Society of Indian Psychologists Executive Council Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2011

A conference call with the Executive Council of the Society of Indian Psychologists was held on December 14, 2011. The meeting convened at approximately 11:00am (CST).

Members in attendance: Jacque Gray, Gayle Morse, Wendy Peters, Patricia Alexander, Iva Greywolf, Julie Julii Green, Dan Foster, Pam Deters, and Joanna Shadlow.

Review of the Executive Council meeting minutes from November 2011 was completed.

Jacque Gray and Wendy Peters reported that after a discussion with Gail Mason the transition from the old website to the new site will happen hopefully just after the New Year.

Jacque Gray reported that he MOU with APA will be formalized. Gayle Morse reported that the vote will go to the general membership in August and reported some concerns regarding a lack of complete support regarding getting a voting seat.

Jacque Gray reported that discussion with IHS payback and INPSYCH programs will continue. Dan Foster discussed his concerns regarding lack of communication between students and IHS which likely contributes to the problems that have arisen. Discussion of possible avenues for helping improve communication was held. Inviting Michael Berryhill to SIP in June of 2011 to field some questions and brainstorm solutions seems helpful. Jacque Gray reported that UND has 8 and OSU has 9 Native American applications for their Clinical Psychology graduate program, which will likely result in an increase in scholarships from IHS.

Discussion regarding prescription privileges of IHS psychologists was held. As long as psychologists have met approval for prescription privileges in Guam, New Mexico, or Louisiana then they may prescribe medications for IHS. Pam Deters reported this is because IHS is considered a separate government entity.

Patricia Alexander and Wendy Peters have completed exchange of needs regarding Wendy Peters donation. Treasurer Patricia Alexander had no further reports.

Pam Deters gave an update on the Leadership Development Institute. The goal of the Institute is to build ethnic leadership. SIP will be responsible for recommending 1senior career psychologist and 1 early career psychologist (5-10 with PhD) to participate in the Institute. Concerns regarding a lack of financial support for senior psychologist were discussed. However, it appears that financial support is available for the early career psychologist. Pam Deters agreed to put together an email and forward to the listserv to obtain nominations for the 2 positions. Jacque Gray will encourage Marge Smith-Zoellner to be on the January conference call to update the executive committee on any developments.

Gayle Morse reported on SIP conference 2012. A group consisting of Gayle Morse, Carolyn Barcus, Wendy Peters, Jacque Gray, Pam Deters and Iva Greywolf will continue to develop ideas. Reports will continue to be made back to the executive committee.

Gayle Morse reported on potential t-shirts for SIP conference. She emailed an updated invoice. Gayle will do a preorder assessment to see what sizes are most needed and report back to the executive committee.

Action items for next conference call which his set for January 11th at 11am (CST):

- *Discussion from SIP Conference Program Committee for SIP conference in June 2012.
- *Report on t-shirt orders for SIP conference 2012.
- *Update regarding nominations for the Leadership Development Institute.
- *Discussion regarding possible collaboration on presentations for SIP members at APA Hawaii 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49am.