



Association of Medical School Psychologists

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Section VIII, Society of Clinical Psychology/Division 12 of APA

MINUTES of the April Phone Conference

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

Board Members Present: Barbara Cubic, Jeff Baker, Barry Hong, Cheryl King, Jerry Leventhal, Lynn Peterson, Ron Rozensky, Rick Seime, Steve Tovian and Danny Wedding
Absent: Carl Zimet

Open Section

A. Review of Agenda

Prior to the meeting roll call was taken and Dr. Leventhal discussed the planned agenda.

B. Awards Committee

The Awards Committee (comprised of Sharon Berry, Barbara Cubic, Robert Martin, Susan McDaniel and Carl Zimet) has decided on the 2005 recipients. The Research Award will go to Peter Vitaliano and the Teaching Award will go to Nadine Kaslow. A formal announcement will be placed on the list serve and website and the actual awards will be given at the AMSP programs at APA.

C. Membership and Fiscal Issues

Ms. Peterson reported that we now have 152 paid members. Amount in checking account: \$10,000; amount in savings account: \$1,294.93. Recent major bills paid included our membership to AAMC, catering expenses for recent Board meeting, and the current installment to the JCPMS.

D. Election Slate: Procedures & Potential Candidates

Dr. Baker has created an electronic ballot and the Board approved his write up and thanked him for his efforts. Dr. Cubic will prepare an e-mail to paid members with a link to the voting procedures. Dr. Cubic will also prepare an e-mail to members who have not yet renewed indicating that their input is valued and encouraging them to renew. Further information about how to vote if they do renew will be forwarded then to currently unpaid members.

Members will be given 6 weeks to respond to the ballot and the Zoomerang procedure will allow members who have not responded in a timely manner to be prompted to vote so as to maximize voting turnoutinput.

E. National Conference Planning

The tentatively planned dates for the AMSP national conference are September 7-9, 2006 in the Washington DC area. The Board has reviewed a proposal from the Hilton Old Town Alexandria and will pursue this site for the conference. The planned schedule will be 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday. Dr. Baker and Ms. Peterson will request a formal contract proposal from the Hilton.

Dr. Seime indicated that he has drafted a proposal for programming at the conference which he will forward to Dr. King for additional review. He discussed some of his early ideas regarding content and once this proposal is more refined Dr. Seime will circulate it to the Board for additional review.

F. Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Dr. Leventhal announced that there was a meeting of the SIG on training issues at the APPIC meeting in Florida. The SIG was comprised of AMSP and/or APPIC members with interest in training issues within academic health centers and was held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2005. Attendees were Bob Klepac, Jerry Leventhal, William Robiner, John Robinson, Kirk Rowe, Ron Rozensky, Sharon Berry and Mark Vogel. Related discussions were also held with Nadine Kaslow, Joan Romano, and Lois Friedman about the SIG's goals although these individuals were unable to attend the formal meeting.

At this SIG meeting Dr. Rozensky suggested that dedicating a special edition of JCPMS to training issues might be a feasible endeavor for the future which would increase the visibility of AMSP's training endeavors. Dr. Rozensky discussed the importance of having the special edition cover the gamut of levels of educational training in psychology. Dr. Leventhal indicated that he would take the lead on trying to make this endeavor come to fruition.

Dr. Leventhal indicated that those attending individuals present also felt that to a joint listserv would be necessary to encourage collaboration between AMSP and APPIC a joint list serve would be necessary. Dr. Baker indicated that in actuality a new list serve would need to be created that would be which was dedicated to training issues in academic medical settings. Then, an announcement could be sent to the members of AMSP and APPIC inviting interested individuals to sign up for the list serve. Dr. Baker and Ms. Peterson will work to set this up.

G. Follow-Up on AMSP/JCPMS/Springer Relationship

Dr. Rozensky indicated that he has not received any updated information yet regarding the AMSP/JCPMS/Springer relationship but will keep the Board posted when information becomes available.

Dr. Rozensky indicated that although in the past AMSP has had a special edition each year dedicated to articles produced from AMSP programming at APA and other AMSP endeavors he foresees a shortage of space in the future within JCPMS and anticipates that AMSP will not have a special edition in 2006. Rather, a section of JCPMS will likely be dedicated to articles from AMSP.

Dr. Hong indicated that he is still working on the AMSP case studies section for JCPMS and that several steps must be completed before the section is ready to go. are still in the works to make this section feasible.

H. Name Change for AMSP

As the Board is in general agreement that a name change is needed Dr. Leventhal suggested that he would put out a comprehensive list of recommended name changes to the Board and asked each member to list their top three to narrow down the list. Dr. Leventhal indicated that a recommendation has also been made to include the term "teaching hospital" or a similar reference in the title to further convey the more inclusive goals of AMSP. Once a specific name has been endorsed by the Board a plan will be developed for how to have the membership vote on a possible name change.

The next phone conference will be on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 5 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Cubic, Ph.D., AMSP Secretary

Topics held over till next phone conference

Trainee Participation in AMSP

- Add student or early career psychologist (e.g., Postdoc) to Board
- Collaboration with Div 12 re locating students
- Student Memberships: on line description