were:

Conference is very focused and does not include a lot of time for sightseeing
At the 2007 conference, APA did a site visitors' training workshop the first day and that took up most of the day.

The conference continued all of Friday and until 2:00 pm on Saturday
Discussion of poster sessions and their relevance and importance to the conference. A number of points were made about poster sessions, including the need for productivity at a conference to ensure travel money from one's place of work to attend it, consideration of whether poster sessions might be best replaced by short presentations, i.e., about 15 minutes, and the need for continued discussion about how to best address this issue.

Drs. Linton and Robiner discussed whether or not tracks had been a helpful way to organize the 2007 conference. Dr. Robiner had mixed feelings because there were sometimes a couple of different presentations occurring simultaneously that he would have liked to attend. Also, the content in each of the three tracks was sometimes overlapping.

Dr. Linton expressed that the conference must maintain sight of the academic health center and how such a conference helps those working in such centers. For example, how does a psychologist do his/her specialty in an academic health center? He suggested that the focus needs to be the unique situation of working in an academic health center regardless of the derivation.

It was pointed out that the evaluation from the 2007 conference were fabulous. As a part of that discussion, the question was asked as to whether the conference should become a really big one, or is part of its point to allow people a small venue in which to network and get to know each other?

It was suggested that a tour of the medical center be scheduled at the end of the conference so that participants will remain until the end. If in Houston, Dr. Bray might be able to arrange a reception subsequent to the tour.

Dr. Klepac stated that he needs to look at the brochure from the 2007 conference and the Board needs to look more closely at his questions. The discussion will continue at our next conference call.

11. New Business

No new business was discussed.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: Monday, April 7, 2008 5:00 – 6:00 pm, EST

Respectfully submitted:

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