



Association of Medical School Psychologists

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

MINUTES of the March Phone Conference

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

Board Members Present: Barbara Cubic, Jeff Baker, Barry Hong, Jerry Leventhal, Lynn Peterson, Rick Seime, Steve Tovian, and 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

Dr. Zimet stated that the call for nominations was sent out on 2/22/05 and we have received two nominations for teaching and one for research to date. April 10 is the deadline and the goal is to have three nominations in each category. Dr. Zimet indicated that he will send another reminder e-mail to the membership but encouraged the Board to consider making additional nominations. The committee is comprised of Sharon Berry, Barbara Cubic, Robert Martin, Susan McDaniel and Carl Zimet.

C. Membership

Current membership for 2005 is 149 paid members (15 new members; 25 members from 2004 have not yet rejoined). Four members are student members.

D. Finance Issues

Dr. Tovian reported that 114 membership checks have been received in 2005. This does not include members using credit cards. Amount in checking account: \$13,925.07; amount in savings account: \$1,294.93. No outstanding bills to date.

Dr. Zimet encouraged the Board to consider ways to maximize our funds through investment decisions. Dr. Tovian indicated that he will transfer some of the checking funds to savings to increase interest and will explore other short term investment options.

E. Election Slate: Procedures & Potential Candidates

Dr. Cubic sent requests to all nominated candidates to forward needed information to Ms. Peterson (i.e. curriculum vita, statement of qualifications and goals for office, statement of willingness to serve if elected, preferred name and mailing address). Ms. Peterson reported that she has received information to date from most of the candidates. Dr. Cubic indicated that she would prompt candidates who have not responded yet to date.

Dr. Leventhal expressed concern that we still need nominations for the position of President-Elect. The Board had a general discussion of possible ways to enhance nominations for this position.

F. Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Dr. Leventhal discussed whether it would be possible for a meeting to occur at the APPIC meeting in Florida of all AMSP and/or APPIC members in attendance who would be interested in a SIG on training issues within academic health centers. The proposed time and date of such a meeting would be 1 p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2005. Dr. Leventhal will send an e-mail to AMSP members and will try to encourage active AMSP members who will be in attendance (e.g. Drs. Baker, Berry, Robinson) to attend.

G. National Conference Planning

The planned site for the national conference in September of 2006 is still the Washington DC area. The planned schedule would be 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday. Dr. Baker and Ms. Peterson are continuing to obtain information about possible locations and have coordinated efforts with Paul Nelson who has offered to allow AMSP to dovetail the conference with the APA Education Leadership Conference (ELC). This relationship could make us eligible for lower hotel rates at whatever hotel they are contracting with for the ELC.

Drs. Seime and King are developing a conceptual framework for the conference and initial ideas about how to attract financial supporters for the conference.

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

In an earlier e-mail Dr. Rozensky indicated that he has not received any updated information yet regarding the AMSP/JCPMS/Springer relationship.

J. Student Representatives

Dr. Leventhal indicated that he would like AMSP to collaborate with division 12 on this issue.

K. Name Change for AMSP

The Board re-discussed the need for the name of AMSP to accurately reflect the mission of the organization (i.e. continue to underscore issues which emphasize the academic components of the needs of psychologists employed in various medical settings). The Board will correspond by e-mail about a variety of possible name changes that could be presented to membership.

The next phone conference will be on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 5 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted:

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