

Society of Indian Psychologists Presidential Trio Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2020

A conference call with the Presidential Trio of the Society of Indian Psychologists was held on Friday, June 5, 2020. The meeting convened at approximately 4:00pm (EST).

Members in attendance: Iva GreyWolf, Joe Gone, Gayle Morse, Charlotte McCloskey, and Royleen Ross

- I. APA webinar**
 - a. Disappointed in APA response
 - b. Contact Brian Smedley and ask how to address lack of visibility
 - c. Woefully inadequate for an accurate history
 - d. Psychologists going into the field with little or no background
- II. APA COVID-19 webinar in Indian Country**
 - a. Individuals identified for webinar – need gender balance
 - b. John Gonzalez, Kyle Hill, Vicky Lomay, and Royleen Ross
 - c. Kyle Hill will send bio; inundated with protesting activity in Minneapolis
- III. Task force addressing racial discrimination**
 - a. Joanna reviewed, supported, and response
 - b. John Gonzalez appointed as SIP representative; he will have a broad impact and potential to have influence in group
 - c. Self-nomination process; conversation with Brian about process incongruence
 - d. Ongoing problem; Iva will address with Brian directly
- IV. SIP convention**
 - a. Update from Melissa; email came out earlier in the AM
- V. Equity Flattens the Curve webinar**
 - a. Participants were placed on a listserv; over 500 emails, inundated (Charlotte declined)
 - b. Many conversations on violence; good dialogue
 - c. Demand increasing and feeling divided
 - d. Joe was placed on list but was unaware of who/how was identified to be put on there
- VI. SIP message board**
 - a. In an EC meeting, Tina suggested having a message board for members only
 - b. EC approves topic – convention may take precedence
- VII. SIP election voting process**
 - a. Process has gone fairly smoothly, nothing unanticipated
 - b. Joe received updated spreadsheets
 - c. Four people who had paid their dues but did not receive ballot
 - d. Wendy will send tally from automated system, voter fraud unlikely; people eager to vote
 - e. Process set up for the future; many moving parts; team effort
- VIII. Awards**
 - a. Iva had not heard back from Michael (Azarani) on the Steve Fund
 - b. Research pertaining to Native population to qualify for award (non-Native)
 - c. Discussion on a new Lifetime Elder SIP honorary award; Joe, Carolyn, Dan, Diane mentioned
 - d. Iva will contact Alberta about certificates, potential ceremony
 - e. Honor Janet Thomas with a Pendleton; she has contributed many work hours to SIP; ally
- IX. COVID-19 in Indian Country**
 - a. Discussion on high rates per capita such as in Yakima in comparison to WA state
 - b. Closure of borders not available to all tribes, e.g. Red Lake and White Earth

- c. Health disparities and health care; respiratory problems and diabetes
- d. Mainstream “thinks the rules are the same”

X. Solidarity statement

- a. Discussion on sending out the letter to listserv/EC and request edits by morning
- b. Statement usually collaborative with EMPAs and Equity, but many already sent out
- c. Several SIP members have been personally affected with relatives in law enforcement
- d. Focus needs to be on Black community; edits to statement
- e. Iva mentioned “silence is not a good thing in this instance”
- f. Time of the essence for release of SIP statement

XI. Miscellaneous

- a. Joe has been addressing issues at work pertaining to matters of a highly sensitive nature
- b. Discussion and support

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:46PM (EST)