

## **Continuing Education Committee (CEC) 2010 Annual Report**

**CEC members:** Michael Roberts, PhD, Chair; Glenn Ally, PhD, MP; David Barnum, PhD; Stephen Cook, PhD; Y. Evie Garcia, PhD; Michele Karel, PhD; Dwight Kirkpatrick, PhD (resigned following the Spring 2010); Robert Gresen, PhD (replaced Dwight Kirkpatrick); S. Morton McPhail, PhD; Ramona Moss, PhD; Susan Simonian, PhD, ABPP; Erica White, PhD; Tony Wu, PhD; Patricia Zapf, PhD

**Staff Liaison:** Arlette Tongue

Michael Roberts, PhD served as the Chair for 2010, and Susan Simonian, PhD, ABPP served as Vice Chair. At the October 2010 meeting, the Committee selected Dr. Simonian to serve as Chair for 2011. Evie Garcia, PhD will serve as Vice Chair.

During 2010, the Continuing Education Committee reviewed a total of 255 applications from organization seeking approval as sponsors of continuing education for psychologists. Of the 255 applications 203 organizations were approved of that 67 were new applicants. As of December 2010, 782 organizations were listed as APA-approved sponsors of continuing education for psychologists

The Committee had a full-day policy retreat in advance of its April and October 2010 meetings. The retreats focused on review of the:

- American Psychological Association Continuing Education Sponsor Approval System Policies and Procedures
- Approval of Sponsors of Continuing Education for Psychologists Application
- Standards and Criteria for Approval of Sponsors of Continuing Education for Psychologists

The Committee continues to engage in outreach activities to promote understanding of its policies and procedures. This includes offering the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference for CE Sponsors, a day-long event held at APA Convention in San Diego. Content included: promotion and advertising, competency, assessment and evaluation, professional development, and distant learning.

The Committee maintains 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 works with staff to disseminate information via tips, website, and FAQs. The research subcommittee looks at information from the application and the activity survey of approved sponsors and to develop an annual survey on continuing education for psychologists.

### Continuing Education in Psychology Activities at the 2010 APA Convention

The Continuing Education Committee reviewed 160 workshop proposals and, of these, 66 workshops (including four pre-convention workshops) were presented at the 2010 convention in San Diego, CA. A total of 1224 individuals enrolled in these workshops. Evaluation data from workshop participants continue to reflect a high level of satisfaction with the quality of value of these programs.

299 general convention sessions were offered for CE credit at the 2010 Annual Convention and approximate 835 individuals completed the follow-up materials to request CE credit for their attendance. It is anticipated that 300 CE sessions will be offered at the 2011 convention.

### Office of CE Sponsor Approval

The Office of CE Sponsor Approval was created by APA to facilitate psychologists' access to CE programs. It is the function of this office to oversee the process of organizations seeking to become APA-approved sponsors and offer CE to psychologists.

Consistent with this mission, the CE Sponsor Approval System (CESAS) the online system for CE sponsors was launched in January 2011. CESAS allows applicants to complete both their applications and annual reports online and includes the ability to attach supporting materials electronically.