

## Society of Indian Psychologists Executive Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2012

A conference call with the Executive Council of the Society of Indian Psychologists was held on January 11, 2012. The meeting convened at approximately 11:00am (CST).

Members in attendance: Jacque Gray, Gayle Morse, Marge Smith-Zoellner, Patricia Alexander, [Wendy Peters](#), Diane Willis, Julii Green, and Joanna Shadlow.

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

Patricia Alexander, Treasurer, had no report.

Gayle Morse. We have MOU between SIP and APA and will move forward on gaining a seat on the APA counsel. We also have recently gotten approval to select our own counsel representative if the vote in February passes. Regardless of February vote outcome we now have a relationship between SIP and APA which is important.

Diane Willis encouraged our students, faculty, and SIP members to join APA to show our support of APA.

Wendy Peters reported that new website should be online by middle of next week. Wendy reported she will send notification of online status to listserv. Brief discussion of links needed on website was held.

[PayPal ability to pay dues and make contributions will be established.](#)

Marge Smith-Zoellner discussed Leadership Development Institute. Leadership Development Institute will allocate \$1000 to early career fellow for travel, but mentor will need to provide for their own travel. Marge will send out information to Jacque to send to listserv regarding specific responsibilities for mentors and fellows. Briefly, fellows will be expected to attend 3 conferences, have monthly calls to mentors, commit to being a junior fellow the following year, and develop a project. Mentors are expected have monthly call with fellows, guide fellows on developing and completing an individual project, and to attend 1 conference (kick-off conferment to institute at Div 45 conference in May 2012). Jacque Gray reported that SIPs budget will be unlikely to cover extra expenses for mentor or fellows travel.

Jacque Gray and Pam Deters received an email from Rose Weahkee, [Behavioral Health Director](#) at IHS, and [she](#) will be in communication with Michael Berryhill to encourage their attendance at SIP in June 2012. Jacque reported that Rose indicated a positive interest in SIP providing mentoring to graduate students funded by IHS to ease and improve the communications regarding IHS required payback.

Gayle Morse reported a plan to email conference planning group in order to delegate tasks for conference planning. Currently planning topics consist of IHS presentation, past presidents' panel or presentation, a possible presentation on concerns regarding Indian identity and the infusion of gambling enterprise, and a presentation on Indian behavioral health therapy and practice.

Gayle Morse reported on t-shirts order and will move forward with t-shirts. Jacque will forward an electronic copy of SIP logo to Gayle. Invoice for t-shirt orders will be sent to Patricia Alexander.

Diane Willis discussed future goal of Division 35, Section 6 of creating a book of American Indian/Alaska Native Women in different areas. Brainstorming with Gayle Morse and Jacque Grey was held. Diane will send more information to Jacque to forward to the SIP listserv. Diane further encourages all SIP members to join Division 35, Section 6.

**Action items for next conference call which his set for February 8th at 11am (CST):**

\*Discussion from SIP Conference Program Committee for SIP conference in June 2012.

\*Leadership Development Institute update.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.**