

Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
BOARD CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 5:00-6:00 PM, ET

Minutes

1. Welcome/Roll Call

2007 Board Members Present: Cheryl King, , Jerry Leventhal, Elena Reyes, Ron Brown, , Barry Hong, Rick Handel

Other Individuals Present: Lynn Peterson (Administrative Officer), Kitty Sanders (Chair, Membership Committee), Tracey LeDoux (Student Representative), Anna Churhansen (Advisor to President), Barbara Cubic (JCPMS editor; ex officio member), Chris Merchant (Webmaster)

Absent: John Linton, John Robinson, Patrick Smith

2. Review/Approve Minutes from August Board Meeting

Minutes were not available for review. Defer approval to next meeting.

3. Revision/Development of APAHC Policies and Procedures Manual

Dr. King would like to update the policy and procedures manual. This will facilitate officer transitions. This project was started a couple of years ago and needs to be completed. Dr. King suggested each Board member write 1 – 2 paragraphs describing their respective roles.

Action Plan: Board members will send their descriptions to Dr. King by the end of the first week in October including any associated appendices.

4. Board Member Reports

- Research Committee, APA/APAHC Survey

Dr. Leventhal reported that he and Dr. King met with Bill Pate from APA during the APA conference. Bill reported that more time is needed to design the workforce survey well. They are planning to launch the survey online in 2009. It was noted that 6 year interval is a long time between surveys for salary data. They will attempt to identify data basis outside of APA and AAMC but this can be difficult. Suggestions were to possibly tap VA hospitals and DO schools.

Action Plan: Keep this issue on the agenda.

- Treasurer's Report

Dr. Smith was not present due to an emergency. He updated the Board on 9/13/07 via email with a brief update:

- ❖ *Dr. King and Dr. Linton have been added to the banking system and arrangements have been made for all membership income (initial and renewals) to first go to Ms. Peterson's office for record keeping with checks forwarded to Dr. Smith for deposit.*

- Division 12 Liaison

Dr. Robinson was not available for a report.

- CAS Update and APA/APAHC/CAS Initiatives

Dr. Hong reported that Cynthia Belar has lobbied APA to join the Association of Academic Health Centers and be a part of a Leadership Conference for education in Academic Health Centers

- Publications Committee/JCPMS

The Clinical Psychologist column will be out. Proofs are fine.

Dr. Leventhal reported that he and Drs. King and Linton met with Janice Stern, Springer representative at the Springer Booth during the APA conference. In response to the query regarding the possibility of increased funding for APAHC, two ideas were suggested: 1) obtaining a journal sponsor for a supplement and 2) creation of a book series with half the proceeds going back to APAHC, e.g. a primer for psychologists working in AHC's. The most profitable alternative offered by Springer is partnering with an organization and having everybody that attends a conference get an issue.

Dr. Hong suggested that a reader for people going into Health Psychology could be used by new professionals. Some articles from the journal could be featured. It could also serve as a text for a seminar.

5. Membership Committee:

Dr. Sanders discussed some ideas for increasing membership including a mailing sent to all training directors, department chairs and people who contribute to the journal and posting on Listserv.

Action Plan: Dr. Sanders will report back with a specific plan and a budget request.

6. APAHC Conference: 2009

A Chair is needed. Dr. Linton was not present to discuss.

7. New Business:

Dr. Handel reported that CCTE is November 1st at APA in Washington. He will be attending and representing APAHC. He needs a one page summary to present.

Dr. Leventhal asked Dr. Reyes to discuss possible medical education issues which may be of interest to APAHC. Dr. Reyes reported that USMLE has plans for possible changes including eliminating STEP 1 and STEP 2 in the current format. The reason for the changes is the push toward more integration of curriculum. The earliest implementation of changes would be 2 years after a Spring 2009 approval. Dr. Reyes also reported the LCME has a new standard for accreditation on translational research. The AAMC has a new publication: *Promoting Translational Research & Clinical Science: The Critical Role of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals*. These two initiatives present opportunities for expanded roles for psychologists in medical schools.

Action Plan: Dr. Reyes will forward the publication to the Board.

Dr. Cubic discussed the possibility of providing CE's for the journal. Dr. King suggested we inquire about the number of states that accept this type of CE.

Action Plan: Dr. Cubic will get from APA the updated list of states that allow for reading CE credit.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm EST

Next Meeting: Conference call Wednesday, October 10, 2007 5:00 – 6:00 pm EST

Respectfully submitted:

Elena Reyes, PhD, APAHC Secretary

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