

Division 54 (SPP) Minutes 2004 Midwinter Meeting San Antonio, Texas

- I. The midwinter meeting was called to order by Mary Jo Kupst, President presiding. She held introductions and reviewed who were the voting members of the Board. Her presidential address at this meeting focused on access and advocacy for people we serve and the importance of including junior professionals and others in the Division and the profession. She stressed the importance of advocacy not only clinically but for research and programming.  
Past President Glen Alyward could not attend this meeting due to serious back problems; Mary Jo Kupst gave his report on awards and nominations. It was also announced that two fellows were approved for our division last year and for the year 2004 there were three applicants for fellow: Alan Delameter, Doug Tynan, and Vida Tyc.
- II. Secretary's Report –Jan Faust's report included the approval of the Minutes from the 2003 Toronto APA Meeting and the distribution of most recently revised Executive Committee Roster.
- III. Treasurer's Report-Kathy Lemanek reported that all Division 54 monies are now routed via Banc One, including the charge card account; thus centralizing the fiscal aspect of the Division.  
For year ending 2003, Division 54 has not spent all the monies that were budgeted. Our income is not increasing more than the rate of our budget. Division 54 was budgeted for \$135,000 this 2003 fiscal year and yet expenditures totaled only \$128,000.  
Discussion among the executive committee ensued to examine the utility of the liaisons and task forces to determine how useful these contacts are for the Division. Questions were raised as to whether or not the Division is receiving useful information from liaisons and task forces and does such information and contacts help the Division? The plan is to review these liaisons and task forces.
- IV. Administrative Officer's Report: Marti Hagan had the administrative committee roster updated.  
The Central Office Fees changed from 25 to 35 dollars per hour. In this past fiscal year (2003), this office was budgeted at \$17,000 and while this year the administrative office came in under budget, next year it will be closer to budget with the increase in fees.
- V. Member At Large Report– Sharon Berry discussed changing of the deadline for the Student Awards from April first to March first due to APA timing for Student Research Awards. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not to announce the awards now through the monitor or wait until October APA monitor award issue. The decision was to wait until the awards issue post-award to reduce confusion (M. Roberts).  
At this point in time, Division 22 has donated money for travel for the Charleston Conference.  
One division would like to put ribbons on their posters. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the divisions each decide to give student rewards. If theses Divisions want to be credited for

supporting the conference, they need to make a financial contribution. Mary Jo Kupst stated that the primary concern is financial support of students for this conference.

Other divisions have promised contributions, but no other monies have been received to date.

VI. Member at Large Report: Alexander Quittner reported Division 54 has 1533 members who are current. This represents a slight increase from the year prior (1491), with the trend continuing to increase since SPP became a Division. There was an increase in students this year from 363 to 417; this represents a 15% increase. Overall APA is losing members. Alexander Quittner reported that APA's membership data base is dreadful; for example, student members who have moved onto professional status in APA are considered lapsed memberships. Discussion ensued regarding APA's responsibility in promoting Divisions. To obtain a Division 54 student award, it was decided that students needed to be a member of the Division.

It was noted that the National Child Health Conference has helped increase student membership and identify early career psychologists. The focus at this conference regarding membership should address the responsiveness of the Division to students' needs. For example, a program session at the conference: will address innovative careers in psychology. In addition, non-members who are at the conference should be followed and recruited.

It was suggested that members of Division 54 traveling to international and other conferences serve as ambassadors for the Division and consequently, should bring copies of the Journal of Pediatric Psychology (JPP) and applications for membership. Discussion of increasing membership internationally ensued: The profession in the UK is less integrated as the scientists and the practitioners are viewed as distinct professions (separatists).

Discussion regarding membership applications followed: The Oxford membership application is presented as if a journal application not a membership application. It was suggested that an addition to the membership application include an anticipated graduation date since many students are "slipping through the cracks" with respect to graduating and continuing to register as student members, paying only student dues. The Board discussed the development of a new application and a central place to keep the applications and circulars for the journal, including the announcements of our meetings. It was suggested that the newsletter include encouragement of members to serve as ambassadors at conferences and to distribute membership literature while recruiting new members.

Discussed mentoring as a method by which to increase student involvement; Mary Joe requested Sharon Berry to lead a Task Force on mentoring. Denny Drotar added the need to add an early career development component to this Task Force.

## VII. Member-at-large Report ---Tom Linscheid

Listserve report: It was disclosed that Current membership is 656 down from 704 one year ago. Postings are generally less than 5 per day. It was discussed that, if one gets an error message five times in a row, it subsequently drops people off the Listserve. There are less reported incidents of erroneous emails targeted for one individual but transmitted to the entire membership.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to implement listserve discussion formats such as topic of the week. Problems with receiving too much email were discussed. Members discussed options for receiving information in digest mode (consolidated) vs. each email in its entirety. It was decided not to alter our listserve too much since it does not appear to be overwhelming;

however, if someone is interested in a discussion topic we would further explore this concept. The recent CBT codes discussion was offered as an example of such a discussion topic. It was also suggested that regional meeting information be placed on the Listserv as well as the website.

### VIII. Council Member Report --- Michael Roberts

Discussed our nominations to APA committees and Boards, and that we have not been too successful in Board placement in our short history as a Division. However, Michael Roberts took the initiative to nominate three people. He wrote more extensive summary statements about these people this year, and we were more successful this time: Wayne Holden and Denny Drotar were two of the three individuals appointed. Michael invited members interested in serving on these boards or committees, to notify him, and he would lobby for appointment. To date, he has not received any names. He stated that Division 54 should recommend someone to CYA every year. The apportionment ballot recently was distributed; however, Division 54 will not obtain a seat because we didn't get enough votes. Division 53 received two seats. It was suggested to send out cards encouraging people to allocate all 10 votes to Division 54. The Division should target those people who don't turn in their ballots. In addition, it was suggested that we campaign all year for donating all ballots to Division 54 as well as to recruit in the newsletter as well as via listserv and individual emails, since not all members subscribe to the listserv. It was decided also to send individual emails regarding apportionment but to do so in September closer to when the apportionment ballots are distributed.

Michael stated that there is significant Scientist-Practitioner antagonism in APA; however, around the big issues the organization is cohesive. Michael also stated that we have joined caucuses to advocate for our Division. We are a member of the Child and Adolescent Caucus. Michael is Chairing the Assembly for the Scientist Practitioners Caucus. In addition, the Health Care Psychology Caucus has been established.

Discussion ensued regarding the infrastructure of APA, the administration, and its political impact.

### IX. APA Convention 2004 – Program Update---David Elkin

David discussed that overall convention hours are compressed for the Hawaii conference which includes 14 substantive hours (2 one hour poster sessions) and seven non-substantive hours, for our division. The number of papers submitted was 65 posters, 12 papers, and six symposia. Acceptances included two symposia, and one symposium accepted as a conversation hour, eight papers, four accepted as symposium and four accepted as posters; overall 51 posters were accepted. The overall acceptance rate was 78%.

With respect to the conference, the scheduling of Division 54 programming, catering issues for various meetings, and Oxford's contribution to JPP Board meeting and Conference Awards were discussed. In addition budgeting for the Hawaii conference to include the two student reps was discussed.

APA's clustered programming and whether this was going to continue was also discussed. Kathy Lemanek believed that APA is reevaluating the clustered programming.

### X. Child Health Psychology Conference (Brown, McMillian, Quittner, Roberts)

A. Ron Brown began discussion regarding the conference. He said that there are many registrants already. Lilly awarded Ron Brown an unrestricted grant for \$10,000 for Scientific and

Educational Programming to aid in the support of conference development. Ron emphasized that this is not a MUSC conference; it is a SPP conference. The consensus is that there are many different contributors and sponsors and it should be touted as such.

Remaining issues.

1. Hotel booking: The hotel is booked; however, the hotel located additional rooms in another hotel, but this may be full as well. There may no longer be accommodation availability in Charleston downtown area.
2. Money collection: All deposits are paid. We need a systematic way of collecting money for registration. Dan Clay said that he has been turning the registration money over to Marti. Plans to run credit card charges are underway.
3. Other monies donated or contributed :
  1. Genentech -- \$1000
  2. PAR ---\$1000
  3. No division money has been collected yet; it was stated that they may need to see the final budget but the divisions have promised the following money:  
 Division 38 – \$2500  
     53 – Have not heard from this division  
     37 –\$550
4. Psych Corp promised \$1000 but still outstanding  
     College of Charleston – \$1800 – Paid Susan Simonian

B. Program – Alexander Quittner stated that the program is to include:  
 19 oral presentations –Paper Presentations  
 340 Posters four sessions with 80 or 85 each.

Currently there are 325 registrants. Issues of overbooking were discussed as well as how to handle overflow.

#### XI Student Representative Report Meredith Lutz

This is the year of transition. since this is the year for appointment of new student rep. to our SPP.

Meredith discussed advertisement for applications. The representative will be selected by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The transition was discussed to include overlap between new appointee and old rep.

In addition, the Student Advisory Board (SAB) of SPP of five members are rotating off Meredith discussed the Student Programming at the Toronto APA. Student discussion Hour was well attended and included a number of students from other divisions.

In addition, student involvement for the Charleston Convention, student programming and involvement for the Hawaii APA convention, including Hospitality suite programming were also discussed.

Meredith will work on increasing utilization of the student section of the SPP website. She said she is going to add pictures and bios of the Student Board members to the website.

Meredith wrote a column for Progress Notes on balancing career and personal goals. After the Toronto APA conference. In the upcoming edition of Progress Notes three members of the SAB have written an article regarding graduate students work on multidisciplinary treatment teams across clinical, research, and program development domains.

Meredith was congratulated by the Board for the tremendous work she has completed during her tenure as student representative.

## XII. Continuing Education Administrator – Susan Simonian

First CE offering will be at the Charleston conference. We will begin developing the APA documentation, including surveys as soon as we get information from the speakers. Monitoring of attendees is required by APA to ensure that attendees attend the entire program. Susan asked whether those students assisting monitoring etc. could do so for free. The Board was in agreement.

Journal CE credits were discussed: We need to resubmit additional applications for CE home study; and co-sponsorship application via the journal.

## XIII. Publications

### A. Newsletter and Website Dan Clay, Editor, Webmaster

Dan Clay stated the reformatting of the newsletter for posting on our website is an abundance of work, but Dan said the web people are willing to do the reformatting.

Dan Clay also requested an addition of \$750 a year to the budget because layout people are currently working for a fraction of the cost. Discussion ensued about whether or not to incur this cost. Many board members believed the costs to be well worth it due to the exceptional quality of the newsletter, and its potential to increase membership and to aid in enhancing communication with the current membership. Others questioned whether we were paying for typesetting and layout services that we did not necessarily need. Vote: was taken and passed to increase the budget in this matter.

Dan Clay further discussed the website development. Added new links, including the student board link. Dan requested from the Board an additional budgeted expense of \$500. Vote was taken and approved by the Board in this matter.

### B. Special Issue for Health Psychology—Childhood Chronic Illness: Reciprocal Impact on Parent and Child Relationships

Alexander Quittner discussed the special issue –Health Psychology July 1 – the focus is on children and adolescents

### C. Journal of Pediatric Psychology – Ron Brown, Editor

Ron requested names of potential reviewers to replace people who may have other commitments.

Review time: Four weeks on average with a median of six weeks. Many manuscripts are reviewed as “revise and resubmit.”

Beginning January 1, 2004 one needs to submit their manuscripts on-line. Journal procedure will include: working with paperless copies until acceptance.

The journal enjoys good fiscal health. Oxford is very pleased with it. Marketing is not their strong point. They are great for production, however. Ron requested ideas for helping Oxford with marketing. Brief Reports section has been developed well.

The impact of the journal may be difficult to determine; it is in the top 13 of psychology journals which is good but it targets a small circumscribed audience.

Issues to consider:

1. Eight issues vs. six issues. According to Ron, eight issues are “pushing it.” If we reduce the number of issues to six, we could be more selective. Oxford worries that if we make this reduction, people will think the journal is failing; hence this may not be good for maintaining or increasing subscriptions.
2. It appears that the number of associate editors for JPP is adequate.
3. Need additional reviewers

#### XIV. APA Committee –Children Youth and Families

CYF ---There are six members for three yr terms. Randi Streisand is our liaison. We need to know if we are going to continue with her as our liaison or appoint someone else. The current issues before CYF are corporal punishment (in March); this issue comes before committee every few years. APA is debating whether to keep the 1976 statement of no corporal punishment. The second issue is focused upon bullying. APA is developing a policy statement with respect to bullying.

CYA is working with American Bar Association regarding children and the law conference in June in Washington, D.C. – One day preconference event of wellbeing of children in the foster care system, mental health substance abuse, dental issues, and medical issues.

15<sup>th</sup> Child Abuse and Neglect conference to be held July 2005. (Contact person: Trena King 202-336-6045)

#### XV. Barry Anton – APA Board of Directors –Child Related Issues

Children and adolescent issues are moving on the “radar screen” for APA. Editorial written by Norm Anderson focused on children’s issues in a broad focus which address legislative issues or “talking points” to take to U.S. Congress. There is an APA Council meeting in February 2004 to develop resolutions which are important due to media requests for APA’s position on specific issues such as corporal punishment. These were voted on by the Board in December and next month will be voted on by the full council.

Barry discussed the development of a task force on children and adolescent mental health, utilizing components of the surgeon general’s report from 2001. This task force is comprised of members from each board or liaisons from APA divisions. The focus of the task force is with respect to the crisis in children’s mental health as a well kept secret. Barry stated pediatric psychology issues will be addressed; in addition, he stated a website linking

internal and external information and programmatic functioning, within and outside of APA, regarding all child and adolescent mental health is being developed.

Barry also discussed the Congressional Fellowships, as a method by which to insert a psychologist in a major policy making body for one year. He stated that there is not such a fellowship specific to mental health and youth. He proposed the appointment of a Congressional Fellow who works on child and adolescent issues; however, he stated that this was expensive, since the psychologist in this position would have to take a year's leave. He stated such fellowships pay approximately 75,000 to 100,000 dollars and are funded through the APF American Psychological Foundation. He said there are a number of fellowships for giftedness; there is "a lot of energy" around giftedness. He stated if there is enough energy behind the creation of other child fellowships, they might be funded. He stated that we should encourage Dorothy Kantor who is president of APF. He also stated that the above task force also highly endorsed the idea.

#### XVI President-Elect Report --- Denny Drotar

Denny's initiatives include the following:

1. Mentoring for students and young professionals. He stated he would like to organize a task force on mentoring and to focus on the building of training issues.

2. He would also like to develop a task force or a committee addressing issues of funding broadly defined in our field. He would like such a committee to address generic issues for our field that help us to develop resources in our areas and enable growth. He stated that we need to develop broad based strategies. He hopes we are able to highlight innovative strategies for funding. He encourages an Entrepreneurial focus in developing funding alternatives such as including advocacy for funding. Mary Jo added that this task force may be able to address reimbursement issues for services performed by pediatric psychologists.

#### XVII. Liaison Issues ---Denny Drotar

##### A. SDBP Collaboration –Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

This Society has 800 members, and is an interdisciplinary group, including physicians, psychologists, nurses, social workers. Board certification for behavioral pediatrics via SDBP has been established. Child psychiatry fought it and strangely developmental pediatricians fought it as well. Denny stated it was very political but now that board certification has been granted, job opportunities have increased as well as professional visibility. Residency programs now have to be certified which will give better training to physicians and greater visibility to pediatric psychologists; thereby increasing professional opportunities for psychologists.

SDBP has many different multidisciplinary committees. SDBP moved their meeting time and place to coincide with the Charleston meeting. Denny suggested that we may be able to get some pediatrician involvement in SPP.

He said SDBP has a fall meeting, in Chicago. He stated there are many workshops in which psychologists have participated. He said there are paper sessions (but not poster sessions) which are of high quality. He said the rejection rate is high with written feedback. The conference also includes committee meetings and awards.

#### XVIII. Mary Jo Kupst, President's Initiatives

Mary Jo presented her initiatives and goals as president this year. Interestingly her initiatives and goals dovetail nicely with President Elect Denny Drotar's initiatives. Mary Jo's initiatives and plans arose out of her work with pediatric patients and working with pediatric multidisciplinary teams.

Her initiatives include: Access and advocacy 1. Assist in advocating for our patients to obtain or have access to our services. There are barriers to access such as reimbursement issues. She would like to develop a task force on reimbursement issues specific to pediatric psychology. She stated that the task force could conduct a formal survey regarding what pediatric psychologists are doing regarding reimbursement and what is working, disseminating such information to our group. This task force should also address CPT codes utilization. Dan Clay said that he will be meeting with the interdivisional health care group focused on health and behavior codes meeting in Miami. Denny stated that it is important to look at reimbursement issues across settings and across time. settings.

The outcome of this task force's work is to justify our existence, if we are reimbursable.

2. Mary Jo discussed an initiative that would include access for our profession to different groups and coalitions that can help us to implement our plans. The task force is time-limited that would examine the interrelationships we have with different organizations AAP, APA divisions, among other groups. There are some groups where there is an abundance of overlap with respect to interests and initiatives and some where there overlap does not exist. There needs to be direction as to how to integrate and utilize the information and these different groups. We need to synthesize the efforts, perhaps working with other divisions on obtaining a youth congressional fellow with other divisions would be an example of something specific that a small group can do to join forces and integrate our initiatives.

3. Access to the field for our students and junior professionals. This includes mentoring as was discussed above.

#### XIX.2004 Budget

1. In developing the budget for fiscal year 2004, the following revisions from prior budgeting periods were made and voted on by the Board:

2. The Board voted to include \$100 to support the child and adolescent advocacy caucus for the council of representatives.

from 3. It was decided to keep the regional conference operating costs separate

national conference (as separate line-items) and to reduce the regional conference costs from \$5000 to \$2500 and to keep \$2500 in the national conference line item.

4. It was decided to reduce the line item for the midwinter meeting from \$18,000 to \$15,000.

5. Funding for the 2004 APA convention in Hawaii – due to costs in Hawaii, it was decided by vote to increase the line-item for convention activities in the budget from \$6000 to \$8000 and for the student rep travel from \$1500 to \$2000.

It was also decided that the new student rep would be transitioned at the midwinter meetings instead of APA meeting, due to the more manageable integration of a smaller meeting and less expensive meeting.

6. It was asked: Can we use money for international travel to invite an international pediatric psychologist to present here at APA or to offset some of their expenses if he/she is already presenting here at APA? The following was voted upon and passed: \$1500 to be used for two pediatric psychologists (\$750) who are presenting to travel to Hawaii: Robert Noll and Robert Butler.

7. Discussed whether to fund the CYF position for travel since it is unclear whether we have a working CYF representative. Discussed whether to increase \$800 for council of representative. Perhaps this can occur next year as Michael Roberts has taken care of it this year.

8. Education fund line-item deleted—Voted and Passed.

9. Move to eliminate pediatric interface line item of \$1200 in the budget since it overlaps with AAP; this was voted on and passed.

10. Discussion about why the alliance in childhood cancer had a line item vs. other disease entities (i.e. what makes it unique and carry the day for its line item). It was decided that the money could be designated for different disease entities for which people could apply. The task force could develop specific criteria and the monies could be contained in the budget under grants and awards. Voted and passed: 1. The alliance in childhood cancer was dissolved. 2. Line item for pediatric chronic illness advocacy and the task force determine criteria and increase the line to \$2400.

11. The item for division 53 was stricken: voted and passed

12. The line item for the work group on child mental health was stricken:  
Voted and passed.

13. There was a motion to approve the budget (last year's budget was \$135,000 with final expenditures including \$120,000); this year's proposed budget is \$133,000.  
The motion carried.

XX. The next midwinter meeting site and dates were discussed. All Divisions in attendance at this year's midwinter would like to meet again next year.

XXI Discussion of Breakout Sessions