Rocky Mountain Psychological Association:

2017 Annual Report and the Report of the 87th Annual Meeting

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The 87th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association (RMPA) was held Thursday, April 6 through Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel Downtown, Salt Lake City, UT. There were 825 registered faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students and guests in attendance, which is the second largest number of attendees in RMPA’s history.

The 2016-2017 RMPA Executive Committee organized the convention. The Executive Committee consisted of President, R. Eric Landrum (Boise State University), Past-President Michelle Butler (U.S. Air Force Academy), President-Elect, Susan E. Becker (Colorado Mesa University), Secretary Robert F. Rycek (University of Nebraska at Kearney), Treasurer Courtney Rocheleau (Metropolitan State University of Denver), Diversity Council Chair Nikki Jones (Colorado Mesa University), Program Chair Anna Ropp (Metropolitan State University of Denver), Archivist/Historian Richard L. Miller (Texas A&M University, Kingsville), Convention Coordinator Nancy J. Karlin (University of Northern Colorado), Teaching Conference Coordinator William Douglas Woody (University of Northern Colorado) and Convention Manager Steve Barney (Southern Utah University). Important organizational contributions also came from the Psi Chi Regional Vice President Matthew Genuchi (Boise State University) and students from Southern Utah University who provided invaluable assistance with registration and technology.

Convention Highlights. The 2017 RMPA convention provided attendees with a robust schedule of presentations and events for faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates with interests across the spectrum of psychology. To see the excellent slate of speakers and presentations for our 2017 past convention, go to our website here: http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/2017convention/

The convention included the Annual Portenier-Wertheimer Teaching Conference coordinated by William Douglass Woody and the concurrent RPMA Student Pre-conference coordinated by the Psi Chi
Regional Vice President, Mathew Genuchi. For the 5th year, RMPA concluded its Saturday programming with the *Psych Bowl*, hosted by Richard Miller. The winning Psych Bowl team for 2017 was Southern Utah University. Psi Chi provided 6 awards for excellent student research and RMPA provided 5 ($200.00) student presentation awards which were partially funded by the APA’s Science Directorate Grant. To see a full list of award winners for the 2017 convention, go to the 2017 RMPA Fall Newsletter here: [http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/newsletters/](http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/newsletters/)

Secretary Robert F. Rycek (University of Nebraska at Kearney) announced the results of the 2016/2017 elections at the annual business meeting. Roxanne Sullivan (Bellevue University) was elected President; she will commence her term at the end of the 2018 RMPA convention. Bethany Fleck (Metropolitan State University of Denver) was elected secretary and her term began at the conclusion of the Salt Lake City conference. R. Eric Landrum was awarded lifetime membership and Kristy Lyons (Metropolitan State University of Denver) and Krista Bridgmon (Colorado State University-Pueblo) were selected as convention co-managers for 2017. The Executive Committee also voted to approve continuing the relationship with Seattle Pacific University to offer Continuing Education Credits during the upcoming April 2018 conference in Denver, CO.

Treasurer, Courtney Rocheleau reported that the 2017 RMPA convention resulted in a profit of $11,747.77 effectively eliminating the deficit from the 2015 convention in Boise and restoring emergency savings. RMPA has net assets of $74,867.72 as of September 15, 2017. Ongoing expenses for the association include insurance, web site host, web based conference registration and submission portals, as well as a conference program app. The treasurer noted during the executive committee meeting that hotel catering and related costs have continued to rise each year.

*Future conventions*: The 88th RMPA Convention will be held April 12-14, 2018 in Denver, CO, at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. The *Portenier-Wertheimer Teaching Conference* will begin at noon on Thursday, April 12, and Psi Chi’s programming for students will start at the same time. The RMPA annual
conference officially begins at 5pm on Thursday with an invited speaker talk, followed by the teaching conference poster session and an opening reception. The programming will continue on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14 with an exciting combination of invited talks, oral presentations, poster presentations, symposia and continuing education workshops. The conference will conclude with the business meeting and reception on Saturday, 5:30-7:00 pm. The 2018 RMPA conference theme is the Past and Future of Psychological Science which is reflected in many of the keynote speakers’ presentations; including D. Stephen Lindsay (RMPA Distinguished Lecturer) who will be speaking on Replicability in Psychological Science, Nadine Kaslow (Psi Chi Distinguished Lecturer) speaking on Uniting Psychology for the Future and many others. Other planned convention highlights include diversity programming with Tania Israel as the Diversity Keynote speaker and the Diversity Council, in conjunction with APA Division 52, is calling for poster presentations promoting international perspectives in psychology. The slate of speakers and other information about planned RMPA events can be found in the fall newsletter here: http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/newsletters/

The submission deadline for RMPA 2018 is January 26, 2018. The call for submissions can be found here: http://www.rockymountainpsych.com/submitting/