

American Psychological Association 2004 Annual Meeting  
Honolulu Hawaii—Division 54 Board Meeting Minutes

I. President's Report: Mary Jo Kupst, President reported that she would give an update on the Task Force at the Division's meeting scheduled for the following day. Surprise birthday wishes were delivered via a Hawaiian decorated cake for Glen Aylward who was turning .....29 ;)

II. Past President's Report: Past President Glen Aylward reported that three Members of Division 54, Doug Tynan, Vida Tyc, and Alan Delamater were recommended as Fellows to the membership committee of APA. He believes their chances of becoming Fellows are good.

Results of the elections include: Anne Kazak, President Elect

Carolyn Ievers-Landis, Treasurer

Lindsey Cohen, Member-at Large

Awards: Discussion about the new Levin Mentorship Award ensued regarding whether the award should encompass a plaque, or an honorarium (\$), or both. It was decided to do both, and the monetary award's value would be set by the market return. Discussion about decisions of award recipients (Routh Early Career Award, the distinguish service and research awards) would be decided by the vote of the Board upon recommendations made by the award committee (Mary Jo, Alexandra Quittner and Glen Aylward comprise the awards committee).

III. Secretary's Report - Jan Faust. Minutes from San Antonio Midwinter Meeting (January 2004) were approved. Jan will begin to review the work completed on the new officer's/Board manual and begin to work with Board members to finish revisions of the manual.

IV. Treasurer's report: Mary Jo presented Kathy Lemanek's report since she was unable to attend the conference. Two different versions of the budget were presented with the same "bottom-line" with merely a difference in formatting. Division 54 is fiscally healthy and, the Board discussed the increase in assets and how we can preserve such an increase in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding the international travel award. It was decided to line-item this expense at \$1500. It was suggested that this item be discussed in the newsletter since many people were unaware of the international travel award. The criteria for the award (paper v. poster) will also be delineated in the newsletter.

V. Science Directorate updates: Steve Brechler, is the new director. He discussed ideas put together into a program, approved by Council, entitled Psy 21 (psychology for the 21<sup>st</sup> century) which includes a brochure that delineates three types of activities; 1. the academic lives of members and how APA should help facilitate this. Suggestions emanating from this program have included programming for data sharing and data archiving. 2. delineating and encouraging the value of the scientific culture of APA members via service. Focusing on editorship and committees and assisting scientists in this regard. 3. Defining the science practice via an infrastructure. Steve said that there will be a yearly science leaders' conference where the above will be addressed with an emphasis on the science needs and opportunities available in our profession.

VI. Science Policy Officer - Karen Studwell stated that there was a 2.7 % in NIH funding this year; however, there is a projected \$600 million dollar decrease proposed for next year. Karen distributed a petition addressed to US Congress to support Scientific Integrity. Ron Brown delineated IRB issues both centrally and locally. Karen stated that these issues were being investigated via researchers and IRBs.

VII. Practice Dictorate - Randy Phelps thanked our division for participating in the interdivisional health care coalition; Christina Adams is our new representative. The Practice Dictorate is addressing the new CPT codes, and problems with the coding (e.g. reimbursement problems) as well as making application with the American Medical Association.

VIII. Member-at-large report - Sharon Berry reported that the applications for awards have stabilized. A. Discussion ensued regarding the policy when there is only one submission. It was decided that we are not "locked in" to giving the award (not by default); however, if the potential awardee is deserving then he/she should be honored with the

award. B. Sharon requested policy development for multiple applications (different awards) and sequential winners. She stated that we have had the same travel award winner several years in a row. It was decided by the Board that we should not have repeat winners for the same award but that on a subsequent year, the individual could apply for a different award. C. The topic of indirect costs was addressed. It was unanimously decided that the award money should be awarded in its entirety to the student; no indirect costs are to be allocated to the institution.

IX. Member-at- Large report -Alexandra Quittner stated membership was relatively stable; however, we will know more once all dues are collected. She did indicate a significant increase in the student membership, attributing such an increase to the effectiveness of the student liaison, Meredith, and to the visibility and number of student awards we offer. Discussion also ensued as to how to increase membership via visibility. David Sandberg requested us to provide members on our website or list serve their expertise both clinically and with respect to research. It was suggested that we set up a directory to help with referrals and consultation. While this theoretically is a good idea, members were concerned as to the feasibility of such an endeavor. Marti Hagan and Dan Clay are planning to do a feasibility study.

X. Member- at- large Report -Tom Linschied's report indicated that it takes approximately 10 minutes a day to monitor or update the list serve. Members' utilization of the list serve is primarily geared toward job advertisements, referral information, and topic information. Tom's report indicated that the only upcoming regional meeting of which he was aware is the Great Lakes Regional Meeting planned in late April. Finally, his report proposed that the Board consider reevaluating the purpose of his Member-at-large position given how its duties have changed in recent years (e.g. the addition of the list serve and monitoring). The Board discussed this however decided to table much of the discussion until Tom is present.

XI. Council of Representatives Report- Michael Roberts reported that the Interdivisional grants have been reinstated at \$12,000. APA's financial integrity is improving. In addition the APA has passed a resolution endorsing same sex marriages and one that addresses sexual

orientation in the military. Michael stated that the Council is focused on the empirically supported treatments. In addition the Council's agenda is including the child mental health initiative which has passed a resolution on bullying and guidelines for psychological practice geared towards girls and women.

Michael encouraged everyone to assign their allotment votes to Division 54. He also suggested that we should be nominating someone every year for CYF. Finally, he reported that there is a task force regarding psychoactive medication for children and adolescents of which Ron Brown is chair. He said this endeavor is being funded by the Board of Directors Discretionary Fund.

XII. Program Chair David Elkin discussed LCD projector issue with APA not supplying them. He stated that APA has acquiesced and there will be projectors available for next year. He stated that there was an increase in funding for the Program, with an emphasis on psychopharmacology. Discussion of support from drug companies in this regard ensued.

David reported that there were more conference submissions this year than for the Toronto conference. He said we had three independent reviewers this year. The Board enthusiastically expressed their appreciation for the tremendous work David has completed in developing the APA conference program.

XIII. Publications Committee Report - Ron Brown discussed health of the journal and its impact on the field. He reported that there were 688 pages slated for vol. 29; there were 172 new submissions mid year; and the editorial lag time was 7 weeks. He said the journal enjoyed good fiscal health as it was circulated in 450 libraries. A motion was entertained to reduce the size of the journal at the request of the publisher and such motion was passed. Dan Clay was not in attendance to report on the web page; however, the Board stipulated that he has done a 'wonderful job.'

XIV. Student Representative - Meredith Lutz identified the new student representative, Montserrat Mitchell, as her successor. The Board congratulated Meredith on the tremendous contribution she has made in

promulgating the Student Board and student involvement; furthermore, the Board expressed their gratitude for the wonderful contribution of the student Board at the SPP National Conference on Child Health Psychology. Meredith reported that there is an additional section on the website regarding the student Board with a photograph and biography of one of the student members. She also reported on the Student Spotlight Award highlighted in Progress Notes.

#### XV. SPP National Conference on Child Health Psychology

It was all agreed by the Board that the SPP National Conference was a tremendous success. Discussion ensued how to structure future conferences (e.g. every other year vs. annually) and given the tremendous amount of work, it was proposed a member at large position be established to organize and chair the conference. It was decided that these issues should be resolved at the Midwinter Meeting. The Board endorsed the idea that a faculty person who is chairing the conference in this position should obtain institutional support from their place of employment.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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