



General Business

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee

Thursday, August 22, 2002

Hilton Chicago Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Present: Linda M. Bartoshuk, President; J. Bruce Overmier, President-Elect; Gregory A. Kimble, Council Representative; Lewis P. Lipsitt, Past Past President; Peter Salovey, President-Elect-Elect; Lee H. Matthews, Treasurer; Michael Wertheimer, Secretary; Susan Mineka, Member-At-Large; Bonnie R. Strickland, Member-At-Large; Donald A. Dewsbury, Historian; Harold Takooshian, Fellows Chair; Douglas K. Candland, Editor-Elect of Review of General Psychology; Marylou Cheal, Member of the Program Committee. Absent: Lyle E. Bourne, Jr., Past President; C. Alan Boneau, Newsletter Editor; Lynn A. Hasher, Member-At-Large; R. Duncan Luce, Member-At-Large; Frank Farley, Member-At-Large; Wendy M. Williams, Member-At-Large; Mark E. Mattson, Membership Chair.

President Linda Bartoshuk called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. The minutes of the 2001 executive committee and business meetings, as published in the newsletter, were approved. The executive committee expressed its appreciation to Harold Takooshian, Linda Bartoshuk, and Marylou Cheal for their efforts in generating a fine convention program for the division at the 2002 APA convention. The following election results were reported: President-Elect: Peter Salovey, Council Representative: Michael Wertheimer, Member-At-Large: Wayne Camara. It was announced that David Lubinsky of Vanderbilt University and Nancy Segal of California State University, Northridge, will be the division's program chairs for the 2003 APA convention, to be held August 7 to 10 in Toronto. The current "cluster programming" strategy, which was used for the 2002 APA convention and will be used again in 2003, is to be systematically evaluated by the APA Board of Convention Affairs; one problem that emerged during the 2002 convention is that plenary sessions conflict with cluster programs. The theme for the cluster that includes Division 1 (as well as Divisions 2, 3, 6, 7 and 15) in 2003 has been set as "rational mind and emotional mind."

Since the division's financial resources have been gradually dwindling during recent years, it was decided not to hold a "midwinter" meeting of the executive committee in 2002-2003; instead, division business will be dealt with by e-mail and, if necessary, occasional confer-

ence calls about such matters as the new contract with APA for the division's journal (*The Review of General Psychology*) and requests for nominations for APA boards and committees. Lewis Lipsitt will send the list of e-mail addresses of members of Division 1 to Bruce Overmier, so that the latter can use it for such purposes as soliciting vote allocations to the division during the annual apportionment ballot, asking all members to vote, and requesting members to ask the libraries at their institutions to subscribe to *The Review of General Psychology*.

Peter Salovey, editor of *The Review of General Psychology*, reported that the journal has been thriving substantially, but that APA Central Office may not have done as much as may be desired to try to market the journal to institutions; the journal continues to operate at a substantial annual financial loss (to APA, not the division). A new contract with the APA for publication of the journal is currently under negotiation. Douglas Candland, editor-elect, announced that the quality of the manuscripts that have been submitted to the journal is generally very good, that he is planning to generate some special issues, and that he is engaged in efforts to add women and European psychologists to his editorial board. The editor of *The General Psychologist*, the division's newsletter, C. Alan Boneau, submitted a thoughtful, lengthy written report (in absentia), detailing among other issues the success of his efforts to send issues of the newsletter by electronic mail to those members who have access to it.

Lee H. Matthews presented his treasurer's report, indicating that while the division still has adequate resources, these have been shrinking over the years as division membership has dwindled. The division's fund balance (assets) at the end of the calendar year was, respectively, in 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (to July) \$52,377, \$49,479, \$44,659, and \$42,899. Annual income has decreased slightly over those years, while annual expenses have tended to grow. It was decided to continue to make regular annual contributions of \$50 to the Coalition for Academic, Scientific, and Applied Psychology; \$50 to the Scientist-Practitioner Caucus; \$100 to the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences; and \$100 to the Archives of the History of American Psychology at the University of Akron. Efforts to assure that the honoraria for the Staats lecture series are retrieved from the American Psychological Foundation are still underway.

Mary Bullock from the APA Science Directorate and Patricia Kobor from the APA Public Policy Office reported

on current APA Central Office initiatives that may be of interest to members of Division One, such as work on use of the internet in research and testing; genetics research; guidelines for institutional research review boards; and APA concern with the reorganization of federal funding programs for behavioral science (including the National Institutes of Health). It was noted that the recent reductions in APA Central Office personnel because of a budget shortfall have had a particularly deleterious effect upon the APA Science Directorate; Bruce Overmier and Linda Bartoshuk, as president-elect and president, were asked to send a letter to Raymond Fowler and Michael Honnaker in APA's Executive Office expressing the Division's concern about the underfunding of science endeavors in APA Central Office.

Mark Matton reported (in absentia via Harold Takooshian) that membership in Division 1 peaked in 1988 with 6,234 members (then the largest division within APA), but declined each year since then (except in 1995); the trend of membership decline during the last decade or so has been true of almost all divisions. As of the end of 2001, Division 1 was 13th in size among APA divisions, with a total number of members of 2,209. A major effort by Harold Takooshian to bring fellows of the APA, who are not members of Division 1, into the division was highly successful, yielding 61 new members as fellows-elect of Division 1 effective January 1, 2003. Fifteen additional members of Division 1 who were not yet fellows of the division but were fellows in other divisions were also approved as fellows in the division. Takooshian was congratulated for his substantial efforts, and their success.

There were some problems this year in the implementation of the division's awards programs. While decisions have been made about some of the awards, decisions about others are still pending. A concern was raised that, given the trend of continuing erosion in the division's assets, the monetary awards may be too high. Accordingly, it was decided that henceforth the awards will be in the amount of \$500, plus reimbursement of the convention registration fee for those awardees who choose to attend the convention.

Donald A. Dewsbury repeated his annual request, both orally and in writing, that present and past officers submit to him as the division's historian any and all materials (including printouts of e-mail correspondence) for inclusion in the division's archives.

Gregory A. Kimble reported that the fifth volume of the Division 1-sponsored series, *Portraits of Pioneers in Psychology*, is currently in press at Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, to be published jointly by Erlbaum and APA late this calendar year, with a 2003 copyright. The series has, to date, brought in about twice as much in royalties to the division from APA as the division has contributed to the expenses of generating the volumes (a subvention of up to \$1,000 for each volume to cover costs of mailing, supplies, index production, etc.). Bruce Overmier was charged with exploring whether the series should be

continued with at least one more volume after the fifth, and, if so, under whose editorship.

The Division 1 web page, even though some additional material has been posted on it, is still somewhat out of date. It was suggested that Marc Carter at Hofstra University might update it, but that has not yet happened. Linda Bartoshuk volunteered to ask APAGS to suggest someone who might be willing to take over as webmaster in exchange for a subscription to the division's journal and newsletter, and membership in the division.

It was pointed out that Bob Catenor in APA Central Office is responsible for all APA listservs. Lewis Lipsitt, who earlier had tried to develop a listserv for Division 1 but encountered a number of frustrating snags, reported that Matthew Goodwin will send a note out to all Division 1 members who have access to e-mail, asking them whether they wish to be included in the Division 1 list.

The terms of Lynn A. Hasher and R. Duncan Luce as members-at-large of the executive committee, and of Gregory A. Kimble as the division's council representative, end as of December 31, 2002. Lee Matthews reminded the members of the executive committee that the division's bylaws, as officially revised in 2001, call for only a total of three, not six, members-at-large. Hence next year the division will not need to elect a new member-at-large, since the terms of Frank Farley and Wendy M. Williams continue through calendar 2003, and Wayne Camara's term in that role is from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005. The terms of Susan Mineka and Bonnie Strickland continue through calendar 2004.

A few items of old business remained unaddressed, including the Division 1 "initiatives initiative" suggested several years ago by Robert Perloff, a report on the status of the Committee Against Medicalizing Psychology that was brought before the division two years ago, and a proposal by the Coalition of Academic, Scientific, and Applied Psychology for development of a pool of science-oriented psychologists for nomination to positions in the APA governance. Time also prevented action on a new business item, a request for nominations by the division for editors of *Contemporary Psychology*, *Developmental Psychology*, and the *Psychological Review*; members of the executive committee were encouraged to make their own personal nominations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wertheimer

Report on the Business Meeting of The Society for General Psychology,

Sunday, August 25, 2002

The meeting of the Society was called to order by President Linda M. Bartoshuk at 8:01 a.m. Most of the meeting was devoted to reports of the actions of the executive committee on Thursday, August 22, and ratification of those actions by the Society as a whole. Further discus-

sion was directed to several items.

As for the division's journal, the *Review of General Psychology*, its contract with APA ends as of December 31, 2003, and negotiations are currently underway for a new contract. The deficit the journal has incurred since its inception is now on the order of \$300,000. APA has offered to "buy out" the journal from the division (but with the division retaining all editorial decisions), in order to wipe out the debt and use it to enhance APA's own balance sheet, but there are still several other alternatives that are being explored. No decision has been reached as yet; Bruce Overmier, Linda Bartoshuk, Peter Salovey, and Lee Matthews were authorized to continue negotiations with APA on behalf of the division.

It was suggested that the division's newsletter, *The General Psychologist*, should return to covering news, and to printing such articles as awardees' addresses and invited addresses, as well as chapters from the Portraits of Pioneers in Psychology series of volumes. Continuing electronic publication of the newsletter was encouraged. Bruce Overmier was charged with taking responsibility for looking into the future of the newsletter, and C. Alan Boneau was congratulated for his long-term devotion to the newsletter and his enormous contribution to it.

Gregory A. Kimble gave a report on the recent meeting (on August 21, 2002) of the Council of Representatives. One item was that there was a major shortfall in the overall APA budget, with income substantially below projected estimates and expenses significantly higher than initially expected. As a result, one of the two annual consolidated meetings of APA boards and committees has been canceled. Furthermore, there were major reductions in personnel within APA Central Office, reductions that occurred in a remarkably humane way: no pink slips, but inducements for early retirement and for changing to part-time employment as well as encouragement for taking leaves without pay. These policies were so effective that this year's budgetary shortfall has been successfully made up. One important action by the APA Council of Representatives on August 21 was the passage of a new version of the APA Ethics Code; this difficult chore was accomplished after much discussion, consultation, and compromise on the part of a number of deeply concerned constituencies within the council. This action was clearly a major legislative achievement.

The first five volumes of the Division 1-sponsored series *Portraits of Pioneers in Psychology*, co-published by APA and Erlbaum, have been edited by Gregory A. Kimble and Michael Wertheimer (with Charlotte White as co-editor as well of Volume 1 and C. Alan Boneau as co-editor of Volume 2). Kimble has indicated that he wishes to step down as editor of any further volumes. The division decided to authorize a sixth volume in the series, under the co-editorship of Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr., Donald A. Dewsbury, and Michael Wertheimer, and to contribute a subvention of up to \$1,000 for production of the volume.

It was suggested that explorations should be undertaken with Division 26, on the history of psychology, about possible co-sponsorship of the series.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wertheimer

Appendices available from the Editor:

Report of the editor of *Review of General Psychology* (Salovey)

Report of the editor-elect of *Review of General Psychology* (Candland)

Report of the editor of *The General Psychologist* (Boneau)

Treasurer's report (Matthews)

Membership report (Mattson)

Fellows report (Takooshian)

Historian's report (Dewsbury)

Report on Volume 5 of *Portraits of Pioneers in Psychology* (Kimble)

Report on APA's Science Policy Insider News (Kobor)

Call for nominees for Fellow in 2003

Members of APA Division One, the Society for General Psychology, are now invited to nominate others (or themselves) for election as a fellow, based on their "unusual and outstanding contributions" to general psychology. Phone or write soon for a packet of forms, including our Division's 12 criteria. This year all completed materials must be submitted by 5 pm Friday, 13 December 2002: 4 copies of the nominee's vita, personal statement, and endorsements from 3 current APA fellows. At least 2 of the 3 endorsers must be fellows of Division 1. (Those who are already a fellow of another APA division can ask about a streamlined nomination procedure.) Contact Harold Takooshian, SGP Fellows, 314 Dartmouth, Paramus NJ 07652, USA. Phone 212-636-6393.

Call for nominees for President-Elect

This issue contains a postcard ballot for nominations for the office of President-Elect of the Society. Please submit the names of candidates, who must be Fellows of the Society. Recent bylaw changes have downsized the Executive Committee from 6 to 3 members and the decrease will come about through attrition—no nominees for this position are needed this year. The deadline for receipt of nominations is January 1, 2003.