

**Society of Indian Psychologists**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
June 18, 2001

The SIP President, Carolyn Barcus, called the 2001 annual business meeting of the Society of Indian Psychologists to order. SIP Secretary, Jacque Gray, read the minutes. The balance on the Treasures report from 2000 was amended to read \$1,212.22 instead of \$1,252.22. The minutes were approved as amended.

SIP Treasurer, Pat Alexander reported a current balance of \$2,291.63

Carolyn Barcus proposed changes to the by-laws. Change of Section 3.01 was proposed to allow for Institutional Memberships so organizations, granting agencies, and institutions could become members. A motion was made by Vick Green to modify the by-laws so an institutional membership could be created that does not allow voting privileges, access to listserv, or individual membership information. The motion was seconded by John Peregoy and passed 35 -0.

Further change to allow for two levels of institutional membership was proposed. The motion was made by Vicki Green to institute two levels of institutional membership: 1) an Institutional Member with dues of \$250 per year and 2) an Institutional Sponsor with dues of \$500 per year. Half of the Institutional Sponsor dues would be designated for student support. The motion was seconded by Chris Morris and passed 34-1.

Carolyn Barcus proposed that Section 3:03 Approval of Membership be removed from the by-laws since this action is never taken in reality. John Peregoy made a motion to removed Section 3.03 Approval of Membership from the by-laws. Motion was seconded by Mark Daniels and passed 35-0.

Carolyn Barcus recommended the by-laws Section 4.02 be modified to reflect the two year term of officers and a section be added to address the appointment of a Council of Elders made up of SIP past-presidents present at the Annual SIP Business Meeting. It is proposed that this Council of Elders identify nominees for offices. Nominees could be identified in one of three ways:

- 1) Volunteers interested in future leadership positions in SIP and being mentored for that leadership.
- 2) Council of Elders will review the list of members and contact individuals to determine their interest in serving in a leadership position.
- 3) Members of SIP can suggest members to the Council of Elders for consideration and contact regarding interest in leadership positions.

A motion was make by B.J. Boyd that the proposed changes be accepted. It was seconded by Vicki Green and passed 35-0.

.John Peregoy recommended the bylaws list Standing Committees and empower the President to make ad hoc committees. Carolyn Barcus suggested the By-laws working

committee add the needed components and bring their recommended changes back to next year's meeting.

Carolyn Barcus announced the appointment of an Ethics Committee (which is also a working committee) consisting of Art Blue as Chair, George Renfrey, Carolyn Thomas Morris, Billie Jo Kipp, and Nancy Moon. This group will begin the process of developing Ethical Standards for working with Native Americans. Carolyn indicated that SIP would be very influential with the process of coming up with ethical guidelines for treatment of American Indian people because the other minority psychological associations have similar ethical dilemmas and are watching with interest.

The Executive Committee recommended that groups of SIP members be allowed to form Local Affiliate Groups and encouraged this practice as a means of support in regional areas and opportunity for involvement of greater membership.

The pursuit of Non-Profit status for SIP was discussed. John Chaney indicated Joe Kiddo has offered his legal services to aid in the filing for non-profit status. Numerous questions were brought up during the discussion. Carolyn Barcus appointed a committee of John Chaney, John Peregoy, Joe Kiddo, and others as needed gather information about the process, cost, advantages and disadvantages of filing for non-profit status and report to the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Candace Fleming that the Executive Committee be empowered to review the information and make a decision regarding moving forward with the process as long as the cost remained within our budget. Vicki Green asked that the motion be amended to provide a summary on the listserv for comment by the membership before taking action. Melinda Garcia seconded the motion and it passed 35-0.

Carolyn Barcus indicated that CNPAAEMI had requested that SIP endorse the Research Guidelines published and distributed last year. After discussion of what SIP was being asked to endorse it was proposed that SIP supported development of research guidelines for each ethnic group by their own group and compilation of the guidelines in the current form with the idea that this is a living document that will change as needed.

Carolyn Barcus indicated that she would author an American Indian section for Guidelines for the Psychological Treatment of Ethnic Minority Populations and submit them to the Executive Committee for review and revision. Discussion followed regarding membership feedback. A motion was made by Jamie Hueston that the Executive Committee place the revised document on the web for membership comment after revision. The motion was seconded by Vicki Green and passed 35-0. The revised document will be placed on the website with a stated time limit for membership comment.

Other business included discussion continued from last year by Ruth Turner regarding the joining of SIP and the Canadian organization. Carolyn indicated that Art Blue proposed taking the idea first to the Canadian conference to determine their interest. The issues was tabled until Art could make a report.

It was pointed out that Graduate Student Representatives were due to be elected. Lynn Abieto from Arizona State University and B.J. Boyd from Oklahoma State University agreed to nomination. Denise Casillas from the University of South Dakota declined the nomination. Vicki Green made a motion that the two be affirmed to the two student positions. Melinda Garcia seconded the motion and it passed 35-0.

Jamie Hueston invited everyone attending SIP to the Division 18 reception. Carolyn Barcus passed the presidency to John Chaney. John presented Carolyn with an Elder Blanket and Charlie Stuart sang an honor song for Carolyn.

A motion was made to adjourn by Jamie Hueston and seconded by Ruth Turner. Motion carried 35-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Gray, Ph.D.  
SIP Secretary