

Continuing Education Committee (CEC) 2008 Annual Report

CEC members: Sally Oakes Edman, PhD, Chair; David Glenwick, PhD; William MacGillivray, PhD; S. Morton McPhail, PhD; Ramona Moss, PhD; Greg Neimeyer, PhD (resigned following the Fall 2008 meeting; position was left vacant); Joanne Peeler, PhD; Nadine Revheim, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD; W. Louise Warren, PhD; Douglas Wear, PhD; Tony Wu, PhD; Mark Zelig, PhD; Jeffrey Rankin, DMH (replaced K. Tercyak at Fall 2008 meeting); Kenneth Tercyak, PhD (resigned following Spring 2008 meeting)

Staff Liaison: Arlette Tongue

- Sally Oakes Edman, PhD served as Chair for 2008, and Doug Wear, PhD served as Vice-Chair. At the September 2008 meeting, the committee selected Dr. Wear to serve as Chair for 2009. Michael Roberts, PhD will serve as Vice-Chair.
- The committee had a full-day policy retreat in advance of its March and September 2008 meetings. The retreat focused on:
 - March 2008
Review of Public Comment for Proposed Revision to Standard D.1.2, Business of Practice Content, APA Strategic Planning Process, CEC Outreach and Research Initiatives, and CEP/SAS Conflict of Interest
 - September 2008
Identifying ways to enhance the application and review process, changes to Educational and Technical Assistance (ETA) of the Standards and Criteria Manual and the Sample Evaluation Form included in the Application, cross cutting agenda items, outreach activities, and the Final Report of the Task Force on External Funding
- The committee continues to engage in outreach activities to promote understanding of its policies and procedures. This includes appointing a member to serve as a liaison to the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) who attended the September meeting of CAPP.
- The committee has formed two subcommittees to focus on ways in which data on continuing education could be gathered and disseminated and done on an ongoing basis. The outreach subcommittee will continue to work with staff to disseminate information via tips, newsletters, and FAQs. The research subcommittee will look at information from the application and the activity summary on the quality and quantity of programs. It also proposed to continue to conduct an annual survey of approved sponsors and to develop an annual survey on continuing education for psychologists.

Continuing Education in Psychology Activities at the 2008 APA Convention

- The Continuing Education Committee reviewed 115 workshop proposals and, of these, 72 workshops (including five preconvention workshops) were presented at the 2008 convention in Boston, MA. A total of 1209 individuals enrolled in these workshops. Evaluation data from workshop participants continue to reflect a high level of satisfaction with the quality and value of these programs.
- 204 general convention sessions were offered for CE credit at the 2008 Annual Convention and approximately 650 individuals completed the follow-up materials to request CE credit for their attendance. It is anticipated that 200 CE sessions will be offered at the 2009 convention.

Continuing Education in Psychology Independent Study Programs

Approximately 95 APA book/journals and DVD-based independent study programs are currently offered.

In addition, the APA Online Academy currently hosts 12 programs. Nine new programs will be released by March 2009. These programs are a blend of multimedia presentations with downloadable PowerPoint slides.

CE Sponsor Approval System

The Continuing Education Sponsor Approval System recognizes organizations committed to providing high quality continuing education in psychology.

- During 2008, the Continuing Education Committee reviewed a total of 258 applications from organizations seeking approval as sponsors of continuing education for psychologists. Of the 239 applications, 78 were new applications of which 18 were denied and 2 were deferred.
- As of December 31, 2008, 783 organizations were listed as APA-approved sponsors of continuing education for psychologists.
- The CEC reviewed 29 applications for one-time course approval in 2008.
- The Sponsor Approval System hosted a “roundtable” discussion at the 2008 APA annual convention at which sponsors could ask questions and engage in discussion with staff from the SAS office and members of the Continuing Education Committee. Approximately, fifty sponsors attended the two hour session. The roundtable is an annual event.
- An online application system for sponsors is being developed and expected to be launched in 2010.