

APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in
Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority

Virtual Meeting Minutes
Open Session
Friday, September 27, 2019

Present: Neal R. Morris, EdD (Chair); Thomas J Brady, MD, MBA; Julie R. Price, PsyD; Robert C. Rinaldi, PhD, MA; Steven R. Tulkin, PhD

Absent: Maxine L. Stitzer, PhD

APA Staff Present: Dan Abrahamson, PhD; Deborah C. Baker, JD; Catherine Grus, PhD; Philip Casey (guest)

11:15AM (EDT) – Neal R. Morris, EdD (Chair) convened in open session.

Agenda Item 01: Approved Minutes from September 2018 Open Session

The approved open session minutes from the 2018 committee meeting were provided as information. Open session minutes have been posted to the APA website and can be viewed at: <https://www.apa.org/education/grad/open-meeting-2018.pdf>.

Agenda Item 02: Minutes from the Spring 2019 BEA and CAPP Meetings

Dan Abrahamson, PhD provided committee members information about the sunseting of the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) effective June 30, 2019 following the sunset of the American Psychological Association Practice Organization (APAPO) on December 31, 2018 and establishment of a newly expanded advocacy organization – American Psychological Association Services Inc. (APASI). It was noted that as a result of CAPP's sunset, the Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) is undergoing changes to assume some of the practice issues previously under CAPP's purview. Specifically, BPA was approved to increase its membership from 9 seats to 13; 3 members are elected plus a designated seat for representation by the Council of Executive Directors of State and Provincial Psychological Associations (CESPPA). Those changes will take effect as of BPA's fall 2019 meeting.

Catherine Grus, PhD provided members of the committee an overview of the most recent Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) meeting as information. Of note was the recent dissolution of Argosy University programs resulting in the sudden displacement of a number of psychology students, trainees and faculty. Various other programs have agreed to accept the transfer of Argosy students. There are still residual issues, such as licensing law requirements regarding residency, that may need to be addressed.

Agenda Item 03: APA Convention 2019

The committee discussed the programming about the updated APA RxP policies being well received and well attended. Suggestions were made to hold a similar workshop at next year's Convention in Washington DC.

The Committee considered whether to submit a similar Convention program submission as submission deadlines begin soon. For next year's Convention, the Committee discussed contacting APA Division 55 about a joint program proposal examining new opportunities under the new APA policies in tandem with designated training programs each describing its own program.

Action: Drs. Price, Morris and Tulkin will reach out to Division 55 leadership to explore the possibility of a joint program proposal.

Agenda Item 05: Update on RxP Legislative Efforts

Deborah Baker, JD, Director of Legal & Regulatory Policy at APA, provided committee members with an overview of current RxP legislative and regulatory efforts around the country.

Agenda Item 06: Revisions to the Model Curriculum for Prescriptive Authority

The Committee was provided with an update on APA Council's action on the revisions to the Model Curriculum for Prescriptive Authority and related documents. The changes were explained in the Council caucus meetings and were approved by Council at its February 2019 meeting. The Committee was advised that the new documents are available online and will be effective with regards to designation applications beginning with the 2020 submissions.

Agenda Item 07: Update on Psychopharmacology Specialty Application

The Committee was updated on the status of the application for recognition of psychopharmacology as a specialty. The petition was deferred in 2018 and again in 2019 pending submission of requested information. The deadline to submit the requested information is January 1, 2020.

Agenda Item 08: Application Submission Deadline for 2020

The Committee considered the submission deadline for applications and interim reports for 2020. It is expected that the Fairleigh-Dickinson and New Mexico State University programs will submit the required interim reports next year.

Action: The Committee approved May 8, 2020 as the deadline for receipt of any applications and interim reports to be considered in 2020.

Agenda Item 03: Update on the APF Scholarship Programs and Research Grants

Philip Casey , Program Officer of the American Psychological Foundation (APF), provided committee members an overview of the APF Walter Katkovsky Scholarships which are offered annually for first-year students enrolled in APA-designated programs in psychopharmacology, the APF Beth Rom-Rymer Scholarships which support training in psychopharmacology programs, and the APF Walter Katkovsky Research Grants.

Action: The Committee considered possibilities to better advertise the scholarship and grants program, such as APAGS, the ECP Office, Division 55 and other practice divisions like Division 38 and perhaps even the APA-ADA collaboration.

Agenda Item 09: Next Meeting Date

The RxP Designation Committee was asked to set the date for its annual 2020 meeting.

Action: The Committee tentatively selected September 11-12, 2020 for its next annual meeting to be held virtually assuming that those dates do not pose a conflict for Drs. Brady and Stitzer.

End of open session minutes