

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Executive Committee
Division 54, Society of Pediatric Psychology, of the
American Psychological Association
Friday August 4, 2000
Washington, DC

Members Present: Ron Brown, President; Daniel Armstrong, Past President; Annette La Greca, President Elect; Wayne Holden, Member at Large; Susan Simonian, Member at Large; Doug Faust, Treasurer; Lori Stark, Secretary; Anne Kazak, Editor, Journal of Pediatric Psychology; Carolyn Ivers-Landis, Editor, progress Notes; Dan Clay, 2000 Program Chair; Karen Berman, Student Representative; Chip Taylor ??

Guests Present: Marti Hagan, Administrative Officer; Micheal Roberts, Fellows Chair Liaison; Doug Tynann, Pediatric Interface Committee Chair; Kathy Lemanek, 2001 Program Committee Chair; Maureen Black, International Committee Chair; Denny Dortar, ;Mary Cambell, Public Interest Directorate; Dan Doogen, Public Policay Issues; Paula Trubisky, Research Public Policy, Emily Simerly, ; Sharon Berry, Member at Large elect; Alexandra Quittner; Clark Houle, Systems Analyst and SPP Web site designer.

Call to Order: Ron Brown called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m..

Mary Cambell from the Public Interest Directorate at APA presented an over view of the the current work the Directorate is promoting. Of specific interest to SPP Mary reviewed Children Youth and Services slates on Adolescents Communication and Violence Prevention.

Dan Doogen from Public Policy Issues at APA and Paula Trubisky from Research Public Policy presented an overview of their work at APA. Dan highlighted the activities of the Public Policy Office. He highlighted the importance of the Surgeon General's report on mental health and reminded members that the Surgeon General will be speaking at APA on Tuesday 8/8/00. He then reported on legislative activities Public Policy at APA has been involved in including: the Family Opportunity Act of 2000. This legislation will allow families at 600% of poverty level to "buy into" the Medicaid program. Discussed the Child protection/alcohol and Drug Partnership of 200 Act. This is a bill in the Senate to facilitate collaboration between child welfare system and the drug and alcohol programs for their parents. To keep SPP informed of legislative action Dan offered to put Division 54 EC on the Public Policy legislative list serve. The EC agreed. Dan also distributed information on APA congressional Fellowships.

Paula Turbisky briefly described her work as keeping track and advocating for funding of behavioral research through institutes of NIH. Paula's specific agencies include: NIMH and NICHD.

Member at Large Susan Simonian

Annette LaGreca requested travel funds of \$575 to represent Pediatric psychology at the International Conference for Behavioral Medicine in Australia. \$575 was unanimously approved by the EC.

Alexandra Quittner presented a request for funding of \$2,500 from SPP to help offset registration costs for student attendees at the Florida Child Health Psychology Conference to be held April 2000. Danny moved that SPP support the request pending completion of forms. The motion was unanimously passed by the EC.

Web Page Clark Houle demonstrated the SPP web site he had designed. The EC like the design and features. Clark explained the barriers to posting the membership list on line. Specifically APA approval is necessary for posting membership on line. APA requires you have a password system to access the membership list, the information in listing is limited to name and e-mail address, and you need to put a prominent notice that we are going to post membership and allow people to decline. Clark then explained that the password protection requires that a second list be created and maintained and that this will be costly. Danny pointed out that creating a paper version cost \$2,000 to \$4,000 every two years and that it is promptly out of date. The EC asked Clark to put together proposal with costs for a membership database.

Continuing Education Susan provided an update on her investigation of SPP providing a CE program. She explained that SPP would need to decide how to support CE program as it does not typically generate money for the first two years. The EC discussed benefits to members and cost to administer. Doug Faust emphasized the need to create a revenue stream and that CE is a way of generating revenue. Ideas were generated as to which organizations might benefit from SPP offering CE such as SDBP. Overall the EC was in favor of SPP offering CE. Annette moved that SPP should proceed with application to be able to offer APA approved CE. Doug seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Past president report Danny Armstrong

Danny announced the election results for Division 54

President:	Tony Spirito
Secretary:	Pam Bachans
Member at Large	Sharon Berry
Representative to APA Council	Michael Roberts

Danny reported on the nominations for the awards committee:

Lee Salk Distinguished Service Award:	Dennis Russo
Logan Wright Distinguish Research	Alexandra Quittner

Danny voted to approved awards, Annette seconded and it passed unanimously.

The Awards Committee noted the continued low number of nominees for each award and recommended that in future years the Editorial Board of JPP and the EC submit one name for each award.

Danny passed out the consensus statement on access to mental health drafted at the AAP sponsored consensus conference on Children's Access to Mental and Behavioral health Services in July 1999. AAP has endorsed the consensus statement and there are plans for each participant organization to publish it and to hold congressional staffings to inform congress of the document. From there plans are in place to start to draft model legislation from statement. Danny noted that Division 54 has not formally endorsed the consensus statement. He asked that everyone read statement and convene e-mail endorsement. Ron will send out a vote by e-mail to endorse statement.

Danny noted that the chair of the Committee on Psychosocial aspects of Child and Family Health has completed his term and that the new chair will be Dr. Joe Hagen. Danny noted Dr. Hagen's strong support of psychology's role in primary care pediatrics.

Danny reported that as a result of SPP attendance at the American Cancer Society's National Summit on Childhood Cancer SPP was invited to be one of the founding organizations for a national coalition on childhood cancer to promote comprehensive care issues. Danny noted that SPP was the only psychology organization invited. Danny proposed that SPP review and endorse the plan and contribute \$1,000. Danny pointed out the advantage to being part of this national plan: Setting agenda, allocation of money. He noted that this organization must spend monies allocated to behavioral research but has been unable to spend.

Secretary Report. Doug moved to accept minutes from the Mid-winter meeting. Motion seconded by Lori and approved by the EC.

Treasurer Report Doug Faust.

Doug reviewed the Treasurer' Report. He noted we were within budget for all budgeted expenditures, but went over budget by \$12,000 for unaccounted expenditures (electronic checks, dinner expenses from last APA, Brochure printing from last year, taxes of \$300 paid on mailing lists.)

Discussion of the financial planning for the division. Based on APA's reserve goal Ron and Doug felt SPP should have 1 years operating costs in reserves, approximately \$90,000. However a counter point was made by Michael Roberts that unlike APA where most of their expenditures were for office personnel, SPP could trim it's expenses within a given year if necessary. Ron asked the finance committee to come up with a plan identify a reasonable amount of reserves and a plan to build the reserves to that over a 5 year period. Ron anticipates that we will have to increase dues in the future.

Member at Large (Membership) Wayne Holden

Wayne reported that the Membership Report Committee had identified two of its three members: Chad Nelson from ???, David Elkins from University of Mississippi and was still looking for a third member. Wayne noted that there are no monies for membership recruitment and that traditional ways such as mailings can cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 per mailing (postage and SPP brochure). Because of budgetary constraints and the ineffectiveness of mailings the Membership Committee would like to investigate

alternative ways of increasing membership. Danny asked about data on student members who maintain membership after getting a job. Danny suggesting looking at data base for past three years to see who did not matriculate to full members. Maureen suggested asking students and folks who have articulated what is important to them to keep them. Susan suggested using the web page for this and soliciting information from students attending the student meetings at APA convention 2000 that Brandon is conducting. In the future it was suggested that Mitch Prinstein do a how to transition session and how to recruit. Annette suggested looking at who resigned division but not APA we contact those folks in a nice letter detailing the benefits of membership. Other suggestions included advertising in health care professionals journals and providing education programs to directors of training at internship and post doctoral level in transitioning students to full members. At the end of the discussion Dan Clay volunteered to help out with the Membership committee and was enthusiastically accepted by Wayne as the third member of the committee.

Administration Marti Hagan

Marti reported that at the beginning relations with APA were rocky. Things have improved and Marti has established a working relationships with people at APA on membership issue. We have not had any requests for selling our non-APA psychologists mailing list, but have had in the past and Marti wanted direction from the EC as to what to charge. Danny suggested establishing cost of database. Marti suggested \$25 to \$30. Danny thought it should be higher. He suggested \$150 to \$200. That fee accepted by the EC.

Marti gets a requests from students of all ages including grade school for information on how to pursue a career in pediatric psychology. The EC suggested designing a brochure. Student representative, Karen Berman, reported that she also gets these requests and has designed a document. Karen and Marti will work together to design materials that Marti can send out in response to these requests.

Journal Anne Kazak

Anne reported that the major cost this year was for putting the Journal on the web. Anne reported that the biggest worry for the Journal was marketing plan with Oxford. However, Anne and Ron have worked on this and it is getting better. Anne believes that we need to continue working closing with them to maintain their responsiveness. Anne then reviewed the upcoming special issues and the submissions for each

Of particular interest Anne reported on her efforts to have the Journal serve as a historian of the Society. She described the series on Issues on Pioneers in Pediatric Psychology. An article by Don Routh has already been published and one is upcoming by Denny Drotar. Anne noted her term as editor will expire in December 2001 and that a new editor needs to be on board by 2002. Denny Drotar is chairing committee for new editor. The Committee consists of Michael Roberts and Diane Willis. It was suggested that the Committee contact EC and editorial board and ask each for 2 nominations.

Progress Notes Carolyn Ivers-Landis

Carolyn noted that the newsletter has gone slightly over budget (by \$2,800) and attributed this to the changes in the printing quality, better paper stock, and addition of photographs as the staff worked to upgrade the quality of the publication. In addition there was a miscalculation of quantities needed for publication. Two issues of the newsletter were passed around for the EC to see the difference in quality these changes have made. Carolyn acknowledged the assistance of Emily Simerly, Ph.D. in upgrading the newsletter. The EC raised the question as to whether we wanted to put the newsletter on web page. Everyone felt this would be a nice recruitment tool and would like to have this done. Dan Clay suggested having the SPP web page link to the newsletter to save costs. Carolyn will investigate this.

Student Representative Karen Bearman

Karen Bearman, a graduate student at the University of Miami, was introduced as the incoming Student Representative and Chip Taylor as the **???**. Karen presented the report prepared by current Student Representative, Brandon Briery. The outstanding issues raised concerned methods for recruiting new student members. Specifically, Brandon ask if it was permissible to use list serves from other divisions to recruit student members. Danny thought there may be a problem with APA for soliciting members from other divisions and that this may also apply to student members. Ron instructed Brandon to call Sarah Jordan for guidelines. If approved by APA the EC approved with the requirement that permission be obtained from the other division before soliciting.

Committee Reports

1. **Fellowship Committee** Michael Roberts reported that 29 files were reviewed and voted upon for fellowship status. Lori motioned that the members approved by the Fellowship Committee be approved by the EC. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The next deadline is Dec 1, 200 for applications for new fellows. Fellow accepted within the first two years will be called "Charter Fellows".
2. **Program Committee** Dan Clay noted that while being the program Chair was demanding it was not as overwhelming as he anticipated. He noted that few problems came up. The main problem was that the business meeting agenda was left out of the APA materials and required SPP to do an extra mailing. This was the only thing that went over budget. Dan thanked Josh Hops, Randi Striesand, **???** for their help with hospitality suite. Ron Brown acknowledged Dan Clay for the great job he and the committee did on designing the SPP program for the APA convention.

Annette appointed Kathy Lemanek to chair the 2001 Program Committee.

3. **Publications Committee** Anne Kazak reported that the publication committee has not had any activity since the mid-winter meeting. The EC discussed possible activities such as the next edition of the Handbook of Pediatric Psychology. Discussed switching publisher, but thought it was unlikely to be able to do this as Gilford owns the publishing rights. Michael Roberts reported that the Handbook is a

two year process because chapters are peer reviewed. Michael would consider editing if the SPP EC asked him.

4. **Training Initiative** Tony Spirito was absent, but Ron described the process of designing the training criteria. These guidelines are in final draft and will be distributed. Ron was very positive about the document and noted that the committee will be presenting these at APA on Monday August 7, 2000.
5. **Committee on Pediatric Collaboration** Chair, Doug Tynan. Doug reported the members of the committee: George DuPaul, Thomas Packard, May Evers-Szotak, and Jull Weissberg- Benchell. Committee membership reviewed and approved by the EC. Discussion was held as to other pediatric colleagues with whom SPP should collaborate. Nurses and occupational therapist were identified for potential collaboration.
6. **International Committee.** Maureen Black is Chair and Chris Isner is on Committee. Maureen reported that the main activity of the committee has been to put together the special issue of the Journal on International Issues in Pediatric Psychology. Maureen reported that the publisher, Cluver, has invited them to do a book on a similar topic and that they already have two chapters from articles submitted to the special issue but not appropriate for Journal publication. Maureen invited the EC to share thoughts on activities for the committee. It was suggested that the committee could focus on interventions that are being done internationally, such as through UNICEF. Danny suggested Folgerty Foundation. This Foundation sponsors the pairing of senior scientists across countries, especially US with scientists from third world countries. Maureen will look into.
7. **CYF** Maureen Black is the liaison and reported that SPP should be more active in suggesting issues for CYF to be involved in.

APA Counsel Michael Roberts is the SPP representative. He reported there is very little representation of child issues at counsel and that state organizations have a lot of representation. He suggested that Pediatric and Child Psychologists could increase representation of child issues by becoming representatives for their state organizations. He stated that there was currently a plan put forth to give every state organization a vote. Michael emphasized that the power in APA is in counsel and pediatric and child psychologists need to be present.

The EC was reminded of the importance of attending SPP events especially the business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Stark, Secretary, Division 54