

Minutes APA, Division 54, Telephone Conference November 8, 2006

I. Division 54's mission and vision statement was completed and sent out on the website. There is continued work on the objectives for the mission statement. Sharon Berry is currently working on the bylaws and updating them. The committee is really updating them since the format is currently in place. She is not sure how to incorporate the committee in this regard. To include the student as a voting member, Anne Kazak wanted to know whether we can include a student as voting member at any time or only at elections. Michael Roberts stated that we can include a student as voting member at anytime, but we would need to vote to be able to do so. It was questioned whether to change our bylaws, would we have to initiate an electronic ballot through APA, Michael Roberts stated that the election wouldn't be held through APA. We would hold the vote. The Officers Manual is being updated. Sharon and Jan Faust to compare their updated versions.

II. Carolyn's paradigm of care was discussed. She said it is important for us to develop a relationship with the American Public Health Association. Discussion as to who should go to the Association's meeting was held. Ron Brown will join and attend. It was also discussed that we should invite speakers in public health to the next SPP meeting.

III. Jan presented on the Diversity Committee.

It was discussed that at the midwinter meeting we should have someone on the Diversity Committee meet with the multicultural group. It was decided that Jan would work with Lindsey Cohen to lead the Diversity Committee and to actively facilitate the recommendations as made by the committee this year, since Lindsey will remain on the Board as Jan rotates off.

IV. At Midwinter Meeting, we should develop a list of existing committees and descriptions for new Board Members.

V. Alan discussed getting Division 54 information out by developing a core group of advisors to all the memberships. He suggested developing a list of resources for the memberships. He added that information regarding Pediatric Psychology education and training needs to continue at regional and national meetings. In addition, it was suggested that it would be helpful to have more outreach to undergraduates such as including brochures/information dissemination to undergraduates.

VI. Anne stated she was receiving nominations for an assortment of Division 54 awards. She encouraged nominations from the Board for the awards. Anne explored whether information regarding elections and deadline dates have been published in the newsletter.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Carolyn reported that it may take longer to process payments if we go through APA Central Office because all deposits and invoices have to be on specific APA forms. As a result we are photocopying more.

In addition, she said all vendors need IRS forms (this is what was different from before). Once we have a new treasurer Carolyn will work with the new one to help with the new financial procedures. Ron Brown stated the APA system utilized is a good one just slow. Dan Clay agreed with Ron that perhaps we should keep control of our financials. Further discussion ensued including discussion that APA's financial system is free, perhaps having someone else manage our money or have a bank manage the account. It was decided that further discussion would ensue at APA midwinter meeting. Anne asked Carolyn to develop proposals for midwinter meeting.

VIII. The Journal Report. Ron stated that the big issues include: 1. Advertising which is increasing but remains problematic and 2. Becoming 100% electronic. Ron stated that there is increase in publishing errors with electronics especially as observed in the Special Issues. He said there is more management required with electronic publication. The company has changed copy editors despite Ron's request. There were a slew of errors after the change. Ron suggested a need for a fulltime or three quarters secretarial office position. He also suggested that the Associate Editors be paid more. There is a new managing editor who is becoming increasingly familiar with the journal. Ron said we need more money to manage the journal. Denny Drotar will investigate this as well..

Ron stated "advertising isn't good with Oxford." They do not submit the advertisements to the Board or the Editor for review. He said the most we can hope for is one good advertising event a year.

VIII. Sharon discussed, in brief, the mentoring project. She asked the Board for their views as to how they would like the mentoring project to evolve overtime. This will be discussed further at Midwinter meeting.