

APA Division 54 Midwinter Meeting 2005—Washington D.C.

- I. President's Report: Denny Drotar welcomed the Board to the opening session of Midwinter Meeting. He introduced the new members of the Board: The new student representative, Monserrat Mitchell, Member-at-Large, Lindsey Cohen, and President Elect, Anne Kazak. Denny also stated that the Federal Advocacy Committee, emanating from the Practice Directorate, has developed initiatives regarding federal issues. These include the focus on grass root actions, state level initiatives for the development of resources, and increasing contact with Congressional representatives. For example, it is likely NIH funding is in jeopardy for the next 5 years; hence, APA and other groups need to lobby for NIH funding. Denny said Vanessa Jensen will be our representative to this committee. Denny reported on the Cultural Diversity Committee. Denny would like to build this committee. He requested ideas for membership and programming or other issues.

- II Past President's Report: Mary Jo Kupst expressed appreciation for her year in office. She reported on the Awards Committee's finalized awardees:

Lee Salk Distinguished Service Award: Dennis Harper
Logan Wright Distinguished Research Award: Grayson Holmbeck
Routh Early Career Award: Christine Chambers
Martin Levin Mentorship Award: Tony Spirito

Mary Jo made a motion to approve award recipients for this year; the motion passed.

She also reported the results of the Nominations Committee for the Division 54 vacant Board positions. These include:

President: Alan Delamater, Larry Mullins

Member at Large: Christina Adams, Christine Chambers, Brandon Briery, Ric Steele, and Randi Streisand

Task Forces Report on Mary Jo's Presidential Initiatives:

1. *Patients' access to and advocacy for services:* She discussed the task force's investigation of the effectiveness of new codes for billing and reimbursement. They are investigating "what's working and what's not"; the committee contacted administrators of hospitals and their billing departments. They are surveying time one and time two data. Currently, they are completing telephonic interviews of chief psychologists of children's hospitals and related institutions to address reimbursement.
2. *The second presidential initiative during her term included the focus of mentoring students and early professionals.* One of the goals is to discern the attitude towards mentoring. Sharon Berry also gave us an update on this task force's work. Different types of situations requiring mentoring

were discussed (e.g. those requiring mentoring in large based hospitals, traditional academic programs, smaller medical institutions and undergraduate programs). Discussion about how to mentor a variety of junior faculty ensued. 3. *The third of Mary Jo's initiatives included identifying joint resources and collaboration with other professional groups in order to assist previously established pediatric psychologists with research and other related activities.* To facilitate this it was suggested that alliances and cross collaborations with other divisions and organizations would be necessary. It would first be important to determine which organizations could be facilitative in this regard and eliminate those which would not. The next step would be to enhance or develop new relationships with other organizations and Divisions that could be facilitative with respect to this initiative. Denny and Michael stated that we should focus on the organizations and Divisions where we have a track record. These alliances and relationships should move from merely an informing role to a facilitating role with respect to research and cross collaboration regarding funding and other resources. Accordingly, Glen Alyward is to streamline the list of those groups via deletion and affiliation. For Denny's presidential year he would like to add a resource development task force to help identify funding sources for successful programs and research (grants, foundations).

- III. APA Program Chair – Jane Robinson reported that the program time allotted for the 2005 APA convention includes 14 substantive hours and 7 non substantive hours. For this year, 56 submissions were received; all submissions underwent blind review by at least two sometimes by three reviewers. Four symposia were accepted and 1 was scheduled as a Discussion hour; 4 papers were accepted and the remaining 4 were placed in the poster session, 35 posters were accepted and 8 were rejected. We have one invited speaker: Maureen Black slotted for a *Cross Cutting Program: Psychology and Children: Translating Research into Better Policy and Services* (Bette Bottoms; Kari Nysse-Carris, Chairs). The allotted time for this program did not evolve from our total allotted time (it was essentially additional time granted by APA). Award presentation time was discussed; it was decided that the awardees should have some time to speak, especially for those receiving research awards. It was decided that each should receive 10 minutes to speak. At the Business Meeting the following people are honored: those receiving Levin and Salk awards, early career awards, and student awards. The Logan Wright award is presented at the presidential address.

LCD projectors are only available at the convention center which is a problem for presenters delivering their papers at hotels. We also addressed invited speaker's costs. It was decided that costs would be covered (?) but an honorarium would not be granted. In addition, discussion ensued regarding obtaining donations for the conference hospitality suite from

publishers and other organizations. APA will publish flyers for the hospitality suite at a cost of \$350. Michael informed us there is a proposal coming before council to hold APA convention every three years in Washington D.C. because APA gets a significant monetary rebate. This was endorsed by the Board.

- IV. Secretary's Report—Jan disseminated the minutes. In addition, she said that she had been emailing sections of the officer's manual to individuals in order for people to update their sections. Finally, she distributed hard copies of sections of the manual to individuals on the Board for their feedback regarding updating missing information. Some of this information is particularly important in recording and tracking the evolution of SPP and now Division 54. We discussed creating an archive as an appendix to the manual. Jan knows that everyone will take due diligence in revising these sections and mailing her this information either at jfaust@nova.edu or at Center for Psychological Studies, Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33314.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Kathy Lemanek reviewed the status of our budget and the trends over the past three years. Discussion ensued around a \$20,000 difference (reduction) in dues monies collected from 2003 to 2004 but with only a negligible difference in actual recorded members. We have 1292 total members including APA psychologists (807 full members), non APA psychologists, non psychologist professionals, and student members. It is not clear from where the discrepancy emanates this may be due to a drop in full members or may be due to late payers; however, this doesn't seem very likely. Carolyn and Kathy will investigate with Marti. Kathy reported that T bonds and the growth fund are doing well. We were under budget this year by \$10,082.26.

Discussion ensued regarding our membership status with the International Society of Behavioral Medicine as the dues have increased by \$50.00. It was agreed that we continue our membership but the new journal fee of \$5.00 should be assessed of individuals receiving the journal. We belong to three separate caucuses; membership dues are \$100 for one, and the other two dues are \$50 each. We were over a bit this year on convention activities, but this is likely due to the higher cost of living in (and traveling to) Hawaii. Discussion of the Levin award and how in future years the foundation may not have the \$1000 to contribute to cover the monetary part of the award due to the return on the market. But the Board agreed that even without the money the award should continue. Finally discussion ensued on the need to have a greater understanding of the monies emanating from the journal; that is obtaining a breakdown of monies via royalties vs. subscriptions.

VI. APA Reports:

A. Update on Task Force on Children's Mental Health—Karen Saywitz

This task force is comprised of eight Divisions (7,12,27,43,53,37,54,16). Children's mental health issues are to be kept at the forefront of APA's agenda. Goals were set for year 1, 3, & 5. Currently the task force is addressing third and fifth year goals. The current focus is on mental health care from infancy through adolescence. Increasing public awareness both within and outside of psychology especially for non psychologist professionals is a pivotal goal. The task force is developing a website and "talking points" that ultimately serve as press releases and will help identify signals of possible mental health need from infancy through adolescence. An invitational summit is being planned to include all professionals who come in contact with children; this is a working conference and will include a representative from each division. In addition there will be representation from other disciplines such as teachers, nurses, and physicians. The Johnson foundation is paying for the summit. One of the products emanating from the summit is an anti-stigma campaign ("change your mind about mental health/intervention") which will include the development of a brochure for parents. In addition the workforce shortage of people trained in child and family mental health, including empirically supported treatments will be addressed.

B. APA President-Elect—Gerald Koocher is greatly interested in the Children's Mental Health Issue Task Force. He offers three facets to his platform. 1. *His primary focus will be on families.* While children are his primary concern, he admitted that it may be easier to advocate for children (influence policy) through the context of family because politically governmental officials may prioritize families but not children per se. 2. *The second facet of his platform is Early Career Psychologists.* Jerry stated that "we are not getting and holding onto early career psychologists." He would like to implement two tracks: Track 1: Addresses licensing issues with graduating students. Track 2: Developing a national mentoring system possibly via a computer data service/similar to a matching service. 3. *Diversity is his third area of interest.* He said diversity "cuts across early careers and the family" facets to his platform.

Jerry said that he would like to examine ways to make APA more effective such as launching a programmatic winter meeting in even numbered years; the first meeting may be held in either Austin or San Antonio and the focus will be on the issue of immigration and it effects on families.

C. APA Children Youth and Families – Mary Campbell staffs this committee.

Mary reported some of the CYF's accomplishments this year which have included approval of APA Children's Mental Health Resolutions such as APA's resolution of bullying. In addition there is an APA task force on advertising with children, child maltreatment, and corporal punishment in the schools, While the latter issue is decades old, APA is trying to broaden the resolution to include other contexts They are trying to come up with a definition of corporal punishment; Division 46 is also addressing violence in videogames and interactive media via an initiative which they will present to the Board of Directors.

CYF is also instrumental in developing a resolution concerning immigrant children and families; consequently, there is an interdivisional task force emanating through CYF on this topic. One of the products emanating from this task force is Federal Advocacy on the Hill. For example concerning the task force on Psychoactive Drugs for Children (Ron Brown chairs this), they are reviewing the literature and developing a report on this.

Mary also reported that April 18th through the 23rd the annual conference for the Association of Families Conciliation Courts (AFCC) will be held in Seattle. They are interested in facilitating research in this regard.

CYF is also developing materials to disseminate to families; she disseminated examples of such materials including bookmarks that have Tips for Talking to Adolescents and Normal Adolescent Behavior printed on them. Alexandra suggested that CYF send these to the membership so that we could disseminate them; Mary agreed to follow-up.

D. APA Board of Directors --Barry Anton discussed the child and adolescent agenda of the Board. He discussed some of the initiatives in this regard. He said that there has emerged from such work renewed energy on child issues. He informed that due to this flourishing energy, we are in a good position to advocate for child issues to be addressed in articles in the APA Monitor. He reported that the Board and committee election deadline for nominations is Feb 15th. He is interested in learning what he can do to help our Division.

- VII. APA Council of Representatives Report—Michael Roberts discussed evidence based practice politics (with some people not endorsing evidence or empirically supported practices). The resolution will be presented in August. He encouraged us to nominate individuals for Boards and Committees; it takes more campaigning than sending a letter. Michael uses a distribution list to increase the likelihood of election. Mary Jo raised the question as to how to advocate for people. Alexandra stated that one needs to get more than one caucus to advocate. It is evident that campaigning for these slots needs to begin early. Several members of Division 54 were offered as possible nominations for these slots. Discussion about Fellow status ensued. Mary Jo is the chair of our Fellows committee. We did not get the apportionment for an additional seat; Michael believes it is doubtful we will get one without lobbying for all 10

ballots from new members. Discussion ensued about how to increase adherence & for voting and for voting for 54 in particularly

World Conference – APA did not leave the conference against racism when Zionism was labeled as racism. Some people in APA said that we should have withdrawn as did the American delegation at the time.

In the spirit of cooperation, the Military Division and the Gay and Lesbian Division resolved their differences and a report will be forthcoming. Animal and Human Science proposed as a new Division. There may be a link to this Division with the association for the ethical treatment of animals and people. Due to politics there is no mention of a particular website, and there is an implied “gag order: regarding discussion of this proposed division and surrounding issues. Michael said they are not even allowed to discuss it in caucus, only in executive session due to the potential for liability. With respect to the viability of this proposed Division, Michael stated that APA needs to examine whether there is a need and strong interest for the Division and whether or not it could negatively impact any other established division. Our Board believed that we need more information to be able to take a position on the addition of this new division.

- VIII. Publications JPP Editor Ron Brown reported a significant increase in submissions; many of the new submissions are from other countries. There is an increase in hard copy and internet subscription/access to the Journal. Ron stated he is trying to publish a literature review or meta analysis in every issue. He indicated that it is difficult to have people commit to writing literature reviews. Ron stated Special Issues are favorably received. Commentaries are still popular. The impact factor of the journal hovers around the mid ones; he added, for behavioral sciences journals, this is typical. We still rank among 14th of all child journals. Continuing education is a new feature of the Journal. CE is strictly a member benefit; completely free. This will be published in the newsletter and the journal to inform subscribers/members. Ron proposed that Susan Simonian become Associate Editor of Continuing Education. Ron proposed adding more pages to the journal due to the amount and quality of submissions. The implications of adding more pages are increased cost. Currently we are allotted 600 pages per volume Shelley Johnson Executive Editor stated she would research the additional costs associated with increasing pages and the average number of pages of each article. Anne raised the idea that perhaps the lag time in the journal was the result of all the special issues; she also queried while the numbers of papers have increased due to foreign country submissions, did this also mean that the quality was of high enough caliber. Ron said that these papers were variable with respect to quality. Shelly also reported on the health of the journal, described how to access the journal on-line and related electronic features, and how to

access continuing education on-line. It was discussed that people may not know of the many different journal and electronic feature of this publication. She also discussed publishing articles on-line ahead of print. One model: Post the article on-line before it is published, not proofed or copy-edited at one week post acceptance. The second model is to post the article in final form on line two-weeks prior to the original scheduled publication date which in actuality may not occur for many weeks post the originally proposed publication date. There is no charge for this service. It was agreed by the board that this is a beneficial service but all preferred the completed copy-edited articles (Model II) and rejected the not copy-edited version (Model I). Two other electronic features include a calendar of events and e-letters such that people can send responses on-line regarding articles they have read. Someone would need to monitor the latter. The Board decided to table deciding whether to assume this service.

- IX. Member- At- Large – Sharon Berry reported a reduction this past year in student posters and reduced number of applicants for the awards as well. It was thought that this may be due to the Hawaiian location of the convention. The Board brainstormed ways to increase student poster and award submissions as well as ways to generate money for the Lizette Peterson injury prevention award. Ron said that he could advertise this in the journal to follow the Lizette Peterson Memorial that Michael Roberts wrote and to post it on the list serve. Sharon also reported that we will once again have 4 student travel awards for this year's convention (in place of the 2 we had for Hawaii).
- X. Member at Large—Alexandra Quittner
Our student membership has increased, and now students represent 31% of our total membership (an increase from 29% last year). It was emphasized that we need to retain the students as full members once they become professionals. Alexandra investigated developing a directory for our Division. APA would allow us to have a one time access for the membership data base free of charge; we could then send out to our members a questionnaire for contact information, mentoring information and specialties for referral. This information could be updated yearly. There are a number of different ways to search in the data base. Denny said we need to look at a full proposal at a later date. Ron suggested saving it on a CD which would take care of the security issue. Alexander is going to check into this. She also queried whether we should raise dues. The Board decided that we would need more of a rationale to do so.
- XI. Member-at-Large Lindsey Cohen. Tom Linschied will continue managing the list serve. A motion was made and passed unanimously that Tom Linschied remain as list serve master. Discussion ensued regarding the Great Lakes Meeting scheduled for April 21-23, 2005. Lindsey is going to

be the liaison for this meeting. Discussion ensued regarding whether we should seek out other conjoint meetings; no one knew of any other ones planned. We discussed the link between us and Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. Further, cross collaborative training in pediatric psychology program was discussed as Lindsey is developing such with others. These would be topically focused such as the pain one via the internet Lindsey has developed. Monserrat suggested that Lindsey's pain training program be presented at the student hospitality suite; this was enthusiastically endorsed by the Board.

- XII. Continuing Education Administrator --Susan Simonian reported a CEU Program update. She said about a third of the people at the Charleston conference wanted CEUS. The CE program attained a 4.1 overall satisfaction rating, a rating of 4.8 for empirically supported treatments and the ADHD program (these two were rated the highest). Division 54 is up for renewal as a provider; Susan finished the renewal application which has been submitted and awaiting renewal. This would be for a 5 yr renewal; the first CEU programming was for two years. Discussion about co-sponsor with other organizations was tabled since the Council is making a determination about this with respect to policy. A motion was made that Division 54 sponsor CE at the regional conference; the motion passed unanimously

- XIII. Student Representative Report – Montserrat Mitchell reported that in August 2005, half of the student advisory board will have rotated off. She discussed plans for mechanisms to replace these Board members. The Student Board has three committees: Membership committee Programming Committee; Website/Student Spotlight committee (This committee is working on the website to make it more attractive and student user friendly; they also propose a student section in the Progress Notes).

- XIV. Website/Newsletter—Dan Clay in abstention. The Board agreed that Dan does a great job; the newsletter is beautiful.

- XV. New Business:
 - A. Division 54 (SPP) National Conference:
 - Decision # 1. Same model as in Charleston (independent) or
 - 2. Shared with another institution

 - Discussion: Alexandra and Michael thought it would be better for SPP to hold the conference with an institution on a rotating basis as it is an enormous task to do it alone. If we did number one, Carolyn thought we could have a

mechanism in place to execute it, but this could be expensive. Motion was made to adopt # 2; it passed with a majority.

Decision #2: What is the process by which sites are to be chosen by the Board? What are the collaborative structure and responsibilities of the SPP Board and the site? Denny distributed a preliminary structure for the collaborative conference. This was discussed and the concept was further developed. Budgetary concerns were addressed. Discussion about how monies and budgetary issues would be handled including selection of vendors. It was agreed that both institution and organization needed to work together on these issues.

Susan raised the issue: "How about political issues for the loser" Debriefing mechanisms were discussed. It was suggested that perhaps the loser would be offered the next conference.

A timetable for the RFA and selection of the site were discussed. It was decided that from this year, a March 15th due date for the RFA would be best.

B. The Board discussed location of next year's midwinter meeting and which Divisions to include. Denny is to discuss this issue at the Presidents' meeting on Saturday.

C. American Academy of Pediatrics requested us to be a co-sponsor for their ADHD conference. They requested that we co-sponsor the conference at a cost of \$5000. There was lack of enthusiasm by our Board especially since the program had already been planned which would nullify our involvement in programming.