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## President's Message Funding of Psychological Research in America Today

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The funding situation in the United States for experimental psychology (cognition and behavior) has undergone major changes in the last ten years. NSF was founded to support the advancement of science through research and education. Progress in our understanding of the natural world was assumed to be worthwhile in and of itself. Basic research was as relevant as research explicitly designed to improve the quality of human life. NSF still espouses this philosophy, but its budget has grown far far slower than the number of academics at research universities. Part of this slow growth has been due to successful lobbying by special interest disease-focused organizations that new research dollars should go to NIH rather than NSF because of the benefits for human health that NIH brings. Starting 10-15 years ago, NSF, in attempting to live with its relatively limited budget, began looking dimly upon proposals that might be funded by NIH. With the average NIH grant being for more years and more dollars per year than NSF was awarding, PIs did not complain about being steered away from NSF and towards NIH. This 'steering' was largely done through acceptance rates for submitted proposals being lower at NSF than NIH. Reinforcement principles (i.e., Herrnstein's matching law) can clearly be seen in force here. PIs submitted less and less to NSF and more and more to NIH. With fewer psychologically oriented proposals being submitted to NSF, NSF decreased the percentage of program directors and study panel members who were familiar with or worked at the cognitive and behavioral levels. This resulted in an even lower percentage of submitted applications in our area being funded, which in turn further lowered the rate of submissions.

From its inception, NIH had as its central mission the improvement in health of Americans. However, until recently it viewed basic science with only a long-term probabilistic payoff relevant to human health as a worthwhile investment. However, in the last five years NIH has narrowed its interests to exclude studies of basic cognition and behavior unless they directly and immediately speak to problems of human health. Moreover, NIH is now strongly favoring neurological, pharmacological, and genetic approaches to understanding cognitive and behavioral dysfunction, to the detriment of analysis at the psychological level. Additionally, studies of psychological processes in clinical (or subclinical) populations are clearly being favored over studies of functioning in 'normal' subjects. This narrowing in focus by NIH has occurred a decade after NSF turned its back on our science. The net result is that there is now no major federal agency willing to fund the study of cognition and behavior at the psychological level in normal subjects unless there is a clear application in the near future. Analogous to Wall Street's obsession with regular quarterly profits, government

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### Early Career Psychologist

support for our science now requires immediate benefits. Seeking [psychological] knowledge for the sake of knowledge with the thought that basic research ultimately often has benefits is no longer supported by the federal funding agencies. Many of us, particularly older researchers, grew up in the era when basic science was considered important and worthy of support in its own right. That era is clearly over.

What is the root cause of the present problem? In my view, it is threefold. First, Sputnik (and other factors) prompted America to radically increase its training in science in the middle of the 20th century, which resulted in professors at research universities doubling and tripling their output of new PhDs. This provided staff for the new and enlarging universities. Moreover, an appreciable number of these universities were research institutes rather than pure teaching colleges. This meant that many more people were applying to the federal government for support of their research. The size of the federal research pie did not increase as fast as the number of researchers seeking support. Second, the cost of doing science went up over the last 50 years far faster than the overall economy grew. Consequently, fewer and fewer psychological scientists can underwrite their research with university and personal funds. Third, government funding of research in America has reflected American capitalism. Those who do manage to get funded tend to get very large grants (with summer salaries and course buyouts for PIs) and researchers with grants are often able to parlay their support into getting multiple grants; researchers with multiple grants manage to assemble more impressive progress reports by including publications on grant A that were primarily funded by grant B. In other developed countries, grants tend to be smaller and exclude salary for the faculty member (e.g., summer and buyouts during the academic year). Additionally, in these other countries, rules of the funding agencies mitigate against researchers being awarded multiple grants. These two factors, smaller grants and tighter limits on how many one PI can have, allow a greater percentage of researchers to get funding. One might argue that America does well by giving a great deal of support to a relatively small percentage of its researchers. Others might argue that the present distribution pattern is nearsighted in that any given researcher has at most a limited number of good ideas and failing to fund some qualified researchers nips many good ideas in the bud. For all three of these reasons, federal funding agencies currently do not have the funds to support all scientifically interesting proposals, and, for the reasons stated earlier, research concerning normal psychological processes has fared poorly in the resultant intense competition for federal research funds.

In an effort to reverse this trend, some of us have lobbied and others of us are still lobbying NSF and NIH, trying to make the case for supporting basic psychological research with normal subjects when there are not obvious immediate benefits for society. The case for supporting such research can no longer be made by arguing that the expansion of all knowledge is worthwhile. At least there is no longer an audience for such arguments. We must point out the long-term benefits that our science has brought to applied neuroscience, education, and psychotherapy. Division 3 has played a role in this lobbying, largely in concert with APA with its considerable lobbying skills and resources. Conjointly, we have tried to make our case to Congress and federal funding agencies. But such efforts to date have been at best only modestly effective.

Where does this leave the psychological scientist without funding today? On average the researcher is less able to do her/his science in the fashion desired. What should we be doing in response beyond continuing our lobbying efforts? First, there is always the option of making one's research more immediately relevant to some social, educational, or health-related problem. Some of us bridle at moving away from our current focal interests especially with the re-education that is usually required. But many others of us have successfully made this transition and have improved their funding opportunities as a result. Second, perhaps those of us who want to continue to

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conduct basic psychological research should be training fewer graduate students, at least students with academic rather than industrial aspirations. With restricted funding opportunities, we realistically should not expect the number of active researchers in basic research to grow as fast as applied areas of research. Indeed, cutting back on the number of graduate students may be imposed upon basic researchers (rather than be a choice), as the scarcity of funding for students, particular summer funding, will discourage potential applicants to our field. Third, researchers lacking funding should be inventively developing new inexpensive means to address the problems that interest them. The times are changing.

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## APA Science Directorate Update

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In recent months the staff of the APA Science Directorate has pursued a number of efforts aimed at enhancing the status and impact of psychological science:

***Psychology and Climate Change.*** In 2008 the APA Council of Representatives and Board of Directors established a Task Force on the Interface Between Psychology and Global Climate Change. The task force was chaired by Janet Swim (Penn State) and included Paul Stern (National Academies of Science), Elke Weber (Columbia University), and five other experts from various areas of psychology. The work of the task force was supported and managed by the Science Directorate.

The group prepared a comprehensive report that synthesizes current scientific literature and thought on how people understand the risks of climate change, the psychological and contextual determinants of human behaviors that affect climate, the psychosocial impacts of climate change, how people adapt to and cope with threats related to climate change, psychological factors that drive and limit action on climate change, and the roles of psychologists in responding to climate change.

The report was formally received by the Council of Representatives at its August 2009 meeting. The task force also produced policy recommendations, a number of which are likely to be offered by APA governance groups as resolutions and action items for Council consideration over the next year. The full task force report and related materials can be found at: <http://www.apa.org/science/climate-change>.

***Psychology as a STEM Discipline.*** APA president James Bray has established a Task Force on the Future of Psychological Science as a STEM Discipline. STEM – which stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – is a term that is frequently used in discussions and efforts aimed at improving science funding and education in the

United States. Psychology faces the challenge that it is not consistently categorized as a STEM discipline and thus is often excluded from federal and private initiatives to advance STEM research and training.

The aim of the task force is to analyze why psychology is not always considered to be a STEM discipline, articulate the arguments for inclusion of psychology among STEM disciplines, and develop an advocacy strategy for putting forward those arguments to relevant leaders and institutions.

The task force is chaired by John Dovidio (Yale); other members are Frank Durso (Georgia Tech), David Francis (University of Houston), David Klahr (Carnegie Mellon), Jennifer Manly (Columbia University), and Valerie Reyna (Cornell). The Science Directorate and Education Directorate are jointly supporting the task force's work. A report and recommendations from the task force are expected in early 2010.

The task force invites comments and suggestions from psychologists working in all areas. You may send your thoughts to me ([hkurtzman@apa.org](mailto:hkurtzman@apa.org)) or contact any of the task force members directly.

***Federal Funding.*** For fiscal year 2009, both the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health received significant budget increases. NSF received an increase of 7% in its base budget to \$6.49 billion, while NIH received a 3% increase in its base to \$30.40 billion. On top of those increases, the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA – the economic stimulus legislation) provided one-time supplementary funds of \$3.0 billion to NSF and \$10.4 billion to NIH.

It is expected that research funded through the ARRA will be heavily scrutinized by scientific and public interest groups. APA has advocated for and will monitor ARRA funding of behavioral science research, and will also work to defend behavioral science projects funded through ARRA if they come under unwarranted criticism. Information about funded projects can be found at the NSF and NIH websites (see <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery> and <http://grants.nih.gov/recovery>).

The appropriations process and other policy efforts for fiscal year 2010 are already underway. Among the items that the APA government relations staff is focusing on are:

- Support for the Administration's proposed 8% increase in NSF's FY2010 budget, as well as for doubling NSF's budget over the next decade (see APA [testimony](#)).
- Support Congressional efforts to provide NIH with an FY2010 budget increase greater than the 1.4% proposed by the Administration, with the goal of a 7% increase.
- Influence the development of NIH's upcoming funding initiative for basic behavioral and social science research to ensure that it encompasses a broad range of areas within both human and non-human animal research.
- Monitor and respond to the ongoing study of the proposed merger of the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (see APA [statement](#)).
- Support a strong role for behavioral research within federal initiatives for comparative effectiveness research (see [article](#) in July *PSA*).
- Seek increases in funding for scientific research sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs (see [article](#) in May *PSA*).
- Reverse the Administration's proposed budget cuts for basic and applied research (including behavioral) at the Department of Defense (see [article](#) in July *PSA*).
- Support establishment of an office for social and behavioral science research within the Department of Energy (building on the APA Climate Change report).

**Newsletter Highlights.** Finally, I'd like to note two features in the Science Directorate's monthly newsletter *Psychological Science Agenda* that may be of particular interest to Division 3 members. First, the [May](#) issue of *PSA* included a special section on Evolutionary Theory and Psychology. The section consists of eight commentaries by a diverse set of scientists and thinkers on the significance of Darwin's work and of current views of evolution for contemporary psychology.

Second, each issue of *PSA* now contains a [list of funding announcements](#) for research and training specifically for psychological scientists. The list aims to be comprehensive and includes opportunities not only from NSF and NIH but also from other agencies such as the Departments of Defense, Education, Justice, and Labor, and NASA.

As always, I encourage you to contact me with any questions and ideas on how the Science Directorate can best serve the psychological science community. I wish you all a great fall and winter.

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## Presidential Travels: Part 1

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### January-May 2009

One of the many fun and exciting parts of being APA President is to attend meetings and visit with psychologists and students who are outside of my usual spheres. Attending these meetings continues to amaze me at the depth and breadth of our profession. I am sharing these travel logs to help you get a glimpse of what it is like to be APA President. It is an incredible honor to represent APA in this important role and the experiences have generated the full range of emotions and challenged me to grow and learn. I have been sending them on a monthly basis to Division and State leaders. They encouraged me to share them with you. Feel free to share them with your colleagues.

### Alliant University Master's of Psychopharmacology Graduation Ceremony

My first trip as APA President, January 10, was to give the graduation address for the Master's of Psychopharmacology in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. These psychologists completed a two-year program to prepare them to be prescribing psychologists. It was a challenging trip, as a supposedly 3 □ hour Saturday morning drive turned into an eight hour trek through closed freeways, Louisiana back roads and torrential rains, but like the US mail, my wife and I would not be stopped. It was a metaphor for the journey that these psychologists have made—they are committed to providing high quality psychological and psychopharmacology services across the United States.

**Hot issues.** Many of these psychologists live and practice in states that do not have prescriptive authority. The issue of how and when we would gain prescriptive authority was a hot topic. At the beginning of 2009 eleven states were preparing to seek prescriptive authority this year.

### Multicultural Summit and Conference

The biennial Multicultural summit was held in New Orleans January 15-18, 2009. From the moment I arrived the excitement was palpable. The conference was sold-out and included many exciting keynote addresses, workshops and discussion groups. Many graduate students and young professionals were at the conference and their excitement for multicultural perspectives was infectious.

I presented presidential citations to those psychologists honored as elders: A.J. Franklin, Florence Denmark, Janet Helms, Martha Mednick, Derald Wing Sue, Charles

Silverstein, and Bonnie Ruth Strickland. The ceremony was moving and memorable—highly recommended for everyone. Each psychologist presented their life story and view of the field. It was enlightening to hear the journeys of these esteemed colleagues. A number of APA Divisions also held their mid-winter board meetings at the summit. This gave me and other board members an opportunity to meet with the boards and discuss issues for their division. I met with the boards of Divisions 17, 39, and 42.

**Hot issues.** There was considerable concern and hurt feelings about the fact that the bylaw to include Council seats for the four ethnic minority psychological associations did not pass. A number of options were being discussed. In response to this, the Board of Directors discussed this issue and clarified that the observers from each of the four ethnic minority psychological associations would continue through 2009. In addition, I appointed a Council workgroup, co-chaired by Armand Cerbone and Jean Carter, to come up with options for dealing with this and other issues related to ethnic minority participation in the Council. They will present a report of their work in August.

### **Division 55 Mid-Winter Meeting**

Division 55 held its mid-winter conference in Nashville, TN February 8-10. The meeting was held there because the Tennessee Psychological Association sponsored the meeting and used this as an opportunity to introduce its prescriptive authority bill in the TN Legislature. The conference was wonderful and included sessions on advocacy and updates on psychopharmacology.

The highlight of the meeting was a reception for the Tennessee Legislature. After hearing the State of the State speech by the governor, we had a “meet and greet” reception for the legislators. It was both exciting and surprising to talk with these Legislators. Surprising because a number of the legislators did not know what psychologists do and how we contribute to the health of our nation. The next day we had meetings with individual Legislators. I attended a meeting with the Lt. Governor. The Tennessee lobbyist formerly represented the TN medical association. At one point when the lobbyist was talking about how important it was for psychologists to get prescriptive authority, the Lt. Governor broke in with a big smile and asked, “weren’t you in my office last session talking about how it would be dangerous for psychologists to prescribe?” Without missing a beat the lobbyist responded, “yes sir, and I was wrong!” We all laughed and used it as an opening to talk about the important role of prescribing psychologists in other states and in the federal government.

**Hot issues.** Meeting with the legislators made it clear to me about the incredible importance of continuing public education about psychologists and our contributions to society. One senior representative said, “I don’t believe in what you do. It don’t make sense to me. I am an engineer and  $2 + 2$  is always 4 in my profession, but you folks don’t think or act that way.” Many of his colleagues confused us with psychiatrists or

masters level providers. The good news is that they gave us an opportunity to educate them about psychology and our profession. Clearly, more work needs to be done in our public education efforts.

### **APA Insurance Trust (APAIT) Board Meeting**

I am the liaison to the APAIT board this year. Because of the disputes between APA and APAIT, I decided to be the liaison to learn more about APAIT. The first board meeting was held in Amelia Island, FL, February 12-15. The APAIT board is made up of psychologists (several former APA presidents like Ron Fox and Dorothy Cantor) and insurance industry professionals.

**Hot issues.** The Council of Representatives was informed about the dispute between APA and the APAIT at the Council meeting in February. There seems to have been a decreased in communication between the two boards as a result of this dispute and we are working to improve communication with APAIT.

### **Randolph Macon University**

At the invitation of Bob Resnick, former APA President, I helped install the new members of Psi Chi at Randolph Macon. I also gave a talk on my adolescent alcohol research. This was an exciting opportunity to meet some of our future psychologists and talk with them about the directions of our field. I was also able to meet with their faculty and discuss how APA can support the work of psychologists in small colleges.

**Hot issues.** There were questions about APA’s role in supporting psychological science. Many were not aware of all of the advocacy that APA provides for science. They were very happy to learn about our efforts.

### **Festschrift for Lynn Rehm**

Lynn Rehm, our Council colleague from the University of Houston, is retiring at the end of this academic year. Nadine Kaslow and Jeremy Pettit organized a Festschrift for Lynn at the University of Houston. Many of his former students and colleagues, including Ron Rozensky from Florida, came to the celebration. I gave Lynn a Presidential Citation for his lifetime of service to the profession. He has accomplished a great deal in his distinguished career and it will continue through his students.

### **Psychological Aspects of Climate Change**

The Wildlife Federation in Washington, DC held a one-day conference on the implications of climate change for mental health. This conference was supported by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Lisa Van Susteren, a psychiatrist, organized the conference. I reported to this group about APA’s task force on global climate change. I had to leave the conference to have a meeting on Capitol Hill with

Congressman Gene Green regarding the Graduate Psychology Education re-authorization. I had a spontaneous meeting with psychologist and Congressman Brian Baird. Brian is heavily invested in climate change work in the Congress and provided some interesting “reframes” in this area. For example, he believes that we should stop talking about “global warming” and start talking about “lethal planet overheating.” His view—who doesn’t like to be warm, but most don’t like to be overheated. Although the global temperature is raising 2-4 degrees, which does not sound like a lot, consider when a human has a temperature—going from normal to 101 or 102 does not feel good.

**Hot issues.** The Wildlife Federation is organizing a number of groups to work on these issues and wants APA to partner with them. Congressman Baird thinks that there will be substantial new funding in this area and we need to be prepared to have psychology part of this. Steve Breckler, APA Executive Director for Science, is working hard on this to make sure that psychological research is included in this work.

### **Dinner with the Ambassador of Chile**

As part of our ongoing efforts to partner across the globe, I arranged a dinner with the Ambassador of Chile for the APA Board of Directors and the Committee on International Relations in Psychology March 19. The dinner was held at the Ambassador’s residence and sponsored by the Chilean government. Unfortunately, the Ambassador was not at the dinner because he had recently been appointed to a new secretary post in Chile. His new position is like the U.S. Secretary of State. The Ambassador’s Deputy Chief of Mission, Fernando Varela Palma, hosted the dinner with a few other embassy officials.

Two reasons I sought out Chile. First, our department at Baylor had a contract with the Chilean government to do primary care fellowship training for their healthcare professionals. This included psychologists, nurses, physicians, dentists and others. Chile has an advanced public healthcare system and I wanted our members to learn more about this. Second, I heard that the Ambassador was a leading wine expert and I hoped that we could share some stories and good wine together.

The dinner was great fun and informative. We were able, with the help of Merry Bullock, APA Director of International Affairs, to inform them about the roles of the APA and psychologists in the U.S. and Chile and develop some potential partnerships. We plan to have dinners at other embassies later in the year.

**Travel log—April 27, 2009.** I am writing this at 36,000 feet between California and Texas on the way home from the April Board of Directors meeting. We are doing Scurves to slow down because of bad weather in Houston—the pilot just told us we were diverting to San Antonio for more fuel (one of those uneventful flights). We landed in San Antonio for two hours, then back home for my day job.

### **Healthy Development: A Summit on Children’s Mental Health**

The Children’s Mental Health Summit was held April 1 in Denver in conjunction with the bi-annual meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD). Drs. Barry Anton, APA Recording Secretary, and Karen Saywitz were two of the psychologists who developed the idea for the summit and helped lead the organizing committee. Mary Campbell and Rhea Farberman represented the APA staff. They partnered with Mary Ann McCabe of SRCD. The president of SRCD, Greg Duncan, also attended and discussed issues from his organization.

The purpose of the summit was to “undertake the essential dialogue and problem-solving to form a coherent evidence-based strategy for a strong action agenda to improve public awareness of the role and importance of mental health in healthy development.” This was a working meeting of 40 invited participants that represented a range of professionals interested in children’s mental health that included psychologists, family scholars, psychiatrists and professionals from communication science.

**Hot issues.** A goal of the summit was to help develop the “core story of children’s mental health.” The core story would be used to develop a public education campaign. The question is how can APA continue to partner with this group and collaborate in this campaign. Barry Anton, Rhea Farberman and Mary Campbell can serve as conduits to this group and help us develop a productive working relationship. The question is how can this work inform and complement the APA’s efforts at public education?

### **Mental Health Awareness Week at the University of Pennsylvania, April 2, 2009**

As part of Mental Health Awareness week at the University of Pennsylvania I gave a talk on “Mental Health Matters: A Key to a Successful Life.” The student run organization, Active Minds, invited me to speak. Active Minds is a national organization on college campuses that provides education to students and faculty on mental health issues and to help reduce the stigma associated with mental health problems ([www.activeminds.org](http://www.activeminds.org)). A University of Pennsylvania student started Active Minds after her brother committed suicide. The Penn Psi Chi also partnered in this programming. It was exciting and enlightening to meet with these young adults and hear about their efforts to reduce stigma and educate their campus about mental health issues. They asked many questions about how the APA does this and future opportunities for the profession.

**Hot issues.** Some students asked about the psychology internship problem and others about our progress in gaining prescriptive authority. Penn has a strong biological basis of behavior program and several students were struggling with whether to go into psychology or medicine. Several faculty at Penn were part of the interrogation resolution group and were

pleased to hear about the APA Council's implementation of the resolution.

### **SIOP: Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, aka Division 14**

The SIOP annual convention was held in New Orleans April 2-4, 2009. It was a most impressive meeting with exciting programs, exhibits and social activities. The conference had over 3700 people in attendance, who represented the broad range of psychologists working with business and industry. Walking around the booths and talking with exhibitors about their work was worth the trip. Psychologists provide important services to corporations throughout the world and their services are particularly valuable during these tough economic times. The conference included workshops, symposia and poster sessions on the latest research and practices in the I/O psychology. SIOP is a multidisciplinary organization, as members include psychologists, organizational development professionals and others who work with business. Many graduate students and young professionals were at the conference and their excitement for the future was infectious.

**Hot issues.** Gary Latham, SIOP President, invited me to talk about my presidential initiatives and discuss how APA and SIOP can work together for the benefit of our mutual members. There is a history of conflict between SIOP and the APA going back into the 1980's. This was a time when the APA almost split into two organizations and unfortunately there are still strong negative feelings from those experiences among some of the senior members of SIOP that continue into the present. They felt that APA did not listen to or adequately address their needs and the SIOP convention was developed in response to some of their concerns. SIOP is split on the need for licensure for I/O psychologists. Many do not call themselves psychologists in their work; rather they refer to themselves as consultants or organizational specialists. A recent survey of members indicated a majority wanted to be licensed. However, there is strong opposition by many for licensure. This will be an important consideration in our new model licensing act.

### **Texas Counseling Centers Internship Meeting**

The Texas Counseling Center Internship meeting is an annual conference for all of the APA approved Texas counseling center directors and their interns. The Southern Methodist University hosted the meeting. I gave a keynote talk on the Future of Psychology Practice and counseling centers. **Hot issues.** A major concern was the decrease in internship slots and funding for interns. In addition, many counseling centers are overwhelmed with the number of students that require their services, while funding for services is level or declining. There was a lot of interest in what kind of advocacy APA was doing to address these concerns. They were particularly interested in legislative issues in this area.

### **Visiting Scholar at Western Michigan University**

Western Michigan University invited me to be a visiting scholar April 5-8. Alan Hovestadt, a psychologist and past president of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, was my host. I gave talks to their graduate and undergraduate students, faculty and community professionals on APA programs and initiatives and my research on stepfamilies and substance abuse. WMU has two APA approved programs, one in Counseling and one in Clinical.

**Hot issues.** A major concern was the decrease in internship slots and funding for interns. Five out of 16 of their students did not match and get an internship this year.

**Travel Log--May 3, 2009.** This log was written as I headed home from the Tri-State Psychological Association meeting in Idaho. Travel challenges seemed to be the theme of these trips---delays, late flights, and bumpy rides, but once on the ground the meetings were well worth the trips.

### **California Psychological Association**

The CPA convention was held in Oakland, CA April 16-19, 2009. CPA is one of my favorite conventions to attend. As I campaigned for APA President I attended a number of CPA conventions and they are always excellent. The convention theme was on leadership and Doris Penman CPA President, and Jo Linder-Crow, CPA Executive Director, organized a wonderful conference. There were also excellent sessions on ethics. I presented Presidential Citations to Drs. Jo Linder-Crow and Gilbert Newman for their lifetime of service to the profession. Gilbert is the chair of the State Leadership Committee and a past-chair of the Board of Education Affairs. Jo is a former APA director of continuing professional education and the current Executive Director of CPA.

**Hot issues.** CPA is working to stop the state from creating a generic mental health board to replace the Board of Psychology. This was proposed by the governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, as supposedly a cost savings measure. It is a bad and dangerous idea for psychology. It equates psychologists with master level providers (psychiatrists are not included) and moves to make us a generic mental health provider. Two state legislators, Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, (D-Concord) and Senator Ellen Corbett (DSan Leandro) attended the CPA advocacy lunch. Both are strong supporters of psychology in California. Senator DeSaulnier is running for the U.S. Congress, as the current Congressman has been appointed to the Obama administration.

### **APA Board of Directors Meeting**

The Board met April 23-26, 2009 for its spring retreat. We discuss big issues and do long-term planning and we typically do not vote on individual issues at retreat meetings. For the first time, the Board met for a half-day as the APA Practice Organization Board to focus on practice issues and to discuss ways to increase the viability of the APAPO. Just as a reminder, the APAPO is totally funded by the practice assessment payers. We also discussed how we could increase

advocacy efforts for education and science. The member survey conducted for our strategic planning clearly indicated that our members want us to spend more time and energy on advocacy. The Board also spent a half-day working on the strategic plan. We worked on core

values and strategic initiatives. Both of these will be circulated to the APA Council in

the near future and we will vote on them at the August Council meeting.

### **Tri-State Psychological Association Meeting**

This is a joint meeting of the Idaho, Montana and Washington state psychological associations. It was held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho ([www.cdaresort.com](http://www.cdaresort.com)) April 30-May 2. This is one of the most beautiful places I have been—it is highly recommended. Getting there was a bit of a challenge. I was supposed to fly into Spokane, WA on Wednesday evening and drive to Coeur d'Alene. Because of plane delays, I missed my flight from Salt Lake City to Spokane and got to spend the night in Salt Lake—the best thing of this delay was to wake up to the beautiful snow capped mountains surrounding the city. Steve Behnke, APA Ethics officer, presented several ethics workshops. They were outstanding. Not only is Steve incredibly knowledgeable about ethics, he is also an outstanding teacher. It was delightful and informative to see him action. We are very lucky to have him at APA. I met with the Boards of Idaho and Montana Psychological Associations. These are small psychological associations in primarily rural and frontier areas. They have unique needs because of their size and rural nature and each state is dealing with different issues.

**Hot issues.** A number of psychologists talked with me about their concerns with the proposed Model Licensing Act. Specifically they are concerned about doing away with the exemption for masters level school psychologists. In the current MLA, people with a masters in school psychology can call themselves, “school psychologists.” One psychologist was concerned that this will cause ill will and will negatively impact our relationships with teachers and school principals. Clearly this is a “hot” issue for us to consider.

**Montana** got close to passing a prescriptive authority bill this year. It was derailed at the end because of several factors, including NAMI strongly opposing the bill. However, Montana psychologists believe that they made good progress and plan to move forward in their 2011 legislative session. Unfortunately, the licensed professional counselors and social workers passed a bill that allowed them to conduct “psychological assessments.” The MPA was successful in making sure that LPCs have to create rules to ensure that people are qualified to do psychological assessments. APA needs to keep a close eye on this both in Montana and other states.

**Idaho** is considering pursuing prescriptive authority next year. They do not have very many RxP trained psychologists in the state, but their membership is strongly supportive. IPA will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2010. Come to Sun Valley for a great time and celebrate with them. IPA also does collaborative CE events other mental health and medical groups. It is a great way to build coalitions.

**Washington** is working on their strategic plan. They are going to use APA's models and ideas in their work.

**Local flair.** One evening at dinner we were joined by the husband of a local psychologist who gave us a lesson on bow hunting for elk and moose—it is very different than hunting with a rifle. In order to bow hunt you have to get within 30 yards of the animal and not be seen or smelled—they use elk urine to hide the human smell. Gave me a whole new view of “going natural.”

**Travel Log--May 31, 2009.** Headed to Toronto for convention planning. This was one of the most exciting months of my presidency. The month started in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for the Tri-State Psychological Association meeting (see last travel log) and ended in Toronto. It has been a series of whirlwind experiences that I am still processing.

### **Veterans Affairs Psychology Leaders Conference May 7-9, 2009 Dallas, Texas**

This annual conference is for psychology leaders within the VA system. The conference is a combination of leadership training and issues update for VA psychologists. Randy Phelps, APA Practice Directorate, helped create the conference to support the work of our VA psychologists. The conference has grown to capacity and needs a new venue to continue to expand. VA psychologists are generally doing very well because of the increased funding from the wars and the recognition of providing services to our veterans.

I had dinner with VA psychology trainees to discuss their views and ideas about the future of psychology. They are a bright and motivated group. Several asked questions about being APA president, as they are thinking of how they might do this in the future. Our future is in good hands.

**Hot issues.** The VA has grown significantly in the past few years, especially for mental health services, internships and post-doctoral training. APA will need to continue to advocate for funding and expansion of programs. By Congressional mandate, the VA will start hiring more Masters level providers in the near future. APA needs to carefully monitor this change, as it may impact doctoral level training and jobs within the VA system.

Early career psychologists spoke about the difficulty in paying for graduate training in psychology. Many of them have significant debts (\$60,000-\$80,000) to repay. We discussed the need to expand opportunities for loan repayment and salary levels for ECPS. In addition, trainees were concerned

about the lack of internships and post-docs and the need to expand more opportunities.

### **University of Memphis and Memphis Tennessee Area Psychologists May 8**

Rosie Bingham, Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Memphis, invited me to speak with psychology students and faculty. Rosie and I discussed current issues at APA and fielded questions about research and practice opportunities in the future. At a dinner meeting, I met with Memphis area psychologists to discuss current issues at APA, my presidential initiatives and the upcoming Presidential Summit on the Future of Psychology Practice. Ed Wise, a Memphis psychologist, is a delegate to the Summit. I learned that the RxP bill in Tennessee was not going to be pass this year, as they were short one vote on the key Senate committee. They made important progress in their fight for prescriptive authority, but will need to re-introduce their bill in the next legislative session.

**Hot Issues.** Students were very concerned about the internship shortage crisis and the implication it has for the sequencing of training for graduate students. Memphis area psychologists were concerned about reimbursement issues for psychologists and what APA is doing about this and national health care reform.

### **Presidential Summit on the Future of Psychology Practice May 14-17, 2009 San Antonio, Texas**

The highlight of my presidency is the Summit. It is hard to fully communicate the excitement and all that transpired at the Summit, but in a subsequent email, I will send you a summary of my experiences. Carol Goodheart and Margy Heldring, co-chairs of the Summit, did a fabulous job of organizing this event in conjunction with the Task Force and APA Staff. It was a transforming event for the delegates. You can view the major talks and panel discussions on the APA website: (<http://www.apa.org/practice/summit.html>) At the beginning of the month, sleep was troubled from stress about the Summit—will it work or bomb—since then, sleep is interrupted by thinking about all of the exciting possibilities for our profession that were discussed at the Summit. The impact of this Summit has the potential of bringing a sea change to the practice of psychology. The ideas and recommendations from the Summit need to be implemented at all levels of our profession to make a real difference. As stated at the Summit, “¡Lo que ocurrió en San Antonio, no puede permanecer en San Antonio! What happened in San Antonio cannot stay in San Antonio!”

### **APA Insurance Trust (APAIT) board meeting May 21-24, 2009 Nassau, Bahamas**

The APAIT has to meet outside of the U.S. once a year to fulfill its legal requirements for the insurance trust. This was their offshore meeting and held at the “One&Only Ocean Club” where the James Bond movie, Casino Royale, was

partially filmed. The meeting is very different than most psychology meetings, as it focuses on insurance business issues. The APAIT board and staff work hard to provide excellent products at reasonable costs for its members who are insured by the APAIT.

**Hot issues.** During the meeting, Norman Anderson, Paul Craig and I met with a group of APAIT board members to discuss ways that we may be able to settle the current dispute between the APA and APAIT. We were clear with the APAIT board that we are open to having a settlement rather than litigating the dispute. The APA Board will discuss these issues at our June board meeting and will provide an update to the APA Council after that meeting.

### **Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice May 28-30, 2009 Washington, DC**

CAPP had one of its regular meeting to discuss professional practice issues. CAPP handles both APA (C3) and APA Practice Organization (C6) issues. The meeting was attended by CAPP members and a number of liaisons from related organizations (ASPPB, APPIC) and divisions. CAPP continued working on its strategic planning and will present it in the near future. **Hot issues.** The APAPO is impacted by the decline in dues revenues like APA. The APAPO is funded from the practice assessments that practitioners pay. CAPP discussed ways to increase revenues from other sources in order to increase its ability to provide more services to our members.

Happy trails and summer, see you in Toronto at the APA Convention. James

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## Presidential Travels:Part 2

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### June-July 2009

**Travel Log--June 30, 2009.** This is the second installment of my travel logs of presidential travels. The month started in Toronto to plan the APA/NIMH Community Day and ended in Guatemala City at the Interamerican Congress of Psychology (CIP). I will send a separate email about the CIP conference. As a private pilot, you learn about different kinds and levels of turbulence—There were lots of experiences with air turbulence this month, bouncing around the skies and with APA turbulence in coping with the economic downturn and its impact on the APA and other issues within the field. Feel free to share them with your colleagues.

### **Planning Meeting for the APA/NIMH Toronto, “The Role of Families in the Prevention and Adaptation to HIV/AIDS Community Day”**

**June 1-2, 2009 Toronto, Canada**

I believe it is important to give back to our communities. We have a great opportunity to do that at our APA conventions.

Willo Pequegnat, from NIMH, John Anderson, from APA, and I met June 1 with the Toronto planning group to design the community day. The Toronto planning group is chaired by psychologist, Sean Rourke, and includes representatives from the Ontario HIV Treatment Network, Canadian community based organizations and the Canadian government.

Community day will take place Thursday, August 6 at the MaRS Center in Toronto. We are expecting 250-300 people to attend the event.

**Hot issues.** Immigration is a big issue in Toronto, just as it is in the U.S. Around 52% of the population of Toronto was born outside of Canada. It is a very different city than when I first attended an APA convention back in the 1980s. The Canadians are also rightfully concerned that research done in the U.S. may not directly apply to their citizens because of cultural differences and differences in immigration patterns. These are issues that we are discussing in our planning group to make sure that our community day meets the needs of Canadians.

### **Mirage Foundation and Woodrow Wilson Foundation Awards Dinner**

**June 2, 2009 Washington DC**

As President, I am invited to represent APA at events and celebrations. The National Press Club was the site of the Mirage Foundation and Woodrow Wilson Foundation “I have a dream” Awards dinner. The Mirage Foundation give awards

to successful immigrants who have made a difference in the areas of business, health, psychology, and other areas. They also award scholarships to promising immigrant college students. It was inspiring to hear the award winners discuss their dreams for the future. The NPC is a historic site and it is always inspiring to walk around and view the famous pictures of our nation’s leaders. APA Board member, Jean Carter and her husband accompanied me to the dinner along with APA staff, Ellen Garrison, Nancy Moore and Rena Subotnik.

**Hot Issues.** Immigration reform is not currently a hot issue in DC, but when it comes to the fore, the Mirage Foundation demonstrates why we need to create policies that recognize the important contributions that immigrants make to the U.S.

Working in a community health center, my patients often have to wait weeks or months to receive services. For these reasons I returned home for the day of June 3 to see my patients. While it is a taxing trip to get up at 4 AM in DC to be at work on time in Houston, the payoffs are well worth the effort to provide the much-needed psychological services to our patients. Many of the patients I see at the Northwest Community Health Center are immigrants and the glow of attending the Mirage Awards ceremony carried the day and helped me appreciate the sacrifices and contributions that these folks make.

### **Finance Committee**

**June 4-6, 2009 Washington, DC**

Dealing with the budget and financial issues of the association is a challenging task in these economic times. Our treasurer, Paul Craig, and APA executive staff, led by Norman Anderson and Archie Turner, are working hard to ensure that we provide the services to our members while making sure that we live within our means—no easy task. The Finance committee reviews the budget in detail prior to the Board of Directors meeting and makes recommendations concerning our spending and investment policies. We have a number of outside financial experts who are part of the Finance Committee. They provide input and advice about how we should invest our resources to maximize earnings on our investments. It is a steep learning curve to go from psychology practice to complex investment strategies. Fortunately we have an excellent Finance Committee made up of psychologists who have a sophisticated understanding of these issues.

**Hot issues.** We will need to make some hard choices in the next year to maintain our successful programs and current governance structures, while developing our strategic initiatives and maintain a balanced budget. It is critical that we have a balanced budget the next two years because of requirements of our lending agreements. If we do not have a balanced budget in 2009 we will suffer substantial penalties with our loans.

### **APA Board of Directors Meeting June 11-14, 2009 Washington, DC**

The June board meeting is packed full of issues to discuss in preparation for the August Council meeting. It is quite a contrast to the April retreat meeting where we are focusing on big picture issues and strategic planning. The June board meeting has a major focus on the budget for 2009 and 2010 and issues that will be addressed at the August Council meeting. The number of issues we dealt with made this one of the most challenging board meeting in recent times. Despite the fact that the board increased its meeting time by coming in early and staying late, we were not able to complete all of our business. The Board will be having several conference calls prior to the APA Convention to complete this work.

**Hot issues.** Budget, finances and more budget. The Council instructed the APA staff to make sure that we have a balanced budget for 2009 and to follow the association rule of 1-2% safety margin in 2010. Because of a decrease in expected revenues from dues and publishing, Norman Anderson and the APA staff are continuing to make cuts in spending. These are very difficult choices and will require that we slow down or stop doing some activities. The Board also voted to reduce governance spending, such as board travel and board retreats in 2010. The Board re-affirmed its policy that there are no “sacred cows” in our budget and every program is up for review. The one exception is that we need to support programs that generate income, while continuing to provide high quality service to our members.

#### **Dinner with Congressman Brian Baird June 12, 2009 Washington, DC**

Congressman and psychologist Brian Baird (D-3<sup>rd</sup>-WA) joined the Board of Directors for dinner at the National Press Club during the Board meeting. Brian is now the chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment of the Committee on Science and Technology. Brian has a passion for utilizing behavioral and psychological science to deal with global climate change. Using his psychology skills he tells us that we can no longer talk about “global warming,” as it is a mixed term—instead we need to talk about “lethal planet warming.” He is working on legislation to highlight the need for psychology and behavioral science research to address these problems.

#### **Father’s Day Weekend June 18-21, 2009 Northern California**

Lest you think that being APA President is all work and no play—I include this trip to reassure you otherwise. As a family psychologist, I place a high priority on maintaining my relationships and contact with my family. This trip was to celebrate father’s day with my two daughters. As many of you know, I share a passion for oenology and northern California. My oldest daughter, Lindsey (who has grown up attending many APA meetings), is getting married in October. She plans to honeymoon in the Napa Valley area, so I thought it would be great to spend a weekend with her and Jessica (undergraduate at UC Davis) to plan her honeymoon. Lindsey works for Rosie Bingham, APA Board Member, at the University of Memphis—a small world story.

**Hot issues.** The hot issues here are how people are coping with the economic downturn in a place and industry that relies on discretionary spending. Many people at the wineries discussed how people were continuing to buy lots of wine—only not the most expensive ones. Some have even seen increases in sales. As psychologists we need to be vigilant about the potential negative impact of increased alcohol consumption on relationships and psychological problems. I guess I can’t leave work behind after all.

**Travel Log—July 2, 2009.** At 35,000 feet headed home from Guatemala. I left Guatemala with a great sense of pride about how APA is contributing to the development of psychology throughout Latin America. After spending 5 days of busy and often passionate discussions with colleagues from throughout the Americas, it is clear that psychology has great potential for making a difference here.

International conferences are a bit different than most conferences I attend in the USA, as they not only include excellent programs during the day, but also a number of cultural and social events in the evenings. These events are usually high on ceremony. They are sponsored by the various psychological societies in conjunction with the national governments. The social and cultural events are held in government facilities (museums, embassies, etc.) and attended by ranking government officials. Hotels are for rest, not for meetings.

#### **Interamerican Congress of Psychology (CIP) June 27-July 2, 2009 Guatemala City, Guatemala**

The Congress is organized the Interamerican Psychological Association. The Congress had about 2000 people in attendance and was held on the campus of a local university. Most of the programs were in Spanish, and included many psychologists and psychology students from the USA.

The opening ceremony was held in a national theater and included a moving performance by Guatemalan and Mayan performers. Former APA President, Albert Bandura, received an honorary doctorate and special lifetime achievement award. Carol Goodheart, APA President-elect, APA CEO Norman Anderson, Merry Bullock, and former APA President, Frank Farley, were at the conference, in addition to over 100 psychologists from the USA. Merry Bullock, director of the APA office on international affairs, does an incredible job in representing APA with our international psychology organizations. I was pleased to see a group of students carrying around signs with the National Latino/a Psychological Association banner. They came from universities in California, New York, Texas, Wisconsin, and others. There was a gathering of graduate students from across the Americas, lead by former APAGS chair, Nadia Hasan.

There were several sessions in which presidents and executive officers from the various psychological associations met to discuss organizational issues within their country. Brazil stated that they have over 200,000 psychologists that include both master’s and doctoral level professionals.

**Changing of the Rose Ceremony.** After the first full day of the conference there was a ceremony and reception at the Palacio de la Cultura to honor the conference president, Dr. Maria del Pilar Grazioso, and Guatemalan psychologists. After the end of the Guatemalan civil war in 1996, the government created a statue that symbolizes the peace treaty. Each day they place a new white rose on the statue to symbolize the peace. On special occasions a person is allowed to change the rose to honor their contributions. This ceremony honored the incredible work of Dr. Maria del Pilar in developing psychology in Guatemala. Dr. del Pilar was named an Ambassador of Peace, one of the highest honors for a Guatemalan citizen. Dr. del Pilar received her Masters degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Houston.

**APA Event.** This was one of the “hottest” tickets at the CIP. The APA hosted an incredible reception in honor of CIP at the National Museum of Archeology and Ethnology (<http://www.munae.gob.gt>) and the Carlos Merida Museum of Modern Art. These two museums (across the street from each other) were opened just for this reception. The museum director provided private tours and the US cultural ambassador attended to represent the US government. The reception began with a memorable performance by local musical group and was followed by a large gathering (over 300 people) for cultural tours and discussions. This will be one of the great memories of being APA president.

**Hot issues.** Psychology in Latin America is growing rapidly. While CIP welcomes the support and participation of APA, there are mild tensions about the influence of the APA in Latin America. Given our language differences, there was much discussion about how psychology across the Americas can be integrated. CIP provides an important forum for these discussions.

Adiós -hasta luego--on to Oslo for the European Congress of Psychology, see you in Toronto.

**Travel Log—July 17, 2009.** At 36,000 feet headed home from Washington, DC. This has been a busy and exciting travel month. It started in Guatemala and ended headed home to get ready for the APA Convention—speaking of which—I hope you have your passport and are ready to come to an exciting convention.

### **European Congress of Psychology (ECP) and the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations. July 5-July 12, 2009 Oslo, Norway**

My Dear Colleagues—this is the standard greeting in Europe. Visiting the land of the midnight sun was a trek worth making. The European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA) organizes the Congress. The Congress had about 2500 people in attendance and was held at several local hotels, a congress center and at the Nobel Institute. EFPA has 34 member organizations that represent over 220,000 psychologists across Europe. ECP had a special track of programming on Peace, Human Rights and Psychology at

the Nobel Peace Institute. In addition, there were many presentations on science and practice issues.

The opening ceremony was held at the Oslo Opera House. It was a wonderful setting and included awards and outstanding dance and musical performances. Former APA Presidents Diane Halpern and Phil Zimbardo, former APA CEO and President, Ray Fowler, Bruce Overmier, and APA Staff Merry Bullock, Steve Behnke, and Gary VandenBos were at the congress, in addition to many psychologists from the USA. Funded by a generous gift from Ray Fowler, the Wilhelm Wundt-William James award was given to Norbert Schwartz of the University of Michigan for his distinguished contributions to the science and profession of psychology and to the promotion of effective cooperation between Europe and North America.

**A psychologist and president.** Dr. Vaira Vike-Freiberga who was a psychologist in Canada before serving as President of Latvia (1999-2007) gave the opening address at the congress. Dr. Vike-Freiberga is an impressive woman. She used her leadership and psychology skills to get Latvia into the European Union and NATO. That is certainly a great example of applying psychology for the public good.

**A very special reception.** One of the special social events was held at the Oslo City Hall where the Nobel Peace prize ceremony is held annually. It was an awesome experience to visit this historic hall where people like Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, and the Dalai Lama received their Peace Prizes. It was worth the long trip to Oslo.

**EFPA Council.** Much like our APA Council of Representatives, EFPA delegates meet to develop policies for their association. It includes representatives from the 34 countries. This was an historic meeting as the Russian Psychological Association was admitted into EFPA. In addition, they approved their EuroPsy diploma. This sets the minimum standards for psychology training in the EU.

**Hot issues.** I met with President Tor Levin Hofgaard, and staff of the Norwegian Psychological Association to discuss possible areas of collaboration. Dr. Hofgaard asked to meet with us to discuss how we can collaborate on peace psychology issues and on psychology and climate change. We discussed the possibility of developing a memorandum of understanding between APA and NPA to facilitate collaborations. In Norway, the President leaves his/her regular job and works full-time for the association.

There are great opportunities to collaborate more closely with the EFPA. They are developing standards for training, certification and licensure. Sue Gardner, President of the British Psychological Society, met with me, Steve Demers (ASPPB) and Judy Hall (National Registrar) to discuss licensing issues they are facing in the UK.

### **Task Force on Psychology's Contribution to Ending Homelessness. July 15-16, 2009, Washington, DC.**

My presidential task force had its first face-to-face meeting at the APA building July 14-16. The TF, chaired by Norweeta

Milburn, has developed an ambitious set of goals and objectives that will address how psychological research and practice can impact the homeless problem in this country. There will be a session on this at the Convention on Saturday afternoon from 3-3:50 PM, Convention Center Room 709.

**Hot issues.** The Task Force made visits to Congressional offices to lobby for more psychological services and research for the homeless. They were well received in these offices.

**Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative Stakeholders Meeting. July 16, 2009, Washington, DC.**

This collaborative is promoting a new model of primary care for health care reform, the Patient Centered Medical Home. This is a powerful group that has the ear of the White House and many Members of Congress. It is sponsored by big business (IBM, WalMart, Exxon, etc.), insurance companies, and many trade organizations. There are 28 medical home demonstration projects funded by their state legislatures across the U.S. I serve on the panel for integrating mental and behavioral health into the medical home. APA staff, Ellen Garrison, and psychologist Nancy Ruddy, were also at the meeting. It is critical that we collaborate with them to ensure that we are included in the push for increases in primary care. I encourage you to look at their website: <http://www.pcpcc.net>. They have regular conference calls and webinars that you can participate in. Just go to their website and sign up—there is no charge to participate.

**Hot issues.** APA is not a sponsor of this group because of the “medical home” name. We are lobbying with other groups like the American Nursing Association, to get this changed to the “healthcare home,” however, this might not be possible because the name is established. We have some support for including psychological and behavioral services in the medical home, but there is still much work to do.

**Commission on Accreditation. July 16-17, 2009, Washington, DC.**

CoA held its summer meeting to review programs for accreditation and develop policies. Dr. Nancy Elman is chair of CoA. CoA is made up of 32 members from a variety of educational stakeholder groups. This is one of the hardest working groups I have been with. While CoA is supported by APA and staffed by Susan Zlotlow in the Education Directorate, they are an autonomous group because of regulations from the U.S. Department of Education.

Takk--Thanks, see you in Toronto. This is going to be a GREAT Convention.  
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## Presidential Travels Part 3: APA Convention

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### August 2009

**Travel Log—August 17, 2009.** Getting back into my day job after a wonderful APA Convention. My one trip this month was for the APA Annual Convention in Toronto Canada. Toronto is one of my favorite cities and a great place to hold our convention---it did not disappoint this time.

Many people, including me, had travel challenges getting to the convention. My wife and I secured seats on an earlier flight out of Houston. After flying for two hours (total flight time is 3 hours to Toronto), the pilot came on and said that we had been flying out of our way to avoid bad weather and now there was a mechanical problem and we would be returning to Houston. After we landed, the pilot said that the mechanical problem was because an exterior door was not properly closed (this is a pilot error) and we would refuel and head back out to Toronto. After sitting in the small plane for another hour we finally took off and arrived about 5 minutes before our original flight. A few days later many Council representatives sat on the tarmac at the Toronto airport for hours because other planes could not take off due to bad weather.

**What’s it like to be President at the APA Convention? —** It’s great fun, lots of meetings and appearances, and little time for anything else. You are ON all of the time and going from about 6:30 AM until midnight everyday—oh how I wished I would have worked out more before the convention. As Past-president Alan Kazdin said, you are so busy you don’t have time for bathroom breaks—they just give you a catheter.

**Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday August 4, 2009**  
The BOD has a half-day meeting to discuss issues and get ready for the Council meeting the next day. We had a very packed agenda that included passing our strategic plan, reviewing our budget and financial situation, discussing changes to the APA Ethics code regarding rules 1.02 and 1.03, accepting reports on global climate change and on whether sexual orientation can be changed through therapy, and discussing of whether to continue to have delegates from the four ethnic minority psychological associations at Council meetings. In the background was the lawsuit between APA and the APA Insurance Trust and the ongoing saga of psychologists and the interrogation issues. Any and all of these could easily take up an entire session of Council, so the BOD discusses how to manage the issues and accomplish our agenda.

For me it was a special day—celebrating our second wedding anniversary with my wife, Elizabeth. So I skipped most of the

Council caucus meetings that evening, to spend time with my dear wife.

### **Council Meeting, Wednesday August 5, 2009**

The Council meeting starts with presidential citations and an update on my Presidential initiatives. I gave citations to Ken Sher, Janet Swim, and APA staffer Randy Phelps. I am excited that we passed our strategic plan—the first ever for APA in its 117-year history. We still have some work to do on our core values, which will be handled at the February 2010 meeting.

Running a meeting with over 170 people who have strong opinions and who like to talk (we are after all psychologists) is challenging. We have parliamentary rules to follow and my parliamentarian, Andy Benjamin, was constantly writing notes to help me deal with requests and rules that apply. It is multi-tasking to the max, keeping the agenda moving forward, recognizing speakers, watching for others who want to speak, and keeping order all at the same time. I did not learn this in graduate school, but after the February Council meeting, I felt comfortable in the role. Now that I am experienced—I am done.

The budget discussion was difficult and gut wrenching, as we had to lay off a number of employees, cut some very valuable programs and governance activities, such as dropping our Fall round of board and committee meetings in 2010, cut APA's funding for the Archives of the History of Psychology, and other programs. No one was happy with these changes and it is a difficult part of being a leader to keep APA in solid financial shape.

After such a long and stressful day, I was ready for some fun—and it came in the next set activities. The Association of Practicing Psychologists caucus honored the Board of Directors by making us action heroes based on the Pirates of the Caribbean movie—I was named the “Master and Commander.” They presented us with funny posters with our pictures photo-shopped in. My wife and I next attended the banquet for the Asian American Psychological Association. The AAPA holds a one-day conference the day before the APA convention starts—great group of people.

Then it was time to convene the Dance Caucus in my suite. The Royal Suite at the Fairmont is where Queen Elizabeth of England stays when visiting Toronto. The Dance Caucus is a group of Council members and friends who get together after dinner to go dance and get some exercise. We moved the furniture out of the living room (I wonder what Queen Elizabeth would think of this?) and brought in a boom box to get down and sweaty. Folks were having great fun, but I had to close it down at mid-night to get ready for day 1 of the convention.

### **Convention Day 1, Thursday August 6, 2009**

There were two big highlights of the first day of the convention. The day started with APA's first “Community Day.” I believe that we should give back to the cities that we visit for convention. APA co-sponsored with the National Institute of Mental Health and the Ontario Aids community

day of programming for local community workers, titled “Family Front and Centre: The Role of Families in Adapting to and Preventing HIV/AIDS.” We had over 200 people attend to learn the latest research findings and interventions to help families with the HIV/AIDS.

In between I hosted meetings with delegations from the Canadian Psychological Association and Australian Psychological Society. We signed a memorandum of understanding between APA and APS to work more closely together.

**Opening session.** The opening session was terrific and great fun. We started with music by **Funkadesi** ([www.funkadesi.com](http://www.funkadesi.com)), who is a band with musicians from all over the world, including a few psychologists. It is hard to characterize their music, but it got the crowd on their feet—including our keynote speaker Congressman Brian Baird.

We honored Pat DeLeon and Alan Kazdin with the APA's highest honor—the Life-time Achievement Awards and the film, “The Soloist,” with a special award for its sensitive depiction of homelessness and serious mental illness.

Congressman Brian Baird gave the opening keynote address. He is a psychologist, former department chair (said he was revising his textbook) and an outstanding speaker. He gave us an inside look at what is happening on Capitol Hill in regards to health care reform and how psychology is contributing to many areas, including climate change research and our defense operations.

Between the opening session and a reception in my suite, I had to make appearances and presentations at several places. We stopped by the Division 45 “Links and Shoulders” social hour to present a presidential citation to Stanley Sue for his lifetime contributions to Asian psychology and multi-cultural work.

That evening we had a special reception for Congressman Baird and then 13 of us joined him for dinner in the Royal Suite. Before dinner I gave Margy Heldring and Hank Taylor Presidential citations. Hank for his outstanding contributions to aviation psychology and Margy for our great work as co-chair of my Task Force on the Future of Psychology Practice.

Congressman Baird had to step out to do a media appearance on the Rachel Maddow MSNBC show and then he returned. It was a special evening with old friends, honored guests and Brain. He entertained us with stories of Capitol Hill and all of the good work he is doing in the Congress. What a great way to end the first day of convention!

### **Convention Day 2, Friday August 7, 2009**

Day 2 started with 2 breakfasts and then presentation of Karl F. Heiser Awards for professional advocacy at the Division 31 ceremony. Heiser awards started as presidential awards by long-time friend, Jack Wiggins, to honor people who made major contributions to advocacy. Division 31 took over these awards a few years ago.

I had two major programs today. First was a symposium and town hall meeting on the Future of Psychology Practice Task Force and Summit. It was a great opportunity to share the work of the task force and summit with APA members and get their feedback. You can see parts of the summit on the APA website (<http://www.apa.org/practice/summit.html>).

After a cold hotdog in the convention center (only thing to eat nearby), I gave my Presidential Address, The Future of Psychology Practice and Science. There will be a summary of the talk in the October APA Monitor. I then chaired a session on methodology by Scott Maxwell. Presidential citations were given to Scott and George Howard for their many contributions to APA and psychology. Scott and George were my mentors in graduate school—it was a special treat to have them at the convention to celebrate my presidency.

The rest of the afternoon was spent giving awards at the APA and American Psychological Foundation ceremony, where many of APA's highest awards are presented. Some of my dear friends, like Bob Reznik, received awards.

After a brief stop at this reception, I had to run upstairs to the suite for a reception honoring the speakers from the NIMH who presented in the Convention Within the Convention. I also presented Ellen Garrison, NIMH staff, with a presidential citation for her long-time contributions to psychology and prevention of HIV/AIDS.

Too many places to be and the APA cloning machine was broken, so my fellow APA board members presented presidential citations to David Baker for his innovative practice and Neil Pliskin for his long-time work with APA. I was thinking—after a cold hotdog for lunch, when was there time for dinner at one of the great Toronto restaurants—alas, no time and finger food at the receptions had to be substituted for dinner.

My wife was kind enough to serve as host, as I had to leave early to attend several other events—the big one being the APA's first "Speed Mentoring" at the Hockey Hall of Fame. Around 240 graduate students and early career psychologists had the opportunity to talk with 4 famous psychologists and former APA presidents and interact with their peers. It was lots of fun. I wandered around for awhile as my schedule had the wrong room in the wrong hotel for my next event, which was to present a presidential citation to Jim Alexander at the Society of Family Psychology reception. Finally it was time for some relaxation as I headed back to my suite for wine tasting with friends. This is a hobby of mine and a group of us shared some outstanding bottles of wine to end the evening. I would love to have a wine tasting as part of the next APA convention.

### **Convention Day 3, Saturday August 8, 2009**

Up early for two more breakfasts—the Education Advocacy breakfast and the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs breakfast—do you hear me clucking after all of those eggs?

Next stop was another Board of Directors meeting. This meeting was to discuss hot issues that were happening at the

convention and to prepare for the Sunday Council meeting. The hot issues were the APA and APA Insurance Trust dispute and an issue around funding for the Archives of Psychology at the University of Akron. This BOD works very well together and provides great support for me. It is reassuring to have this level of support.

With barely time to eat lunch, it was off to make a presentation. Last year I won the research award from the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers and this was a talk about my work. Following this was the annual town hall meeting for members to discuss anything with the president, president-elect and CEO. Last year, this was a high stress meeting with tough questions regarding the interrogation issue, concerns about APA's position about therapy for GLBT, and a number of other hot issues. By comparison, this year was mild and a friendly discussion about a range of issues from the budget to health care reform.

Next was the symposium on psychology's contribution to ending homelessness—this is one of my presidential initiatives and we had a great presentation and discussion about these issues. Then off to present a presidential citation to Frank deGruy, MD for his contributions to collaborations with psychology and primary care. Frank came to the Summit on the Future of Psychology Practice and was an invited speaker at the APA convention.

I had 30 minutes to visit the exhibits and see my new book, *The Handbook of Family Psychology* at the Wiley booth. Several people spotted me and wanted to talk about their concerns and issues, so I told them that we needed to speed walk the exhibits and talk—more multi-tasking.

Back to the suite to freshen up for the evening. Next up was the Division 42 social hour, where innovative practice presidential citations were presented to Michael Enright, Michael Cuttler, David Fisher, and Dave Driscoll and a presidential citation to Frank Froman. Next stop was the APA Science Directorate social to present a presidential citation to Linda Bartoshuk for her research on taste (her work influenced the way wine is rated and evaluated) and to present the Brain Bee winners trophies. Dinner tonight was the food at the reception. After a brief stop at the Division 55 social hour it was off to the Association for the Advancement of Psychology reception to honor Congresswoman and psychologist, Judy Chu. Dr. Chu is the newest member of Congress (D-CA--she had been in less than 2 weeks). She is going to be a terrific Member and supporter of psychology.

It was time to get ready for the President's party and dance. We had a bit of wine tasting before the party. We were fashionably late, but kicked into gear for some great fun and dancing. The band was an outstanding dance group and the floor was packed. We closed them down about mid-night and then back to my suite for a few more hours of after party fun with friends and guests from Norway.

### **Convention Day 4, Sunday August 9, 2009**

At this point I was running on diet coke and adrenalin. The big task for the day was the second session of the APA

## Division 3 Graduate Student Representative Message

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Council meeting. We had some difficult issues to deal with that included discussing the APA Insurance Trust issues and funding for the Archives of Psychology. About an hour into the meeting I did not think we would make it through the agenda, so we started to scramble. Working with the staff we were able to postpone a couple of items and then we started to roll. We finished the agenda with a few minutes to spare. After an ovation for the good work we all did--it was all over—hard to believe we had been in Toronto an entire week. It was time to go pack and head for the airport.

Little did we know that bad weather and a mix-up in my wife's ticket was about to throw a wrench into our otherwise pleasant day. It was like a repeat of the beginning of the journey—hurry up and wait. Many colleagues had been at the airport for hours before we arrived, so I had no place to complain—in fact it was a great opportunity to have some more good-byes. Once on the airplane, we waved good-bye to Toronto and looked forward to sleeping in our own bed.

**Home for a month.** After traveling so much this year, it is odd to be home for so long, but it is well needed, as there are many household tasks to complete (we returned home and our air conditioning broke—98° and no AC is not fun) but our dogs were very happy to see us back home.

No travel, but still lots of APA business to deal with everyday. Lots of positive comments from the convention and issues to deal with after the Council meeting.

What's next?—two trips to DC for meetings and then off to Australia for two weeks to give talks and attend the Australian Psychological Society.

Happy Trails. Thanks for the wonderful convention. I hope you will write and share your experiences of the convention with me.

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First, I would like to take a sentence or two to introduce myself. My name is Angela AuBuchon. I am beginning my fourth year at the University of Missouri, and in addition to serving as your new Division 3 Student Representative, I spend my time studying individual differences in working memory capacity.

The Division 3 Student Representative is charged with helping students get the most out of their APA membership. Interestingly, this seemed to be the unofficial theme of the 2009 APA Convention in Toronto as the following three questions came up time and time again. I have tried to compile for you the many responses I heard throughout the convention.

### What can APA do for you?

APA is the largest political voice for psychologists at the federal level. To get a sense of the advocacy work that APA does, visit their Government Relations Office website at <http://www.apa.org/ppo/>. Being a member of Division 3 (and maintaining that membership once you graduate), is an effective way to make sure your concerns as an Experimental Psychologist are represented by APA.

But that is a bit abstract, right? Can APA do anything for you directly? Absolutely! APA and the APA Graduate Student Association (APAGS), have a number of awards and fellowship opportunities:

1. To be an advocate mentioned above, check out graduate student internships <http://www.apa.org/ppo/fellows/> offered by the Government Relations Office.
2. The APA Science Directorate offers a number of scholarships and research awards <http://www.apa.org/science/funding.html>. Check them out soon because the Dissertation Research Award deadline is September 15.
3. Scholarships and awards given by APAGS can be found at <http://www.apa.org/apags/members/schawrdsintro.html>

### What can Division 3 do for you?

Being a part of Division 3 allows you to network with faculty members and fellow graduate students from across the country, all of whom share an interest in experimental psychology. Additionally, Division 3 has five APA journals dedicated to experimental psychology, providing you with multiple outlets to publish your research.

### What can you do for APA and Division 3?

SHARE YOUR RESEARCH! Whether you publish in an APA journal or present at the APA convention, disseminating your research to the other members of APA will help those members maintain a high quality of psychological research and practice themselves. You might also consider holding a

student leader position. If you are interested in learning more about the Division 3 Student Representative position, or any of the positions available through APAGS, please contact me at [amam87@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:amam87@mail.missouri.edu)!

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## Graduate Student Corner

**Erin Lightman**

**Hillary Schwarb**

Another school year is again upon us with campuses across the country brimming with students, activity and many new faces. As such, you may have noticed upon opening this edition of the Graduate Student Corner that the pictures greeting you look suspiciously unlike Tom Redick and Jim Broadway. As happens in this (hopefully) transitory period that is graduate school, they have moved on to new and different things and we thank them for their poignant insights over the past three years and wish them every success.

We hope with our first edition of the Graduate Student Corner to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves and lay out the ground work for what we hope to do with this column. As has been the case since the column's inception, we seek to address those issues facing graduate students today and provide information that might help ensure a smooth and successful graduate student career as well as prepare us for life beyond graduate school. As readers of the Graduate Student Corner, we have found it particularly interesting and useful when topics have been addressed by scientists who have already achieved success in the field and have advice to offer, and so we would very much like to continue this tradition. Additionally we hope to provide you with a somewhat different perspective than in previous issues not only as women graduate students, but also experimental psychologists with a focus in cognitive neuroscience. Finally, we intend to keep this column both entertaining and enlightening, as Jim, Tom, Rich, and Nash have in the past.

Here's a little bit about us:

Erin J. Lightman. This is my 3rd year of grad school, although it seems like I just started. I spent my first year of college as a performance theatre major at the University of Memphis, my second year at a non-traditional hippy college in Vermont, and the rest of college as a psychology major back at the University of Memphis. After returning from the dystopia that was the Vermont liberal arts college, I worked for Dr. Danielle McNamara in the Cognitive Science and Educational Practice Lab where I worked on projects in psycholinguistics and artificial intelligence. It was there that I discovered a love for research. After graduating in 2007, I was ecstatic to move to Atlanta and begin work in Dr. Eric Schumacher's lab at the Georgia Institute of Technology. I'm currently working on my master's thesis, which involves dual-task interference and emotion regulation. My research interests also include thought suppression and whether or not the mechanisms that mediate cognitive control are modality specific. Outside of school, I watch TV, paint, read, and try to maintain a decent social life.

Hillary Schwarb. Originally from Troy, Michigan on the north side of Detroit, I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2005 with a degree in both Psychology and French

Literature. It was at Notre Dame that I was first introduced to the world of Experimental psychology and was given the opportunity to work in both Dr. Bradley Gibson's Attention and Perception Lab focusing on perceptual orienting in visual search tasks and Dr. Robert West's Cognitive Neuroscience Lab where I used ERPs to investigate the effects of aging and frontal function on the regulation of cognitive control. With the experience and guidance gained from these undergraduate research opportunities, I packed my bags and headed south to begin graduate school at the Georgia Institute of Technology working with Dr. Eric Schumacher. I received my Master's Degree in 2008 in Experimental Psychology with my work on stimulus-response rules and sequence learning. I am currently a PhD candidate in the Cognition and Brain Sciences program and plan to begin my dissertation work this fall. I am interested in using both behavioral and cognitive neuroscience techniques to study human cognition. Generally my focus is on learning and memory as they relate to skill acquisition and multi-task performance. Perhaps surprisingly, I really love being a graduate student. In my spare time I like to eat out, run my dog, read historical fiction and enjoy all Atlanta has to offer.

To ensure the success of this column, we invite you to become actively involved in the Graduate Student Corner. We would love to hear from you and welcome your feedback. Please feel free to email ([elightman3@gatech.edu](mailto:elightman3@gatech.edu) and [hschwarb@gatech.edu](mailto:hschwarb@gatech.edu)) us with questions, comments, concerns, grievances and ideas that you would like to see addressed in future issues. We also ask APA members to make this column available to their students who may not otherwise stumble across it.

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## Request for Nominations: Division 3 Newsletter Editor and Webmaster/Listservemaster

After six years of outstanding service to APA's Division 3, our Newsletter editors (Kristi S. Multhaup and Mark E. Faust) and Webmaster & Listservemaster (Mark E. Faust) are stepping down and nominations (including self nominations) for replacements are sought. *The Experimental Psychology Bulletin*, an electronic journal, is published twice per year. Editing it is not a greatly time consuming chore, but the job is an important one, as the newsletter reaches about a thousand experimental psychologists and serves as an important link among them. Presentation of Division 3 to its membership and the outside world as well as delivery of *The Experimental Psychology Bulletin* depends on the expertise of the Division's Webmaster/Listservemaster. The position of editor could be filled by either one person or a team of two people, just as Kristi and Mark have co-edited the division's newsletter in recent years. The positions of Division 3 editor(s) and webmaster offer opportunities for individuals to provide critical services to the field of experimental psychology, and receive recognition for this professional service. Recent issues of *The Experimental Psychology Bulletin* can be seen at [..Newsletter.htm](http://www.apa.org/division3/newsletter.htm) The retiring Newsletter Editors and Webmaster/Listservemaster would be able to provide guidance. Nominations including self-nominations should be sent to the president of Division 3,

Ralph Miller ([rmiller@binghamton.edu](mailto:rmiller@binghamton.edu)). Nominations should be accompanied by CVs that include relevant skills/experience.



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## **Michael Posner Awarded National Medal of Science**

**from APA's  
Psychological Science Agenda  
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On September 17, psychologist Michael Posner was named as one of nine individuals selected for the 2009 National Medal of Science. Posner will join the other recipients at a White House ceremony on October 7 for the official presentation.

Posner is professor emeritus at the University of Oregon, where he has served on the faculty since 1965. He earned his PhD in psychology at the University of Michigan in 1962. Posner is considered one of the... [full article](#)

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## **Call for Fellow Nominations**

**Lisa Savage**

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Nominees for Fellow status are suggested by the members of Division 3 (including self nominations). Names and a brief description of accomplishments are forwarded to the executive committee (EC) of Division 3 and those whom receive 2 nominations are then asked to submit an application that will be judged by the EC. The nominee must also receive three letters of recommendation from existing Fellows of that division. Please suggest names by the end of September. If you are interested nominating or applying for Division 3 Fellow status, contact the 2009 Fellows Chair Lisa Savage ([lsavage@binghamton.edu](mailto:lsavage@binghamton.edu)).

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## **2009 APA Program Retrospective**

**Emily Elliot**

**Division 3 Program Chair, 2009**

The APA Convention in Toronto brought together many of our committed and dedicated scientists, who share the goals of helping to maintain the presence of Division 3 in APA, and to communicate to others the importance of science within the APA. This year's convention served to reinforce these goals.

From the standpoint of the program chair, working with Division 3 President Nelson Cowan was a pleasure, and his vision of sharing and connecting with others in Psychology took the program in a new direction. Several of the sessions at the 2009 meeting offered Continuing Education credits (or CEs). Although we are waiting on the final numbers, it is our belief that this practice helped to increase attendance at the sessions that offered CEs. Having said that, attendance at the

non-CE sessions was still strong, which helped to make the Toronto meeting a success.

The main themes of the sessions were: Advances in Research using the Stroop Task, Experimental Aging Research, Developmental and Comparative Metacognition, and Animal Learning. In addition, two symposia were organized for the New Fellows and the JEP Award Winners. These sessions were excellent, and showcased some of the exciting research that is currently being conducted in the many different domains that represent our division. The other new element to the meeting was the Convention within the Convention (CwC). Division 3 donated two hours of our programming to the CwC for a Methodology track. This was done in coordination with Division 5, and two sessions were organized: John Wixted's on ROC curves and recognition memory, and the Methods in Functional Neuroimaging session.

One element of the convention that was a bit difficult was navigating the array of available sessions, and locating the scientifically-relevant programming. I worked in close contact with Division 6 and 7, Division 5 for the CwC, and also had contact with Divisions 20 and 25. This form of a grass-roots network enabled us to identify some of the sessions of interest that were shared between our potential audiences, but there were the inevitable conflicts. Hopefully, improvements can be made to the APA website for the convention that will facilitate the process of selecting which sessions the convention goes choose to attend.

I would like to thank those of you that agreed to present, to chair, and/or to judge the graduate student entries in the poster session. I would also like to thank those who attended our sessions. This year's meeting was full of stimulating scientific presentations that drew a solid audience. With sufficient communication between the division's officers from one year to the next, perhaps we can continue to build upon our experiences to enhance our APA presence.

Best wishes for San Diego in 2010!

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## **2010 APA Program Preview**

**John Wixted**

**Division 3 Program Chair, 2010**

Next year's meeting will be held in San Diego, California, (August 12-15, 2010), and we plan to take full advantage of the fact that nearby institutions are home to leading figures in the field of experimental psychology and related fields, such as cognitive neuroscience. The Division 3 program will feature some of these influential figures as well as many of our distinguished colleagues from around the world in a series of exciting talks and symposia covering the state of the art. For an experimental psychologist, I hope that the experience will be like that of a kid in a candy store. For our clinical colleagues, I can only hope that it will be an experience of some kind (not merely an experience they could have had but didn't).

You do not have to be Sigmund Freud to appreciate the fact that APA is attended by many clinically-oriented

psychologists whose interests overlap not at all with the interests of experimental psychologists. Indeed, I would hazard the guess that many of these individuals never, ever attend an experimentally-oriented psychology conference (such as Psychonomics or APS). That being the case, the Division 3 program and some related programs (e.g., Division 6) offer our clinically-oriented colleagues what is perhaps their one and only opportunity to make contact with the basic science that serves as the foundation of their chosen profession. Even so, they do not come to the talks sponsored by Division 3. Next year's program will be cognizant of that fact and will try to entice a few of them with a symposium or two that is directly relevant to what they do (e.g., a symposium on recent developments in fear conditioning and their possible relevance to the treatment of anxiety disorders).

Now let me hazard a second guess. The members of Division 3 usually attend purely experimentally-oriented conferences, so the annual APA convention offers them what is perhaps their only opportunity to make contact with clinically oriented work. Even so, they do not often take advantage of that opportunity. Next year, I encourage you to come to the APA convention to catch up on the latest trends in experimental psychology (yes, you can actually do this at APA), but do not miss the opportunity to take in a clinical talk or two. It's all too easy to scoff at what you will hear in those talks (e.g., you might complain about the lack of methodological rigor), just as it is easy for our clinical colleagues to scoff at what they hear in our talks (e.g., they might complain about methodologically rigorous work of no practical importance whatsoever). Experimental psychologists and clinical psychologists need each other, but it is easier (and, unfortunately, more entertaining) to ignore that fact and to polarize into separate fields that increasingly devalue each other. Perhaps that is an irreversible trend, but I'd like to think otherwise, so next year's Division 3 program will add to its usual assortment of purely experimentally-oriented presentations by including one or two that speak more directly to the vast throng of clinically-oriented psychologists who will no doubt make the journey to San Diego come next August. It should be fun and interesting, and I look forward to seeing you in America's Finest City.

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## New 2009 Division 3 Fellows

**Michael Young**

**Division 3 Fellows Chair, 2009**

Division 3 is delighted to welcome six new Fellows to its roster this year. **Anne Cleary** of Colorado State University whose area of research is recognition memory, **Zenzi Griffin** of the University of Texas at Austin whose area of research is spoken language, **Jim MacDonall** of Fordham University whose area of research is choice procedures, **Gary Olson** of the University of California Irvine whose area of research is human-computer interaction, **Brian Scholl** of Yale University whose area of research is visual cognition, and **Christian Schunn** of the University of Pittsburgh whose area of research is applied learning and cognition, were all newly elected as Fellows of the APA through Division 3 this year (2009). Congratulations to all.

## 2008 Young Investigator Awards

**Mike Beran**

**Division 3 Awards Chair, 2009**

### Award Ceremony at 2009 APA Convention

Incoming Division 3 President, Ralph Miller congratulates outgoing Division 3 President, Nelson Cowan



Karl Healy, 1st place winner of the Graduate Student Poster Competition accepts an award from outgoing President Cowan.



Mitchel Meltzer, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, received his plaque prior to heading to the airport.



*[Editor's Note: Division 3 has the editors of the JEP journals identify the best paper by a young investigator in their journal]*

### 2008 Young Investigator Awards

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## Report on the August 2009 Meeting of the Council of Representatives of the APA

**Emanuel Donchin**

**Division 3 COR Representative**

The following report borrows heavily from a summary of the Council's actions prepared by Rhea Farberman, who is the Executive Director of the *Monitor*. As usual, the COR meeting, held in Toronto in conjunction with the 2009 APA Convention, ranged widely over the broad range of concerns that pertain to Psychology. This report will focus on those aspects of COR's discussions and actions that bear most directly on the interests of Division 3.

Let me begin by noting that while this year I am still the sole representative of Division 3 on COR, I will be joined by Randy Engle at the February 2010 meeting as beginning with 2010 we again have two representatives on COR.

At its August meeting, the APA Council of Representatives received two reports which put psychology front and center on topical issues: global climate change and the debate on whether sexual orientation can be changed through therapy.

One report, the product of an APA Task Force on the Interface between Psychology and Global Climate Change, chaired by Janet Swim, examined the implications of psychological science as we confront the impending climate change. The report presents an extensive and very thorough review of the psychological literature that is relevant in various ways to the issues related to climate change and recommends ways that psychology can help create public policies designed to protect the environment. The report concludes with a series of specific recommendations. We are now examining with the other divisions who join us in CASAP how these recommendations can be presented as action items to a forthcoming meeting of the Council of Representatives.

A second report, also based a review of the relevant published literature, found insufficient evidence in support of claims that sexual orientation can be changed through therapy. The report concluded that therapists should avoid telling their clients that they can change from gay to straight. After receiving the report, the council adopted a resolution on appropriate affirmative responses to sexual orientation distress and change efforts which grew out of the report findings.

The two reports can be found at

The global climate change report:

<http://www.apa.org/releases/climate-change.pdf>

Sexual Orientation report

<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbc/publications/therapeutic-response.pdf>

There were three major themes in the COR's discussions, and actions, in the August meeting. The dire financial straits of the APA were clearly one major theme. The impact that Health Care reforms may have on the practice of Psychology was a second theme. The third were actions, and discussions, related to the adoption of APA's Strategic Plan. I will touch on highlights related to each of these themes, with particular emphasis on what I perceive to be the domain of interest of our Division.

A. Budget issues.

Budget issues, and actions taken in reaction to the budgetary pressures we face, threaded through much of COR's discussions. One of the Council's tasks is to approve the APA budget, which this time reflected painfully the fact that reduced revenues, and reduced value of the APA portfolio,

placed APA in danger of a major deficit. It is agreed by all concerned that deficits must be avoided and various actions to cut expenses were considered, and mostly approved, by COR. The cuts extended across a range of APA activities. Staff members have been laid off in the APA offices. Various events, such as the "Consolidated Meeting" have been cancelled and so on.

Within the context of the budget discussions the Council took two specific membership oriented decisions. (a) Approved a suspension of the annual dues increase. Dues levels for all members and affiliates will remain at 2009 rates next year. At the same time (b) The COR voted to amend the bylaws to drop unpaid members if they haven't paid their dues after one year instead of the current two-year grace period. To become effective, this proposed change requires the approval of the full membership.

Another budget related item was of particular concern to the Divisions organized in CASAP. This was the proposed, and ultimately approved, reduction in the support that APA provides to the Archives of the History of Psychology (AHAP), maintained at the University of Akron, and directed by Dave Barker. There is a general agreement that AHAP is an excellent resource, of considerable value to anyone who has an interest, and cares about, the history of Psychology. Indeed, the COR recognized the value of AHAP and in 2005 voted a recurring annual allocation of \$60,000 from the APA budget to AHAP. The item was included in the budget of the Science Directorate.

In the course of the Science Directorate's consideration of its response to the budget cuts, a reduction of 50% in the allocation to AHAP was proposed. Given that this cut was inconsistent with the specific action of COR, it required special approval by COR and this item reached the floor in the last few minutes of the August meeting. It is important to emphasize that the Science Directorate did not formally reduce the allocation prior to COR's vote. The Directorate did take action to spread the annual allocation over the year, thus AHAP received less than it expected at the start of the current fiscal year. However, the cut was endorsed by the Board of Directors under their NSC (No Sacred Cows) policy.

There was a very active debate on the COR floor when the item was discussed. The value of the archive was emphasized by many of the speakers. It was noted that the cut will damage the very purpose of the original allocation which was to assure that AHAP has the resources to make its collection readily available to scholars around the world. Others, on the Board's side, argued that under the NSC policy, this cut is as unfortunate as most of the other cuts, and that there is no choice within the budget. In the end, the COR approved the Board's motion. It is noteworthy that about a third of the COR voted against the Board on this motion. This suggests that the matter is not closed. I am sure CASAP, and the Division focused on the History of Psychology will bring the matter back at the February meeting of the COR.

On the good news side, I might note that the COR approved the creation of two new division journals: *Sport, Exercise and*

*Performance Psychology* (Div. 47, Exercise and Sport Psychology) and *International Perspective in Psychology: Research, Practice and Consultation* (Div. 52, International).

## B. Health Care issues.

While the COR did not address directly the various aspects of the impending (one hopes) reforms to the US Health Care system, it was repeatedly noted that it is crucial that Psychology attend to the process and assure that the practice of Psychology as a Health Profession will not be damaged, and actually thrive, under the new system. It seems to be taken for granted as the discussions unfolded that Psychological Practice did not fare well during the transition to Managed Care, and it is with that transition in mind that much attention is paid to assuring the future of professional Psychology.

While this is an understandable, and in fact a highly commendable goal, there are some implications to the broad community of Psychologists that may require a watchful eye by those of us for whom Psychology is a scientific discipline, albeit one that generates much useful service to individuals and to society. The potential for conflict is illustrated by several COR agenda items that were concerned with the teaching of Psychopharmacology and the training of Psychologists who can prescribe.

Thus the COR voted to adopt as APA policy Guidelines Regarding Psychologists' Involvement in Pharmacological Issues. The guidelines, developed by an APA Division 55 Task Force, are intended to provide a resource on optimal psychological practice in pharmacotherapy. They also provide information for psychologists with any level of involvement with psychotropic and other medication issues.

This laudable action was tied to a more worrisome item, namely the vote "to establish an APA "designation program" for education and training programs in psychopharmacology (as opposed to program accreditation). A designation program is seen as the right developmental step for psychopharmacology programs at this time and would be intended to provide quality assurance guidance for these programs." The problem this item presents, from the perspective of the academic departments is that it implies yet another external entity asserting the right to inspect our programs, dictate the nature, structure and content of the program. From my personal perspective, the conflict is between the model of the University as a Community of Scholars, pursuing and disseminating knowledge, and the model of a Vocational School, geared to develop skills and document the skill to an external certifying agency.

A related trend is the emphasis on Licensure for Psychologists. This has, of course, been the rule in that those wishing to practice Clinical Psychology (in all its variants) require Licensure by their State's Board. There are forces within the APA community who would like to extend Licensure for all of Psychology. I attended a session on Licensure at the convention. One of the speakers, who discussed the Licensure of I/O Psychologists, which he strongly advocated, went so far as to argue that everyone who

wishes to represent themselves as “Psychologists” should be licensed. I found that sentiment deeply offensive as I cannot imagine why I, and all other members of Division 3 (or my departmental colleagues) require a State Board’s permission to call ourselves “Psychologists”.

Within that framework was an item on the COR Agenda that reported the development of a new “Model Licensure Act”. While the APA’s model is not binding on the states, it is influential. What is noteworthy about the proposed Model in its current version is that it proposes requiring two years of supervised practice as an intern and a post doc as a condition for the award of the PhD degree. The conversion of the Internship to a pre-doctoral requirement by the Committee on Accreditation in 1993 is already a nuisance for the doctoral programs. Extending the pre-doctoral hiatus to two years would worsen the situation. We need to remain watchful as this discussion unfolds, even though it seems remote from the interests of Experimental Psychologists.

### C. Other items and the Strategic Plan.

I will mention two additional actions by the COR to which much attention was paid at the meeting.

In response to on-going concerns regarding Ethical Standards 1.02 and 1.03, which address conflicts between ethics and law and ethics and organizational demands, the Council directed the APA Ethics Committee to propose language that would clarify the psychologist’s obligations when such conflicts arise. After a public comment period this fall, the Ethics Committee will come forward with proposals in preparation for Council's February 2010 meeting.

The Council also voted to invite a non-voting delegate from each of the four National Ethnic Minority Psychological Associations to attend Council meetings for an additional three year period. Council additionally received the Report of the Presidential Working Group on the Representation of Diversity on the Council of Representatives and requested that it be referred to the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, the Committee on the Structure and Function of Council and the Policy and Planning Board. Council also reaffirmed its earlier votes in support of a Bylaw amendment to officially seat the four Ethic Minority Psychological Associations.

Finally, and probably of most long term significance the COR adopted a Strategic Plan for the APA. I am quoting this section directly from Rhea Farberman’s report.

For the first time in the association’s 117-year history, its activities will be guided by a strategic plan adopted by Council in August. The plan spells out goals and objectives for a three- to five-year time horizon.

“The development of APA’s first strategic plan represents our opportunity to transform the APA into a more efficient and effective organization for the 21st century,” APA President James H. Bray, PhD, told the council. “CEO Norman Anderson and the APA staff are to be commended for this

effort. This is the beginning of our efforts at transformational change.”

APA's strategic plan has three goals:

#### *Goal 1: Maximize Organizational Effectiveness*

Objectives:

- Enhance APA programs, services and communications to increase member engagement and value.
- Ensure the ongoing financial health of the organization.
- Optimize APA’s governance structure and function.

#### *Goal 2: Expand Psychology’s Role in Advancing Health*

Objectives:

- Advocate for the inclusion of access to psychological services in health-care reform policies.
- Create innovative tools to allow psychologists to enhance their knowledge of health promotion, disease prevention, and management of chronic disease.
- Educate other health professionals and the public about psychology’s role in health.
- Promote the application of psychological knowledge in diverse health care settings.
- Promote psychology’s role in decreasing health disparities.
- Promote the application of psychological knowledge for improving overall health and wellness at the individual, organizational and community levels.

#### *Goal 3: Increase Recognition of psychology as a science*

Objectives:

- Enhance psychology’s prominence as a core STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) discipline.
- Improve public understanding of the scientific basis for psychology.
- Expand the translation of psychological science to evidence-based practice.
- Promote the applications of psychological science to daily living.
- Expand educational resources and opportunities in psychological science.

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## **Division 3 Business Meeting Minutes**

**Veronica Dark**

**Division 3 Secretary-Treasurer**

**Minutes of the Division 3 Business Meeting Saturday, August 8, 2009**

**6:00 PM - 6:50 PM Intercontinental Toronto Centre Hotel, Oakville Room, Toronto, ON**

1. President Nelson Cowan called the meeting to order at 6 pm. He noted that his operating philosophy during the year was that Division 3's role at the APA Convention is to disseminate Experimental Psychology to the rest of Psychology.

2. The election results and appointments of new committee members were reported (as recorded in the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting).
3. The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed. (See Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting for full report).
4. President Cowan presented a summary of items from the meeting of the Executive Board.
  - a. New innovation at this meeting is CE credit for four sessions.
  - b. Division 3 Dues for 2009 raised to \$17.
  - c. Division 3 has a facebook page created by Angela Aubuchon (student rep).
  - d. Division 3 is contributing \$100 to the Psychonomic Society 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
  - e. Kristi Multhaup & Mark Faust, current newsletter editor and webmaster have completed 6 years of service and are stepping down after the September issue. A solicitation for replacements will be part of that issue.
  - f. Bylaws changes to allow electronic voting were approved by the Executive Committee and will be submitted to members.
5. President Cowan called for comments/new business items from the floor. There were none.
6. President Cowan announced the New Investigator Awards. Three recipients were present to receive their awards. They were asked to briefly describe the nature of their research:
  - a. Raj M. Ratwani, *JEP:Applied*
  - b. Stephen Cooper, *JEP:Human Perception and Performance*
  - c. Nash Unsworth, *JEP: Learning, Memory, & Cognition*

The awards will be mailed to those not present:

  - d. Daniel Wheeler, *JEP: Animal Behavior Processes*
  - e. Gary Lupyan, *JEP: General*
7. President Cowan announced the winners of the Graduate Student Poster Competition. Karl Healy, the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, was present to receive his plaque. Mitchel Meltzer, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, received his plaque prior to heading to the airport.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> place, *Direct Evidence for the Role of Inhibition in Resolving Interference*, Karl Healy, Karen Campbell, Lynn Hasher, & Lynn Ossher, University of Toronto. Award includes \$100.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place, *Memory for Emotion Words in Alexithymia*, Mitchel Meltzer & Kristy Nielson, Marquette University.

8. President Cowan turned over the meeting to new President Ralph Miller. New President Miller recognized new Past-President Cowan's service to the Division with a plaque.

9. Before adjourning the meeting, new President Miller made a few comments on membership and the role of Division 3. He will ask to Executive Committee to consider whether membership in the Division would be more attractive if the Division's name were changed. He also will ask the Executive Committee to consider whether non-APA members might become members of the Division. The Division needs to have a strong voice in APA to prevent its changing from a professional society to a practitioners' guild. Division 3, among other science divisions, is what gives APA credibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 and those in attendance moved across the hall to the social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica J. Dark  
Secretary-Treasurer

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## Minutes of the Division 3 Executive Committee Meeting

**Veronica Dark**  
**Division 3, Secretary-Treasurer**

**Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Boardroom**  
**Toronto, Ontario**  
Thursday August 6, 2009  
5:00 - 6:50 p.m.

**Present:** Nelson Cowan (President), Ralph Miller (President-Elect), Veronica Dark (Secretary-Treasurer), Manny Donchin (APA Council Rep), Angela AuBuchon (Graduate Student Representative), Karen Hollis (at-Large), Mark Bouton (at-Large), David Washburn (at-Large), Jeremy Wolfe (at-Large), Mike Young (Fellows Chair), Michael Beran (Awards Chair), Emily Elliott (Program Chair).

**Guests:** John Wixted (incoming Program Chair), Lisa Savage (incoming Fellows Chair), Nancy Dess (incoming at-Large), Tom Zentall, **Sangeeta Panicker** (*Director, Research Ethics Office*), Howard Kurtzman (**Deputy Executive Director for Science**).

- I. *President's Announcements* (Nelson Cowan)  
The meeting was called to order at 5 pm. Cowan described the view that Division 3's participation in the APA Convention was not so much for the Division 3 membership as it was to have a vibrant program showcasing the central role of Experimental Psychology in Psychology. He also mentioned the availability of the Newsletter on the Web as helping to publicize the Division's contributions. For the first time in

recent history, Continuing Education (CE) Credits will be available for some Division sessions.

**Election Results.** A total of 186 ballots were cast in the Division 3 Elections. Those elected were: President-elect: Jeremy Wolfe; Representative to APA Council: Randy Engle; Members-at-Large: Bob Cook and Nancy Dess. Cowan thanked the following people who also were on the ballot: Mark Bouton, Tom Zentall, Angelo Santi, and Peter Urcuioli.

**Committee Chairs for 2009-2010:** The new Fellows Chair is Lisa Savage; the new Awards Chair is Janet Duchek, and the new Program Chair is John Wixted.

**Graduate Student Representative.** Angela AuBuchon, who officially begins her term the day after the convention will act as Graduate Student Representative during the convention.

II. *Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Membership and Finances* (Veronica Dark)

The following written report was distributed.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report  
APA Annual Convention  
August 2009**

**1.Membership.** The following table summarizes the membership in Division 3 for the past 8 years. Since 2002, the number of dues paying Members has declined. The number of dues paying Fellows first increased, but then also began to decrease. The drop in dues paying membership during the last year is larger than in the previous years.

|                        | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Associates             | 4    | 5    | 2    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    |
| Members                | 178  | 211  | 233  | 256  | 272  | 310  | 333  | 359  |
| Fellows                | 249  | 279  | 285  | 286  | 302  | 298  | 209  | 199  |
| Total Dues Paying      | 431  | 495  | 520  | 545  | 577  | 611  | 545  | 561  |
| Change from prior year | -64  | -25  | -25  | -32  | -34  | +66  | -16  |      |
| Dues Exempt Members    | 373  | 383  | 382  | 380  | 388  | 378  | 378  | 367  |
| Total Membership       | 804  | 878  | 902  | 925  | 965  | 989  | 923  | 928  |

The new Secretary-Treasurer has not fully explored the reasons behind the membership decline nor taken advantage of APA resources to increase membership.

The number of student affiliate members, based on available annual reports, is shown in the following table. The numbers reported for 2006-

2009 only include the student affiliates who joined the Division in the 7 years prior to the reporting year (i.e., 2002 for 2009). It isn't clear what criteria were used in reporting numbers for the years 2002-2005. Of the 74 in the data base, only 59 have current email addresses.

|                    | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Student Affiliates | 74   | 83   | 90   | 118  | 166  | 165  | 190  | 360  |

Between August 2008 and July 2009, 5 new members and 4 student members were accepted into the Division.

2. **Finances.** Division 3's income is derived primarily from annual membership dues as well as interest and dividends on investments. The interest for 2009, however, is about 0.6% on long-term investments. Membership dues for 2009 were \$17 for members, fellows and associates. No dues are charged to student affiliates. The dues were raised to \$15 at the August 2008 meeting of the Executive

Committee, however, because of a mistake at APA, members were charged \$17. When APA made the Division Secretary-Treasurer aware of this mistake, the Executive Committee decided after email discussion to let the error stand and to keep the dues assessment for 2010 at \$17. The following table summarizes the financial data from January 2003 to June 2009. The Division continues to be in good financial health. Overall, the net assets at the end of December increased by about \$8574 from 2003 to 2008.

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|                       | 2003     | 2004     | 2005     | 2006     | 2007     | 2008     | 2009*    |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net Assets-January    | \$7,447  | \$10,361 | \$11,268 | \$13,680 | \$16,245 | \$17,401 | \$18,935 |
| Dues Income           | \$6,854  | \$6,672  | \$6,411  | \$6,039  | \$5,621  | \$5,964  | \$7,327  |
| Interest/Dividends    | \$35     | \$60     | \$409    | \$837    | \$1,029  | \$542    | \$34     |
| Total Expenses        | \$3,974  | \$5,825  | \$4,407  | \$4,311  | \$5,494  | \$5,311  | \$580    |
| Net Income (excl int) | \$2,880  | \$847    | \$2,004  | \$1,728  | \$127    | \$653    |          |
| Net Assets - Dec      | \$10,361 | \$11,268 | \$13,680 | \$16,245 | \$17,401 | \$18,935 |          |

\*to end of June 2009

In 2007, \$1000 for travel expenses for a graduate student representative was added to the budget. In 2008, the budget for APA expenses for the Secretary-Treasurer were increased to \$1000. APA registration has also increased to \$275. The following table shows that the estimated expenses for 2009 are over \$8500. This amount is greater than our net income for 2009. However, the actual expenses incurred

tend to be lower than the potential total amount because not all eligible expenses are fully claimed. However, we do have three award recipients attending this year's convention, which substantially increases the expenses. In addition, we have more than the "budgeted" 15 speakers. If expenses actually exceed income for 2009, action to increase income may be needed.

| Office / Expense                         | Budgeted 2008* | Spent 2008    | Budgeted 2009  | Estimated 2009 |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| President                                | \$350          | \$987         | \$350          |                |
| President-Elect                          | \$225          | \$245         | \$275          |                |
| Past President                           | \$225          | --            | \$275          |                |
| Council Rep - APA Convention Travel      | \$500          | \$430         | \$500          |                |
| Council Rep - APA Convention Travel      | \$500          | --            | --             |                |
| Chair, Prog Comm                         | \$225          | --            | \$275          |                |
| Secretary-Treasurer - APA Travel         | \$1,000        | \$950         | \$1,000        |                |
| Secretary-Treasurer - APA Registr.       | \$245          | \$245         | \$275          |                |
| Graduate Student Rep - APA Travel        | \$1,000        | \$415         | \$1,000        |                |
| APA Leadership Conference                | \$425          | \$425         | \$425          | Not used       |
|  |                |               |                |                |
| Exec Meeting APA Conv 2009               | \$100          | \$165         | \$100          |                |
| Award Plaques/Shipping 2009              | \$320          | \$313         | \$320          |                |
| \$100 Grad Best Poster Award             | \$100          | \$100         | \$100          |                |
| Social Hour at APA Conv                  | \$500          | \$457         | \$500          |                |
| Federation Dues                          | \$250          | \$250         | \$250          |                |
| Exec Meeting at Psychonomics             | \$200          | \$330         | \$200          |                |
| Award Winner APA Dues                    | \$170*         | --            | \$170*         | at least \$510 |
| Award Winner APA Registration 2009       | \$245*         | --            | \$275*         | at least \$825 |
| APA Invited Speakers Travel              | \$1,500        | --            | \$1,500        | \$1,500        |
|  |                |               |                |                |
| <b>Estimated Potential Expense Total</b> | <b>\$8,080</b> | <b>\$5312</b> | <b>\$8,080</b> | <b>\$8,545</b> |

\*for each recipient

The continuing decline in membership was discussed. Among the points raised were that all the science divisions are losing members, that we might do a better job recruiting members among other science divisions, that we consider targeting fellows in other divisions, that we might more actively recruit

among Psychonomics members by pointing out that APA is powerful and that Division 3 lobbies APA to keep Science issues in mind when APA lobbies Washington, DC.

### III. Approval of Dues Assessment for 2010

The Executive Committee formally approved its email discussion setting dues at \$17.

#### IV. *APA Council Representative's report* (Manny Donchin)

Cost cutting measures are a main discussion item. Nothing is considered sacred. For example, doing away with early career discounts in dues is on the table. Also on the table is cutting the \$60,000 that APA gives to U of Akron to maintain the Archives of Psychology down to \$20,000. Science conferences will not be funded. APA is creating a strategic plan with a mission statement. Discussion suggested that the role of the scientific method as the only path to knowledge should be the main focus of such a document.

#### V. *Visit from APA Science Directorate*

Sangeeta Panneker and Howard Kurtzman of the Science directorate arrived at 5:30 and the floor was given to them. Among the issues they discussed were that President Bray had appointed a task force to determine why Psychology sometimes is and sometimes is not included among STEM discipline programs in Washington. The directorate has established a Committee on Human Research and is seeking nominations. Because of budget cuts, some people have been laid off and some programs are being cut. The Task Force Report on Psychology and Global Climate Change emphasizes psychology's role as a basic applied science. There is an indication that the new NIH chair would like to have a basic behavioral research program. Cowan noted that Division 3 hoped to use CE credits to disseminate information to other fields but that these credits were not part of the CE advertising and that some of the Science Directorate pamphlets/advertisements limited the number of Division 3 sessions that could be included. Kurtzman stated that he will contact both the CE and Convention offices. The visitors left at 6.

#### VI. *Program Chair's Report* (Emily Elliott)

Elliot noted that attendance at the first day sessions was very good. Several commented on the strength of the program. Elliot noted that if the CE credits turn out to be a success, then the Division will need to be more proactive about completing the paperwork to get the credits authorized for its sessions.

#### VII. *Newsletter Editors' Report* (Kristi Multhaup & Mark Faust)

The written report was distributed.

##### **Newsletter Editors' Report to Division 3**

##### **Executive Committee**

August 3, 2009

There are 2 issues, each with action items for the Divisions leadership.

##### **(1) PROBLEM TRACKING MEMBERS E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

This has been an issue ever since Mark and I moved the newsletter to an electronic format in January 2004. At the fall 2008 meeting of Division 3 leadership at Psychonomics, we left with the task of discussing the issue with Steve Breckler in the hopes that the Science Directorate could be helpful.

Steve replied that "APA is keenly aware of the need and value in keeping current email addresses for our members, and we share those with Divisions. The problem is the one facing everyone -- we remind members, we plea with them, and still many either don't provide email addresses or fail to keep them current. One approach that we can certainly use with Div 3 is to provide mailing labels for all Div 3 members, or a subset of them for whom we do not have email addresses, so that an old-fashioned postcard can be sent asking them to update their membership records with APA. If they do that, then better emails will be available for you. But please know that our Division Services Office is always happy to share your own members' email addresses with you (as we have them on record)."

Steve passed along our concern to Keith Cooke in Division Services who offered the same advice. He will (a) be speaking with Nancy Moore, Executive Director of the Governance Directorate, about strategies for APA to more efficiently collect and update e-mails from APA members, and (b) send Division 3s secretary and newsletter editor updated e-mail lists quarterly at no charge.

##### **ACTION ITEMS FOR DIVISION 3 LEADERSHIP ON ISSUE (1):**

(a) Do we have the money to send postcards to Division 3 members for whom we do not have an accurate e-mail address? According to Stevie Wilson in printing services, for 200 postcards, it is 12 cents per sheet of 4 cards or \$6.00. Applying labels is 4.5 cents each or \$9.00. And postage is 17 cents each for third class non-profit rate or \$34.00. That's a total of \$49.00. There's no charge for the files or labels now or anytime you'd like them.

(b) Keith Cooke is willing to compare our e-mail distribution list file with what APA has, but it will cost us \$18/hour for his time. Roughly 3 or 4 years ago Randy Engle had a couple of his graduate students track down address of Division 3 members by checking web sites and the like. The newsletter editors do not have assistants who could do this work does someone who is part of Division 3 leadership have assistant time available? In the event we go with APA to do this work, Keith's more detailed response is as follows "I have no idea how to estimate the number of hours it would take. It seems like it would be pretty tedious and time-consuming. Can you tell me more about the file you have and what's in it names, addresses, emails? Does it have APA

membership numbers? That would go a long way toward being able to do it by computer. Without the numbers, it's not very dependable because of the various forms of names and addresses. I can check with the computer dept and see if they can do something automated if you want to send the file along. But I don't feel like we can put those emails in member records here unless members have authorized that. That is something I would need to take to my boss or others higher up since we are talking about APA member records. Maybe I could keep another file for you outside of the database for you?" NOTE that we do NOT have member numbers in our files so this will indeed be time-consuming.

#### (2) TRANSFER OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND WEB SITE MANAGER DUTIES

When we started as Division 3 newsletter editors, our charge was to transition the newsletter to an electronic format. The September 2009 newsletter will complete 6 years of our digital editing work (2004-2009), and Marks service as Webmaster and in maintaining the List-serv is almost as long. As the Division 3 Board discussed in November 2008, the likely next steps for Division 3 to reach out to younger members will be the newest communication formats (e.g., Facebook, Twitter). Establishing a presence there was placed on our long-term to-do list, but upon reflection we believe the better strategy is to seize this as a great opportunity to recruit energetic young members who have expertise in these new communication formats. Moreover, this could be used as an opportunity to recruit numerous young people to be active in Division 3 (e.g., different people could work on the newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, and maintaining the list-serv).

We have enjoyed interacting with the Division leadership over the past 6 years. We have admired your scholarship; now we also admire your passion for promoting the science of psychology and your creative ideas to address difficult problems. Indeed, we will miss our regular interactions with the leaders of our science, but it is time for us to step down and transfer the editorial, web, and list-serv responsibilities to new people.

#### ACTION ITEM FOR DIVISION 3 LEADERSHIP ON ISSUE (2):

Identify newsletter editor(s) and web master(s) who will take over those responsibilities, and identify point-persons for new electronic communication formats (e.g., Facebook, Twitter). We, of course, will complete the September 2009 newsletter. We are willing to

complete the March 2010 and even the September 2010 newsletters if recruitment is problematic, but in many ways sooner transition is better than later (Kristi has a spring 2010 sabbatical).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristi Multhaupt & Mark Faust, Division 3  
newsletter editors (Mark is also the Division  
web-master & maintains the list-serv)

The board expressed much appreciation for the service of the current Editors. Miller will write a piece for the September newsletter asking for nominations for replacements.

#### VIII. *Graduate Student Representative's Report* (Angela AuBuchon)

A Division 3 Facebook Page has been created. Everyone is invited to join. AuBuchon noted that there are a number of mentoring events for students at APA but that much of the programming is geared toward professional issues. She noted that students often are hesitant to approach faculty and presenters at conference and she encouraged all members of the Executive Committee to talk to students when they see them.

#### IX. *Fellows Chair's Report* (Mike Young)

Division 3 forwarded six names to APA Council, who will decide on Sunday.

#### X. *Awards Chair Report* (Michael Beran)

The Awards Chair Report was inadvertently skipped. The award winners were approved by the Executive Committee in March and notified by the Awards Chair. The Awards will be presented at the Business Meeting on Saturday.

#### XI. *Other Business*

Support for CARE mentoring (Nancy Dess). Dess urged continued Division support for the CARE mentoring programs. There was general agreement. No specific action was taken.

Electronic Voting (Veronica Dark). APA has introduced electronic voting for the presidential elections and will allow Divisions to have electronic voting in the future. **Dark passed out proposed changes to the by-laws to allow Division 3 voting on the APA website. The Executive Committee approved the changes. Mail ballots regarding the changes will be sent out to the membership for approval.**

Recognizing 50 Years. (Nelson Cowan) The Executive Committee authorized a donation of \$100 to Psychonomic Society to help fund its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

APA Speaker's List. (Manny Donchin) The Executive Committee authorized posting of the list on the Division website. Fellows of the Division may want to be added to the list.

*Good of the Order.* Hollis noted that Bruce Overmeier's invited address at 10 on Friday was not on the Division 3 & 6 program summary. Given Bruce's contributions to the Division, she encouraged attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica J. Dark  
Secretary-Treasurer, Division 3