

Society of Indian Psychologists

Business Meeting

June 28, 2010

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by President – Dr. Pam Deters.

Minutes: The minutes of last year's meeting were provided by Dr. Jacque Gray, last year's Acting Secretary, and read by Secretary, Dr. Tamara Newcomb.

Motion to Approve as Read: Dr. Ethel Tobach

Second the Motion: Dr. Guy Bateman

Passed Unanimously

Presidential Update: Dr. Pam Deters presented an update of the year. SIP was contacted by the APA Public Policy Office and the Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA) to work with IHS in an effort to get more INPSYCH programs funded. There is a concerted effort underway to get nine programs funded in the amount of \$300,000 - \$350,000 each for 3-5 years. The five programs that are currently funded (UND, OSU, Alaska, USU, & Montana) will continue to be funded along with four additional programs. Dr. Carolyn Morris stated that SIP should be made aware of any new programs up for consideration for funding to ensure that those funded are culturally competent, appropriate for funding, and responsive to student needs. Dr. Doug McDonald indicated that knowledgeable individuals will be reviewing the applications and will be receptive to SIP feedback with regard to which of the interested/applying programs are viable or acceptable. Dr. Gyda Sweeney also commented that IHS prefers Directors of INPSYCH programs to be Native American and tenure track professors. Megan Ballew voiced concern about continuing the current INPSYCH programs (graduate level) under the current IHS policies. She indicated that she has been in communication with recent doctoral program graduates who are being placed in financial default and are getting inconsistent information from IHS headquarters about the extent of their obligations. Dr. Candace Fleming reported that there has previously been different criteria for what counts as payback and that the criteria tend to change. She proposed that we develop two committees:

- 1) a committee to evaluate new programs applying for INPSYCH funding
- 2) a committee to look into the IHS Scholarship Program and issues with payback

Dr. Doug McDonald volunteered to chair the committee on the IHS payback issues. Dr. Deters suggested that we establish a Presidentially appointed Ad Hoc committee made up of representatives from the five different programs and ask all students who have had any difficulty with IHS payback to participate and provide feedback. An INPSYCH action committee was formed during this meeting with the following members: Drs. Doug McDonald (Chair), Gyda Sweeney, Becky Foster, Dan Foster, Pam Deters, Gayle Morse, Patricia Alexander, Candace Fleming, and Student Representative Melissa Teehee. Feedback from students will be needed to support this cause. It was proposed that a message be put on the listserv to encourage students to provide feedback to the committee about any problems they may have had with regard to the payback process or related issues. Dr. Gyda Sweeney thanked SIP for supporting students, especially as the director of a program who advocates for her students and wants them to have flexibility and latitude in their career choices.

Dr. Deters next reported that she was contacted by Dr. Bertha Holiday, Executive Director – OEMA, to work on a new initiative on tribal consultation by President Obama. Dr. Deters spoke with Dr. Rose Weahkee – Director IHS Headquarters Division of Behavioral Health, and the goal is to open up and improve communication between federal and tribal governments on issues of importance to Native people. SIP will be asked to review, give feedback and possibly be involved in the initiative in the future. Dr. Deters asked that anyone interested in this initiative contact her after the meeting.

The next topic discussed was the retirement of Dr. Bertha Holliday (Executive Director of OEMA). Rather than replace Dr. Holliday, it is possible that the office will be subsumed under Public Affairs, meaning OEMA would cease to exist. CNPAAEMI is opposed to this change and will be submitting a letter of opposition. Nominations are currently being sought for the Henry Tomes award. Last year nominations were specifically for Native American leaders (Dr. Joseph Trimble – Distinguished Achievement; Dr. Joe Gone – Emerging Leader), while this year will focus on Asian American leaders. SIP needs to appoint a representative to the Leadership Development Institute through CNPAAEMI (Dr. Gayle Morse agreed to step into that role) and Dr. Jacque Gray agreed to serve as representative on a monograph on culturally appropriate testing and assessment methods. Finally, a board is being convened on boarding school abuses and SIP was asked to submit a letter of support. A list of Elders was solicited who can speak on behalf of SIP. Dr. Dan Foster suggested Albert Whitehat [Lakota] and Dr. Deters indicated that she may be able to find an Alaska Native Elder to participate.

Reports:

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report was given by Patricia Alexander, M.A., indicating:

Expenses for 2009-2010	-\$2,875.04
Revenues for 2009-2010	<u>\$1,702.35</u>
Net for 2009-2010	- \$1,172.69
Balance forward from last year	<u>\$11,908.14</u>
Total as of June 28, 2010	<u>\$10, 735.45</u>

With \$1,740 designated for scholarships, we are left with a balance of \$8,995.45 for the organization.

It’s important to note that at the time of this report, SIP had yet to receive any monies from APA, the Goddard Scholarship, OEMA, or other sources who typically contribute funds. Therefore, these funds, although anticipated, are not included in this report.

Student Representative Report: Student Representative Melissa Teehee reported that all t-shirts were sold during the previous year with the exception of approximately five t-shirts. Student Representative Kyle Hill set up a Facebook page for SIP (currently has 154 members) and all members were encouraged to join if they had Facebook accounts and have not already joined. Dr. Becky Foster asked if shirts would be made in the future and after general discussion it was decided that shirts should be re-designed and made available every two years and the design and development would fall under the responsibilities of the student representatives.

APA Council Delegate Report: Dr. Doug McDonald reported that the issue of allowing delegates of minority organizations to have voting rights on APA Council had overwhelming support at the governance level of APA and was put up for a vote to all constituents for a second time. The motion received approval by 65% of membership but needed approval by 66% in order to pass. At this point, the next step will be to send the issue out for vote again to the full membership next year. In the interim, much work will be done educating APA membership about the importance of having diverse representation on APA Council. Dr. Ethel Tobach indicated that both Division 36 (Division of Social Justice) and Division 9 (Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues) should be consulted as they would likely be strong allies for this cause. Dr. Deters announced that Dr. McDonald has been elected as the Division 45 President Elect and therefore must step down from the delegate position. SIP needs to nominate and select someone to replace Dr. McDonald in this position. Dr. McDonald has agreed to stay on and mentor the new delegate until they are ready to fully step into the position. Dr. Gayle Morse indicated that she would be interested in assuming the position of delegate. Dr. Guy Bateman moved that we accept Dr. Morse to serve as the SIP delegate on APA Council; Melissa Teehee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Local SIP Chapters: All documentation for the establishment of local SIP chapters was posted on the website and sent out to the Council of Elders six weeks prior to the meeting. Dr. Jacque Gray moved that we amend the bylaws to change Article 5 Section 5.01 on committees from “Standing Committees; the Standing Committees of the Association shall be the Bylaws Committee, the Council of Elders; and the Membership Committee” to “Standing Committees: the Standing Committees of the Association shall be the Bylaws Committee, the Council of Elders; the Membership Committee; and the Chapter Development Committee.” Further, an additional Article (Article 8) should be added with the following information:

ARTICLE VIII: Local Affiliates

Section 8.01: Local Affiliates of the Society of Indian Psychologists is open to any group that subscribes to the mission of the Association.

Section 8.02: Application for Local Affiliate Membership, any group wishing to become a local affiliate of SIP can do so by completing the application materials and submitting to the Chapter Development Committee.

Section 8.03 Review and Approval of Chapter application will be made by the Chapter Development Committee and forwarded to the President for final approval.

Section 8.04 Local Affiliate Status within the Society of Indian Psychologists includes the following types of status:

- a) Full Chapter Status. Local organizations that are capable of meeting all standards of affiliation, including organizational, programmatic, and financial support to SIP, shall be granted a charter as an “Affiliated Chapter.”
- b) Provisional Chapter Status. Local organizations, which are able to comply with some, but not all standards of affiliation, may be granted a certification as a “Provisional Chapter.”
- c) Community Committee Status. Newly developing local organizations may be affiliated as units of SIP, and are allowed to temporarily operate under direct supervision of the Executive Committee

and SIP's Chapter Development Committee.

Section 8.05 Removal from Local Affiliate status results from a lack of good standing; any affiliate who is not in good standing will be removed from the active affiliate list of SIP. Removal will be based on a review conducted by the Chapter Development Committee and a decision of the Executive Committee.

Section 8.06 Dues will be assessed for local affiliate membership status.

Section 8.07 Each Local Affiliate will have a representative on the Chapter Development Committee

Dr. Gayle Morse seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee: Dr. Steve James, chair of the Finance Committee, was unable to attend, and thus Dr. Deters gave the report in his absence. One manner in which SIP can raise funds is to apply for grants, but we would need a host agency in order to do so. USU was mentioned as a possibility to serve as the host agency and Dr. Barcus agreed on behalf of the university. Once the host agency relationship is established the next step is to get SIP's program name and information on Guidestar. Following this, the website needs to be updated. During this year's Executive Council meeting it was decided that a company would be contracted to update and manage the website for SIP. Dr. Jeff King submitted the 501(c)(3) paperwork for SIP and it was requested that a copy be given to Patricia Alexander, M.A. (Treasurer). Dr. Guy Bateman moved that the finance committee be renewed in order to continue addressing issues of fundraising. Dr. Ethel Tobach seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. The following SIP members will serve on the Finance subcommittee: Drs. Steve James, Gayle Morse, Gyda Sweeney and Patricia Alexander (Treasurer). Dr. Jacque Gray noted that in the past Dr. John Peregoy had been interested in these issues and it was agreed that he would be contacted to find out if he was interested in serving on this committee.

UND Mascot: The lawsuit filed by UND against NCAA is not moving forward as the stipulation agreement indicated that UND had by November of the following year to get approval from two Sioux tribes in order to retain their mascot – this was not approved in Standing Rock. Thus, the President of the university will begin the process of retiring the name.

New Business

Technology Committee: A technology committee was established during the Executive Council meeting with Dr. Jacque Gray serving as chair. Issues to be addressed by this committee include the listserv (problems with attaching files, messages not being delivered/received, offsite housing of listserv, etc.), getting all old SIP documents collected so they can be archived at the University of Akron, development and dissemination of a newsletter, conducting a monthly Executive Council meeting via teleconference to follow-up on issues discussed during business meeting, and ensuring that information is gathered in an appropriate and timely manner from the general membership regarding what issues need to be discussed at the upcoming year's business meeting. Angela Enno, Dr. Margaret Lubke, and Kyle Hill all volunteered to serve on the Technology Committee.

Leadership Development Institute: APA Division 45 and CNPAAEMI have developed this institute and we have been requested to assign SIP mentors and emerging leaders in SIP to participate in the institute. Dr. Pam Deters has been serving on the committee and participating on the bi-weekly

teleconferences. Dr. Deters indicated that she needs to step down and asked that someone step in to serve as her replacement. Dr. Marge Smith Zoeller volunteered to serve as the new SIP representative to the Leadership Development Institute.

Journal of Indigenous Research: This new journal was discussed by Drs. Gayle Morse and Jacque Gray and was presented on the second day of the 2010 SIP Conference. A website has been developed for the journal. The journal was developed in response to the concern regarding research being conducted in/on indigenous communities and nothing being reported back to the communities about the outcome of the research. The journal will include an online searchable database. Articles will be brief but thorough and will be peer reviewed. Each article will be between 750-1000 words and will describe research, community of study, and importance to Indian communities. Additionally, articles will be sent to tribal newspapers and websites for publication in the local community. The primary focus of the journal will be on psychology, education, and public health. The journal will be housed at USU through the library and will be online only, with no hard-print published articles. Dr. Carolyn Barcus motioned that we link the journal to the SIP website. Dr. Morse seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Elections:

Student Representative: Kyle Hill was nominated by Melissa Teehee and Dr. Carolyn Barcus nominated Angela Enno. Dr. Pam Deters moved to accept the nomination of these two students; the motion was seconded by Dr. Jacque Gray, and was passed unanimously.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Newcomb, Secretary