

APA Division 54 –Telephonic Board Meeting Conference 5/8/06

- I. Today’s phone session began with roll call and approval of minutes. Sharon Berry offered one correction. The Minutes from the Mid Winter meeting were approved as amended. Discussed posting the minutes as is as opposed to writing an alternate set. It was decided to post minutes in their entirety; members can read the sections that are of interest to them. Jan Faust will give the minutes to Dan Clay to post on website.
- II. Old business.
  - A. National Conference. Anne Kazak and Michael Roberts met with Jim Johnson and Steve Boggs at the National Conference to discuss the future venue for the National Conference. Anne and Michael indicated that it was a good meeting. Discussion during the meeting included exploring SPP’s role in supporting the National Conference. Michael and Anne developed a proposal as a result of these discussions and proposed the following to the Board: University of Florida has first right of refusal to host the conference for next three meetings (6 years). Jim Johnson and Steve Boggs have received support from the Dean and Chair; they will wish to reevaluate the option after the second conference. If for some reason, University of Florida could not hold the meeting they would let SPP know by a specified date. Anne added we could support regional conferences during the off year.

Michael said if we were to make the North Coast part of the National Conference we could rotate University of Florida with Cincinnati (Great Lakes Conference) and North Coast. Denny Drotar said the Great Lakes Conference has been a smaller conference, and organizers may not be ready to expand it to the size of the National Conference. Accordingly, no other regional conferences have emerged with consistency except for the Great Lakes Conference. Carolyn Landis- Ievers suggested that SPP sponsor the conference like SBM’s (Society of Behavioral Medicine) conference. Anne stated, however, organizations that truly sponsor meetings have the paid infrastructure to do so. Anne offered that we further define SPP’s role in setting the program. Alan Delamater stated that it would be good for SPP to have some involvement as we have done previously (last time and the time before). He said there should be some involvement for financial support etc. Alan asked whether we have policy for the location and sponsorship of the National Conference that is current. There is no “policy” per se but a mechanism established last year for Request for Applications (RFAs). Anne stated that there needs to be a letter of agreement that outlines everyone’s role which was addressed in part at the meeting with Jim Johnson and Steve Boggs. Sharon Berry endorsed the above proposal allowing University of Florida to hold the National Conference for the next three times/6 years.

MOTION I.: Anne made a motion to draft a letter of agreement with University of Florida in collaborating and supporting the National Conference that they agree to hold the next three conferences. She added that SPP would build in some room if there are any difficulties in University of Florida's ability to meet the commitment so that SPP would have sufficient time to plan an alternative conference.

Discussion regarding the motion ensued. Anne added if we want to move into a different direction we have 6 years to plan for this. Carolyn wanted to know the purpose regarding being locked into Florida for 6 years. Divergent views regarding University of Florida having the Conference for 6 years ensued. Some view SPP's role as collaboration but not a final authority on approval. Lindsey Cohen expressed concerns that the National Conference this year felt more like the University of Florida conference. Alternately, Ron Brown stated "There is a history you can't negate; they had it for over 20 years; there is a feeling of ownership on the part of University of Florida." Anne and Michael stated the above motion that evolved out of the Jim Johnson and Steve Boggs meeting is a compromise. University of Florida has no problem calling it the SPP conference. Lindsey asked if there is any indication that UF wouldn't apply if the current motion was not supported. Anne stated that this wasn't addressed explicitly in the most recent meeting.

Michael stated that there needs to be a conference held every two years for the field's development. Alan suggested in the off year, UF could have their conference. The difference is that the National Conference would be a Division 54 conference.

VOTE ON MOTION I.: The vote on the above motion was held. The results indicated 3 for supporting the above motion (Kazak, Roberts, Berry) and 6 against (Drotar, Streisand, Cohen, Delamater, Ievers-Landis, Faust). The motion failed.

Further discussion regarding the National Conference ensued. The structure of conference development was discussed. Anne said that the additional responsibilities of playing a more predominant role in conference planning would necessitate that a member(s) of the Board should hold primary responsibility for this specific work. Some Board members thought this should be an appointed person. Many agreed; and it was suggested that the person could function on the board similarly to the Continuing Education person. Perhaps this person could be an existing member of the Board. .

Discussion continued regarding the manner by which the Conference for 2008 should be implemented. It was decided that The RFA/RFP procedure should be completed in the Fall for 2006. So the RFA should be

implemented immediately after APA. A vote ensued regarding having the deadline for the RFA to be October 15, 2006. All were in favor except for one objection.

The remaining of the discussion was tabled as well as other agenda items since time ran out to complete the meeting. Anne called an additional phone conference meeting to be scheduled ASAP by her assistant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Faust, Ph.D.