

APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology
September 19–21, 2008
Minutes

CIRP: Stephen Quintana, PhD (Chair); Lynn Collins, PhD; Carolyn Enns, PhD; Oliva Espin, PhD; Pamela Flattau, PhD; Laura Johnson, PhD; Shinobu Kitayama, PhD; Jeanne Marecek, PhD; and Guerda Nicolas, PhD

Liaisons and Monitors (partial attendance): Michael Wertheimer, PhD (Board of Directors); Florence Denmark, PhD (UN Main Representative); Pierre Ritchie, PhD (IUPsyS Liaison); Ester Sztejn, PhD (USNC Liaison); and Fong Chan, PhD (CDIP Monitor)

Division Liaisons (partial attendance): Joan Chrisler, PhD (52); Henry David, PhD (34); David Eckerman, PhD (25); Marilyn Jacobs, PhD (39); Lonnie Sherrod, PhD (7); and Judith Torney-Purta, PhD (15)

Guests: Preston Garrison, Executive Director, WFMH, and Elaine LeVine, PhD (Committee on Rural Health)

APA Executive Officers and Staff: Alan Kazdin, PhD, Melba Vasquez, PhD; Norman Anderson, PhD; Michael Honaker, PhD; Janet Soller, PhD; Stephen Behnke, PhD; Renee Valdez; Jeff McIntyre; and Annie Toro

Staff Liaisons: Merry Bullock, PhD, Senior Director, Office of International Affairs; Sally Leverty, Office of International Affairs; and Amena Hassan, Communications Manager, Office of International Affairs

Introductions and Chair's Remarks

Working Groups were designated to work on agenda items:

- Targeted Nominations Statement and Operation Procedures (Items 4 and 5): Enns and Chrisler
- Awards (Items 9 and 10): Quintana, Enns, Collins, and Johnson
- APA-UN Procedures (Item 15): Johnson and Quintana
- Membership (Items 23 and 24): Collins, Kitayama, and Jacobs
- APA Policy–Disasters (Item 25): Nicolas, Marecek, and Espin

1. CIRP meeting dates

Meeting dates through 2010 were received.

2. **Approval of March 28–March 30, 2008 Minutes**

CIRP approved the March 28-March 20, 2008 minutes with the following corrections:

- Item 16: substitute “were designated” for “agreed”
- Item 17: correct “Nicholas” to “Nicolas”

The approved minutes will be posted on the Web. Dr. Bullock clarified the follow-up procedures on CIRP action items, and how CIRP and OIA staff work together to draft responses to other governance groups that have requested comments on cross-cutting items.

3. **Election of 2009 CIRP Chair**

Jeanne Marecek was elected 2009 chair.

4. **Targeted Nominations Statement for 2010–2012 Terms**

The committee offered suggestions for the working group (Dr. Enns and Dr. Chrisler) to consider in the nominations statement:

- Ask committee members to select and work on projects
- List specific expertise
- List responsibilities, tasks, and time requirements

The Nominations Statement working group made the following suggestions for the CIRP nominations statement:

- Incorporate the CIRP mission statement in the nominations statement
- Include a list of representative CIRP tasks
- Indicate committee member expectations including meeting attendance, between-meeting conference calls, and the expectation that the member will work on joint CIRP activities between meetings

Staff will circulate a revised nominations statement for CIRP’s review.

5. **CIRP Operating Procedures**

The working group (Dr. Enns and Dr. Chrisler) reviewed proposed changes to the operating procedures and reviewed for missing or redundant information.

Staff will send a final draft of the revised operating procedures to CIRP for approval.

6. **International Update–APA, Board, and Council**

OIA staff outlined APA-wide activities reflecting a broad international focus. In addition to items on the present CIRP agenda, staff highlighted:

- Formal and informal memberships and activities with organizations
- Participation in international meetings, e.g., the International Congress of Psychology in Berlin
- The 2008 Education Leadership Conference with a focus on “Internationalizing Psychology Education”
- Approval by Council of support for psychology’s involvement in the WHO revision of the International Classification of Disease
- Inclusion of some international activities in almost every office and department in APA

Staff outlined mechanisms to identify and follow international involvement; described mechanisms for recruitment of international affiliates; and described special relationships with APA divisions.

7. CIRP and OIA Update

Staff described the task purview of the OIA staff; outlined CIRP activities since the last meeting (including statements, letters and nominations); and outlined upcoming programs and events, including a revived book donation program (2010), ethics meetings (2009 and 2010), international conferences (SIP and ECP in 2009), and UN activities.

8. Review of APA Strategic Plan and APA Radar Screen

CIRP discussed the radar screen topics and noted the importance of connecting each item to a science/research base and of addressing the international dimensions. Specific additions included:

- Item #1 – add “immigrants” to the list
- Item #2 – add “broaden access”
- Change subheading on the globalization bullet title from ‘globalization’ to ‘internationalization’

Additional suggestions included adding multi-disciplinary collaborations and outreach to communities, and mentioning how international activities enrich domestic aspects of science, and application.

CIRP discussed the importance of branding and recognition of international aspects of psychology as essential to all substantive topics, and the importance of adaptation to reach out to younger members.

9. International Awards

The awards subcommittee (Dr. Quintana, Dr. Collins, Dr. Enns, and Dr. Johnson) reviewed nominations for the 2009 APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology and the 2009 APA International Humanitarian Award. CIRP approved the subcommittee’s recommendations in executive session.

10. Nominations for External Awards

Nominations for the Raymond Fowler Award and Wundt-James Award were discussed in executive session.

11. 2009 Presidential Initiatives

CIRP discussed the request for convention hours for a “convention within a convention” during their discussion of 2009 convention activities. CIRP agreed that there would be value in promoting an international input if science and practice tracks develop as part of this initiative. Staff reported potential collaborations with the science/practice boards in identifying internationally relevant skills training.

12. APA’s Policies and Actions Related the Psychologists in National Security Settings:International Perspectives

Steve Behnke, PhD, director of the APA Ethics Office, briefed CIRP on a meeting between APA and members of the Nordic Committee of Psychological Associations during the ICP in Berlin. Dr. Behnke reported that APA’s written response to concerns raised by the Nordic Committee is in preparation.

13. UN Activities Report and Review

Dr. Denmark reviewed the report on UN activities received by CIRP. Highlights included the planned program for the 2008 Psychology Day at the UN (November 20, 2008), which includes a morning DPI briefing and three afternoon panels on the psychological aspects of social justice issues: climate change, poverty, and abuse of power (organized by APA).

CIRP discussed the role and scope of work at the UN and affirmed that APA’s primary role at the UN is with regard to policy issues, to infuse UN deliberations and decisions with psychological input. CIRP also noted that UN involvement sometimes provides opportunities for other activities (such as current initiatives with the Office on AIDS)

CIRP applauded the UN team for its work and requested that the team keep CIRP informed of targets of opportunity for input on activities, initiatives and policy issues.

14. UN NGO Team Recruitment

CIRP proposed a slate of candidates to interview during executive session. Drs. Quintana, Collins, and Marecek were designated to interview candidates in New York City, along with Drs. Denmark and Bullock. OIA staff will send the candidates’ complete CVs to the interview team and will set up interview times and locations.

15. APA UN Representation – Policies and Procedures

CIRP reviewed the procedures currently in place for UN activities (the UN representative team operating procedures and the procedures for approval of APA endorsement of UN – NGO statements and documents). CIRP then tasked a working group (Dr. Johnson and Dr. Quintana) to develop draft procedures for processes involved in APA representation at UN events. These included; decision making processes for whether APA should participate in a UN event; procedures for selecting participant delegations; procedures for preparing delegations for attendance at UN events; decision rules for delegation activities and decisions during a UN event; and procedures for debriefing following an event.

The working group produced draft procedures for CIRP's feedback. A final draft will be sent to the Board of Directors for review.

16. APA Representation at the UN: UN Priorities

OIA staff and the UN Main representative articulated the range of activities that APA presence at the UN can accomplish:

- Disseminate information about psychology to the UN and about the UN to psychology
- Develop briefs on substantive topics relevant to UN activities and deliberations
- Work to insert relevant language providing a psychology/behavior/mental health perspective into official documents
- Raise awareness of APA members about where the Association can be effective internationally
- Open doors for interactions in other venues

CIRP made the following suggestions for future UN activities:

- Presentation on the “rescuer” mentality on the Psychology Day panel on abuses of power (see Item 13)
- Workshop for UN personnel to raise consciousness on values and decision making
- Development of a UN resolution on mental health

17. APA Representation at the UN Anti-Racism Review Conference, 2009

The United Nations will convene a Review Conference in Geneva in April 2009 to assess the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. CIRP reviewed the history of APA's involvement in the 2001 WCAR in Durban and discussed the follow-up activities of the United Nations leading up to the review conference.

Dr. Denmark reported that some of the APA UN NGO team supports sending a delegation to the WCAR review conference in Geneva, provided the delegation is (1) composed of a diverse group from across the Association; (2) has a mandate from the Board of Directors and Council of Representatives; and (3) has a clear set of guidelines

and procedures for representing the Association. Members of the UN team also suggested that the delegation be aware of the actions of the U.S. government mission.

CIRP will prepare a memorandum for the Board of Directors articulating the merits of sending an APA delegation to participate in the review conference.

18. APA Representation at the UN: Development of Informational Brochures

CIRP reviewed and endorsed the development of informational brochures on Millennium Goal topics.

19. Internationalizing the Undergraduate Curriculum

Judith Torney-Purta joined CIRP to report on the internationalizing the curriculum activities at the Education Leadership Conference. She reviewed the history of efforts on developing an internationalized curriculum from the ACE project and summarized ELC sessions on:

- uses of technology to increase international content and interaction including Facebook, blogs and other technologies
- agreement that text book changes might not be efficient because text books tend to follow the market not to lead it

Torney-Purta described other methods for internationalizing curriculum content such as text supplements and hands-on experiences (e.g., interviewing immigrants) She suggested that Divisions 2, 17, and 52 (which are actively concerned with internationalizing the curriculum) could be joined by substantive divisions (e.g., 7, 8, 9 and 15) to develop materials.

The ELC report might be a catalyst for demonstration projects (e.g., model departments; promote the use of depositories such as MERLOT; develop teaching modules and other free resources). Individuals who develop teaching modules could make them publicly available and they could spread virally.

CIRP received this information and requested that the Internationalizing the Curriculum Workgroup meet one more time via conference call to draft next steps. These might include a resolution to direct APA to publish standards for internationalizing the curriculum and a recommendation to add the learning goals to the *APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major* the next time it is revised.

20. Joint BEA/CIRP Task Force on APA's Role in International Quality Assurance: Resolution and Report

CIRP reviewed the revised Task Force report and draft Resolution. CIRP suggested minor revisions to the resolution in order to increase the emphasis on partnership:

- Change the 3rd bullet to bullets 3 and 4
- Add an explicit bullet that APA may review its own activities on the basis of what is learned
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21. 2009 CIRP Convention Activities

Staff reviewed the 2008 CIRP sessions and decided to use its 2009 allotment for the following programs:

- Substantive Symposium outlining UN activities organized by the UN team. This symposium is appropriate for a request for hours from the P&P board
- Symposium as Fulbright follow up (organized with assistance from Fulbrighters from the 2008 convention initiative)
- Substantive symposium on an internationally relevant topic about which CIRP wants to raise awareness: Suicide internationally (Marecek)

CIRP discussed the request from President elect James Bray to develop a convention within a convention. CIRP regretted that the proposed programs were not more developed so that it would be more clear what kind of contribution was possible, but endorsed the idea of promoting international content/implications of both practice and science topics.

CIRP also discussed a number of substantive ideas for convention programming that may be conveyed to relevant divisions and offices and that may be considered for future years. These included:

- Strategies for internationalizing the curriculum
- International approaches to trauma
- Follow up symposium to the resolution on genocide
- Dealing with trauma in diaspora communities
- Transcultural Psychiatry

22. Oversight of APA Leadership and Participation in the International Network On Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns and Transgender Issues in Psychology

Dr. Espin provided CIRP with a review of the network’s activities

23. APA Bylaw Pertaining to International Affiliate Criteria

The workgroup (Dr. Collins and Dr. Kitayama) reviewed the current membership form and criteria. They recommended that current procedures are sufficient (Service Center staff confirm that applicants have entered information on the form concerning membership in their national psychology association or highest degree attained but do not certify this information).

The workgroup also recommended that CIRP write a memo to the Membership Office/Committee urging a separate affiliate form for international affiliate membership applications as the omnibus form requests information that is at best not relevant to international membership and at worst might be offensive to some international colleagues (ethnic classification; questions about criminal records). In addition, it believed that the requirements to sign the ethics portion of the form were ambiguous and that it would be inconsistent with APA's policy of being an international "learning partner" to imply that international colleagues should agree to follow APA's code of ethics.

24. Departmental Memberships

CIRP discussed the merits of developing a membership category that would foster involvement and engagement with APA by international colleagues from developing countries where even the modest international affiliate fee is outside the possibilities for individual psychologists.

CIRP suggested the formation of departmental memberships for developing countries and a Working Group (Kitayama, Collins) suggested some features of such a membership. CIRP then developed a preliminary outline as follows:

A Departmental Membership to be available to Departments of Psychology in developing countries (as defined by the World Bank) at the same rate as international affiliate memberships (\$27). Memberships would include the standard affiliate member benefits (Monitor, AP with an additional \$12) delivered to the department. It would also include the following additions: member rates for journal subscriptions and convention attendance for ALL departmental members, development of a department member certificate; membership in a listserv of departmental members. CIRP noted that providing member rates for all members of a department would most likely not accrue undue benefits as few if any colleagues from these departments would be able to attend APA conventions.

CIRP will continue working on this outline for submission the Membership Board at a later meeting.

25. Development of Policy and Guidelines for APA's Response to International Crises

The CIRP working group (Dr. Nicolas, Dr. Marecek, and Dr. Espin) was tasked to develop guidelines for APA's response to international crises that would:

- Acknowledge the need for locally appropriate materials and language-appropriate materials
- Articulate criteria to trigger an APA response
- Emphasize capacity building as a central focus

The draft response document will be forwarded to the APA Board of Directors for review.

26. Fulbright Update and Follow-up

Staff reviewed the 2008 Fulbright program and asked CIRP for input into follow-up activities, based on Fulbrighter's responses to a brief evaluation survey. Suggestions included:

- Maintain recognition at convention
- Develop mailing lists to explicitly invite Fulbrighters to the international reception at convention
- Highlight Fulbrighters in *Psychology International*
- Discuss Fulbright articles in the Monitor. Staff will send the Fulbright book to the Monitor editor.
- Increase mechanisms for social networking (e.g., listserv)
- Explore mechanisms for informing department chairs about Fulbright programs (a) for scholars and students in their department; and (b) for the department as a Fulbright host. Staff will contact COGDOP and will work with the Education Directorate to contact chairs of undergraduate departments. Staff will contact Fulbright program officers.

27. Psychologists Abroad: Brochure

CIRP's commented that the brochure:

- Needs editing for crisper and more succinct presentation;
- Needs to acknowledge variability within regions so that it does not promote regional or stereotypes;
- Needs to include activities relevant to preparation before international experiences and follow up activities.

28. New Programs/Programs in Progress – Meetings with APA Staff

Janet Soller, PhD, Publications and Databases

Soller presented CIRP with an overview report of information on international journal editors, authors and titles. She asked CIRP to review the questions underlying this report (e.g., number of international editors; associate editors; authors; first authors; etc) and to develop a list of questions for which data could be collected on a yearly basis. CIRP will develop this list and send it to Publications staff.

CIRP and Soller discussed the need to be able to identify and track the frequency of international topics in APA journals. Soller noted that identifying an article as "international" in content would require identifying the relevant key words or taxonomic entries. Staff will discuss these issues with the taxonomists in the journals staff and report back to CIRP.

CIRP Chair Quintana raised a question concerning a mechanism of special issues or special sections for increasing international content. Soller suggested that CIRP contact journal editors with ideas for special sections with an international focus. She suggested that a good strategy would be to contact editors early in their tenure when journal page allocations are more open. CIRP agreed to develop a boilerplate letter addressing the need for increased content to call attention to international scholarly/ research content.

Soller also encouraged CIRP to be active in responding to journal editor calls. The present call is open for the next month.

CIRP also discussed how to encourage international affiliates to apply to APA to be journal reviewers. Soller noted that there is a call for journal reviewers included in the on-line “authors’ corner” for APA journals that CIRP should review and publicize. CIRP might also want to suggest including explicit invitations to international scholars in this call.

Annie Toro and Jeff McIntyre, APA Public Interest, Government Relations Office

The PPO staff reviewed their activities and invited CIRP to develop an action plan and to be actively involved in advocacy efforts and advocacy training. The Office is currently working on a number of policy initiatives with international relevance, including immigration, refugees, mental health and developing countries, and media. PPO staff will send sample legislative priorities for CIRP to consider and modify.

PPO staff also encouraged CIRP to engage in advocacy training.

Renee Valdez, APAGS

Valdez thanked CIRP for the opportunity to meet with them and reviewed some of APAGS’ international engagement, including an international listserv. She also outlined the system of campus and state representatives that serve to link students to APA

CIRP was invited to engage in broad-ranging discussion of student needs in the international arena and how to get international students more involved with APA. CIRP noted that there were at least 4 unique constituencies of “international” students: international students in the US who intend to stay in the US; international students in the US who intend to return to their home countries; US students who want to go abroad; and US students who don’t know about international activities and opportunities.

Ideas included:

- Development of international practicum experiences. CIRP noted that whereas international internships are often what students seek, a more pragmatic international experience might be a shorter term practicum or exchange experience, which would allow a flavor of internationalization but that would not run into the formidable logistical hurdles that international internships might entail for later licensure, etc. There was also discussion of the development of activities at the immediate postdoc level. Sztein (liaison from USNC) noted a plan to develop a collaborations portal as part of the USNC’s activities. It was noted that departments would be a good source of references to colleagues trained in the

US who have returned to their countries of origin who might serve as a useful advisory group.

- travel awards and other awards attractive to international students
- information for departments about special considerations for international students concerning language needs; timing needs when data collection involves international activities; required flexibility for international activities
- Change in the departmental culture so that international students are perceived as an enriching factor to the department

CIRP suggested that APAGS form an international committee with liaison function to CIRP, and discussed programs to link undergraduate abroad programs with psychology departments or experiences.

29. Relations with Divisions

CIRP received the minutes of the 2008 Division Liaison Breakfast meeting in Boston. Dr. Bullock reported that as a result of discussions begun in Boston, divisions 22 and 56 have applied for an interdivisional grant to develop a database of international trauma experts.

CIRP discussed the benefits of co-listing convention programming with targeted divisions and agreed to work with Division program chairs to list CIRP events.

30. CIRP Board and Division Liaisons

Time was provided to liaisons to report on their division's international activities.

Division 7 – Developmental Psychology: Dr. Sherrod noted how international issues like immigration and global communication were becoming increasingly relevant to the division. CIRP welcomed collaboration with the division if in the future it decides to develop information concerning international policy, for example, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Division 25 – Behavior Analysis: Dr. Eckerman noted that although the membership in the division is low, the field of behavior analysis is advancing rapidly internationally.

Division 39 – Psychoanalysis: Dr. Jacobs reported that the division has an active task force on international relations (for which she serves as chair); features information with an international focus on its website, and has an international affiliate membership category. The task force has asked the division board to adopt a specific policy to establish internationally-based interest groups to Division 39. Dr. Jacobs welcomes CIRP collaboration on how to encourage international division membership and how to address the broader issue of engaging all APA divisions to reach out to international affiliates.

Division 52 – International Psychology: Dr. Chrisler reported that Division 52 is starting a journal and has an ongoing book series with Taylor & Francis. She noted that Lynn Collins is the incoming president and that Danny Wedding is the president elect for 2010.

She also called CIRP's attention to some products developed by Division 52 including a DVD on international psychology, the newsletter *International Psychology Bulletin* and an Information Clearinghouse on the web.

31. Cross-Cutting Agenda

1. Call for Questions to the President Elect Candidates

CIRP developed a broad list of questions including:

- What actions would you take to enhance the standing and reputation of psychology around the world?
- What would you identify as the most significant global issues that psychology can address today?
 - How would you lead APA into a position to address these issues?
 - What strategies would you use to encourage US psychologists to engage in addressing these issues?
- What steps would you take to enhance the usefulness of psychology in addressing global issues?
- What would you do to strengthen cross-cultural understanding within the U.S and within the APA membership?
- What are the largest global issues facing psychology as a discipline today? And how would you address these
- Why should an American psychological association be involved in international issues? How would you address these issues?
- How would you lead APA to address international social justice issues?
- Tell us your strategies for encouraging international participation by APA members
- How would you combine promoting a cross-cultural and an international perspective?

CIRP will review these questions and select one or two to submit for providing to president elect candidates.

2. Proposal for Changing the Dues Structure

CIRP has no recommendation on proposals for changing the dues structure. CIRP did note that there is a tradition of reciprocal membership dues reduction with international partners (e.g., Canadian Psychological Association and APA) and that this reciprocity is desired by other national associations that have signed memoranda of understanding with APA.

3. C/R NBI #33C: APA Dues Credit for Members who are State, Provincial, and Territorial Psychological Association Members

CIRP has no comment on this item.

4. *Early Career Psychologists Summary Report*

CIRP noted that there were no categories or questions in the survey to capture information from or about international early career psychologists. Dr. Nicolas, who served on the CECP, explained that the purpose of the survey was to address the needs of early career psychologists. She suggested that CIRP could think about what kind of information from an international context would be helpful to know, and help formulate the questions asked on future surveys.

CIRP believed it was important to include international issues in future surveys as the landscape for psychology has changed dramatically in recent years. CIRP also suggested adding some more open-ended possibilities to the Early Career Survey to be able to track emerging trends and concerns.

CIRP also suggested that it would be important to select a sample to study longitudinally to address early career needs as they emerge and are addressed.

5. *Request for Feedback Regarding Ethical Standard 1.02*

CIRP supports adding the phrase “in keeping with basic principles of human rights” in standard 1.02. However they also noted that this phrase can be ambiguous without some referenced definition of what those “basic principles” are. Accordingly CIRP strongly supports also adding a footnote that references the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (*United Nations General Assembly resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948*) and other relevant international human rights treaties and instruments.

6. *Council Policy Statements and Resolutions*

CIRP prefers Motion 1 and will notify P&P.

7. *Call for Comment on Proposed Designation Process for Postdoctoral Psychopharmacology Education and Training Program*

CIRP reviewed the document and believed that it needs to be revised to include broader inclusion of cross-cultural knowledge relevant to and important for psychopharmacological application. Specifically:

- The document does not include the importance of cross-cultural knowledge – should be included in all content areas
Examples of specific editing suggestions are:
 - p. 141, section VII: There needs to be a discussion of the importance of patient beliefs about psychopharmacology, including understanding of medicine, dosages, and so on. There are strong culturally-embedded beliefs that may interact with patient adherence, especially for asymptomatic conditions.

p. 139, line 276 and following: a cross cultural perspective is important here in terms of supervision and rigor of credentialing

p. 140 and following: the content areas need broadening. For example doctor-patient relations have enormous cultural variations and need to be addressed.

- CIRP suggested adding a component on how prescribers talk with patients about medicine, including the interface with folk beliefs.
- CIRP believed there needed to be a section on pharmacokinetics
- CIRP suggested adding information on cross-cultural medical practice and health psychology literature on adherence

8. Guidelines Regarding Psychologists' Involvement in Pharmacological Issues

Although CIRP recommends adoption of the main motion, and appreciated the work in ensuring that the guidelines do a reasonable job addressing cross-cultural concerns, they did have specific comments for revision to the final document. These are:

- P. 241, Guideline 9: include culture
- P. 242 Guidelines 10: add culture-specificity.

9. Request to Establish a Continuing Committee on Human Research

CIRP supports the BSA proposal to establish a Committee on Human Research. CIRP is aware of issues in IRB sensitivity to issues arising in international research and international research collaborations and recommends that at least one member of the committee have international research experience.

10. Draft APA Resolution on Prevention of Youth Obesity and Disordered Eating

CIRP raised a number of concerns with the draft resolution, from how obesity is defined (are there more internationally accepted criteria) to the need for a more systemic approach in understanding the causes and responses to obesity. These systemic issues include addressing how culture, socioeconomic status, disability, etc. affect the prevalence of obesity and the possible preventive or intervention possibilities. Further, CIRP recommends adding action steps and a concrete implementation plan.

Examples include p. 70 – specify actions items; p. 84 and following: address multiple contexts and address systematic causes and solutions.

11. Report of the Joint BEA/CIRP Task Force on APA's Role in International Quality Assurance as an APA Learning Partner

CIRP supports the main motion that the Council of Representatives receive the report of the joint BEA/CIRP task force.

12. Draft Resolution on Quality Assurance in International Education and Training: APA as a Learning Partner

CIRP reviewed the revised Task Force report and draft Resolution. CIRP suggested minor revisions to the resolution in order to increase the emphasis on partnership:

- Change the 3rd bullet to bullets 3 and 4
- Add an explicit bullet that APA may review its own activities on the basis of what is learned
- Change “APA should serve as” to “APA should be”

CIRP recommends that Council adopt the resolution.

13. Follow-up to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Diversity Training

CIRP reviewed the comments made in response to APA's diversity training and suggested (a) contextualizing the training within APA's governance by providing a list of earlier trainings and anticipated future trainings. It is important that members see the specific training topic as one in an ongoing series of topics. CIRP also suggested that the trainings provide members with some "take home" materials such as bibliographic information or examples appropriate to teaching,

CIRP discussed its "bookmark moment" ideas and agreed to articulate the process for future meetings.

Information

14. Revision of APA's Model Act for State Licensure of Psychologists: Update on Revision Process

CIRP received the item.

Calls for Nominations – EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Committee on Early Career Psychologists

16. 2009 Presidential Task Force on Psychology's Contribution to End Homelessness

17. Raymond D. Fowler Award for Outstanding Contributions to APA—Member

18. CLGBTC Outstanding Achievement Awards

32. International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)

CIRP received a report from IUPsyS Secretary-General, Pierre Ritchie on ongoing activities, including the adoption of a strategic plan, the election of new officers, and a search for an executive officer for the organization. Ritchie also addressed APA support for IUPsyS involvement in the revision of the ICD at the World Health Organization (WHO). He noted that IUPsyS would respond to the letter sent by the USNC concerning the inclusion of sexual orientation among the criteria listed for nondiscrimination of scientists.

33. US National Committee for Psychology Report

CIRP received a report from the USNC program officer, Ester Szein.

34. International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP)

No report was received.

35. World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH)

Preston Garrison, executive director of the WFMH, briefed CIRP on the Federation's most recent activities, including:

- An expert forum was held in Cape Town, South Africa, as part of the ongoing Africa Initiative on the mental health consequences of HIV/AIDS.
- October 10, 2008, launch of World Mental Health Day
- An Experts Forum is planned for December 2008 on Reducing Disparities internationally in access to mental health care.
- The 2009 World Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health will be held in September 2009 in Greece. The theme is "Working Together for Mental Health"
- A Transcultural Mental Health Conference is planned for December 2009. The focus is on mental health service delivery, a multicultural workforce, and transcultural interventions.

Garrison invited CIRP and APA involvement in the development of World Mental Health Day 2009

36. Psi Chi

No report was received.

37. New Business – Meeting with APA CEO and Deputy CEO

Diversity Officer

Norman Anderson updated CIRP about a search for a new position at APA of Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer. The call closes in mid October. The goal is to fill the position by the end of the year. Dr. Anderson discussed the position requirements (knowledgeable about the diversity literature; advanced degree) and purview (diversity in the discipline). CIRP noted that it would be important to include an international perspective among the desired characteristics for this position.

Diversity Training

CIRP noted that it had discussed proposing an international focus for the diversity training at council and governance meetings. Dr. Anderson suggested contacting the Board of Directors / Council planning groups to suggest this as a topic for a forthcoming annual training topic.

APA Strategic Planning and the APA Radar Screen

In discussing the radar screen and APA's longer-term strategic planning, CIRP raised the importance of:

- APA awareness of international trends that will affect the association and the field
- attention to demographics of the association
- effectiveness of psychology to address global issues

Dr. Anderson stated that one important goal of the strategic planning process will be to guide the decision processes for identifying association goals, priorities and actions.