

Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

The Voice of Psychology in Academic Health Centers

APAHC Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2018 - 5 PM EST/4 PM CST/ 2 PM PST

Present on the call (bolded are voting members):		
☐ Annie Bradford	☑ Wendy Ward	☐ Lauren Penwell-Waines
☐ Ron Brown	☐ Laura Daniels	☐ Bill Robiner
☑ Zeeshan Butt	☐ Roseanne Illes	□ Laura Shaffer □
□ Liz Cash	☐ Brian Isakson	☐ Amy Williams
	∠ Leila Islam	☑ Joey Yost
☐ Donna LaPaglia	☑ Michael Mejia	☑ John Yozwiak
	□ Teresa Pan	

- 1. Call to order: 4:04 pm called to order.
- 2. President's Items (Dr. Butt)
 - a. AAMC Faculty Salary Survey discussions list PhDs only, no distinction for psychologists. Dr. Leventhal opened discussions with AAMC to identify psychologists to facilitate salary and hire decisions. AAMC asked for the number of psychologists employed currently to determine need for this distinction, but we have not yet provided this information to AAMC. Dr. Butt would like to reopen this discussion with the Faculty Survey organizers and has asked them whether they would be open to revisiting. If so, form a small task force or committee that includes an AAMC CFAS rep, a Research Committee member, and Karen Stamm at APA CWS to spearhead this effort. No concerns were raised.
- 3. Officer/Committee Items for Board Discussion
 - a. Conference theme and suggestions for keynote speakers (Dr. Yozwiak). Speakers so far represent a wide variety of skills that don't hang together. Dr. Cash suggested a theme of "Psychology on the Cutting Edge" with potential subtitles. Dr. Shaffer suggested something specific to academic health psychologists. Amended to possible subtitle of "the diverse roles that psychologists play in the academic health centers." Dr. Butt requested this be presented to the remainder of the board via email given limited attendance on today's call. Keynote invites planned for Darrell Kirch from AAMC, and Kay Redfield Jamison, author of An Unquiet Mind, with others lined up if first two do not work out. Dr. Shaffer suggesting reaching out to Dr. Kirch early because of busy schedule and mentioned Dr. Jamison's talk at AAMC a few years ago was good. Dr. Butt asked about their expectation for an honorarium, and Dr. Yozwiak stated there is not one in the budget but Co-Chairs are open to board decisions. Dr. Butt agreed unless a compelling speaker requests one. Dr. Shahane commented it may depend on what or how much is requested. Last conference, hotel accommodations for speakers were paid, but no honoraria. Michael Hoerger at Tulane is on the list of potential speakers who would be local and potentially not require travel or hotel costs. Dr. Butt requested board members send additional ideas of local professionals that might speak. Dr. Shahane suggested we consider an unspoken policy to increase community engagement locally in the area of this and future conferences. Dr. Shaffer suggested we reach out to AAMC for conference assistance as there is a precedent for their assistance with



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- affiliated organizations' conferences. She also recommended the AAMC advocacy coordinator as a potential speaker and mentioned a fairly new research director who has ties to Patrick Smith and might be amenable. Dr. Shaffer and Dr. Ward will identify others at the Faculty Affairs conference next week.
- b. APAHC website is up and running. The members only site is currently housed under Wild Apricot. Revising this site is separate with a separate charge. There is also a plan to build a conference registration portal or section that will be more seamless. This is ongoing and hope to have it up for conference registration this fall.
- c. Leadership project update, provided by Dr. Clark, decided to focus on colleagues with interesting, non-traditional jobs with managerial components to them to understand members' strategies to obtain those positions. Developing a structured interview to highlight these individuals with plans to publish in conferences, newsletters, or other outlets. Identifying potential informants through APA and APAHC listservs. Board members were invited to suggest individuals. Dr. Shaffer asked what other supports to these leaders need, what would be helpful from APAHC, and how can the organization continue to be a source of support for them (e.g., listserv discussions, webinars, etc.). Dr. Butt requested whether something might be ready to share by the time of the APAHC conference in February to help stimulate ideas and discussion. Dr. Clark thought it would be reasonable to have at least a partial summarization ready to go. Dr. Ward had previously sent out a survey to determine who might be in such positions but feels this may be out of date at present. Dr. Shaffer suggested it would be good to have this information in a database, and one that members could access to search, e.g., for others directing pediatric services, or affiliated with AAMC offices.

4. Other business

- a. Dr. Butt requested that board members think about developing at least 2-3 webinars for the year. At least 2 individuals have previously offered to serve as a speaker for those. Dr. Butt requested board members to let him of know their willingness to speak representing themselves, a committee, or if there are ideas for speakers that would draw an audience that may span broader than APAHC alone.
- b. May 2018 board meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

5. Next Conference Call:

a. APA Convention (San Francisco); Friday August 10th, 12:30-2PM Pacific. Dr. Butt will ensure those who cannot attend can join in by phone.