

Society of Indian Psychologists

Business Meeting

June 29, 2009

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Mark Daniels.

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

Motion to Approve as Read: John Peregoy
Second the Motion: Gayle Morse
Passed Unanimously

Presidential Update: Mark Daniels presented an update of the year including thanking Carolyn Barcus and the Utah State students, faculty, and others who organize and support the retreat and conference each year. He also reported on funding from Goddard College, Division 18: Psychologists in Public Service Section for Psychologists in Indian Country, and Division 45: Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues. President Daniels participated in the installation of the Division 45 President Beth Boyd, a Native Psychologist from South Dakota, during the APA Convention. He reported the Leadership Development Institute of CN PAA EMI APA.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was given by Patricia Alexander indicating

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| Receipts for 2008-2009 | \$4,585.00 |
| Expenses for 2008-2009 | <u>1,809.77</u> |
| Net for 2008-2009 | 2,775.23 |

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| Balance Forward from last year | <u>\$9,132.91</u> |
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| Total as of June 29, 2009 | \$11,908.14 |
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With \$2,270 designated for scholarships leaving a balance of \$9,638.14 for the organization.

Joseph Trimble offered half the royalties from his next book to SIP. He also indicated all the authors of another book have agreed to donate the royalties to their individual minority organizations. Dr. Trimble encouraged anyone else writing books or materials to consider making similar donations.

Student Representatives Report: Student Representative Melissa Tehee reported there were only 25 of the 200 t-shirts SIP purchased left for purchase. Student Representative Kyle Hill reported that a student representative from APAGS contacted him about including SIP students in their activities.

CNPAA EMI APA Observer/Council Representative Report: Pam Deters, President-Elect, provided the report that the APA Committee supported giving voting seats to the minority organizations, but the bylaws vote needed to pass by 67% and failed by about 60 votes. It has been advised that the bylaws change not be submitted again until there is certainty that it will pass. In the mean time there are three suggestions: 1) Having a mindful approach to discussions about the change; 2) wider publicity in the Monitor; and 3) Continue the positions of Observers until the bylaw passes.

After the SIP meeting, Joseph Trimble passed along an e-mail from Doug McDonald and is reported below:

“Toksia SIP Brothers and Sisters

I regret having to miss the gathering this year. I, too, am obligated to some family issues. My report regarding the status of our relationship with APA, and in particular to the Council of Representatives (COR) won't take long, and unfortunately most of the news is not encouraging. As many of you know, COR voted to again send out a proposed change to APA's Bylaws that would've allowed for "upgrading" the Observer status of the four ethnic minority psychological associations to Full (i.e. voting) status. As you will recall, efforts toward this end the year before saw the motion garner around 62% favorable votes, as it needed 66. By the narrowest (and most frustrating) of margins (less than a point), it was again not successful this past year.

So, the most relevant questions is - and has been - "What Now?!" After extensive consultation with our allies within the APA staff, as well as Division 45, and the many ethnic minority psychologists who're just as disgusted and shocked as we are, the decision was made to basically "lay low" for a year, fearing that charging back in with another resolution would only serve to irritate some factions of the APA membership whose help we will ultimately need. In addition, APA President James Bray has commissioned a task force to research what has happened, and to identify the sources of resistance to the cultural diversification of COR.

At the meetings in August, the COR will vote on whether or not to continue having us as Observers. The original resolution establishing us actually runs out soon, so we will see how that transpires.

Although it has been a frustrating year, I remain optimistic and resolute in pursuit of this goal. I still believe in it and until/unless I hear different, you have all charged me with the task of "finishing the job". I'll do everything I can to do exactly that.

My love and best wishes to you all

Mitakuye Oyasin

Doug”

Old Business: The update of the website and transfer to the new website was discussed with Margaret Lubke requesting that information be sent to her and she will put it up on the website. The new web address is: www.aiansip.org It was requested that the old website be taken down and the new one be one of the top choices that comes up on searches for “Indian Psychologists.”

New Business:

Local SIP Chapters: Jacque Gray and Kyle Hill from the University of North Dakota (UND) submitted a proposal for having local SIP chapters. This proposal would increase SIP visibility, increase activities between annual meetings, increase membership, and broaden SIP's reach. As a student organization it would also allow students at colleges and universities to apply for funding to attend the conference and raise money for travel to the conference. Discussion with the Executive Council resulted in a recommendation that Jacque Gray and UND students work with Patricia Alexander and OSU students to develop an application process to bring to the Executive Council that would include the proposed chapter's mission, bylaws, recommendation for the advisor (a SIP member), and support letter from the institution (Dean, Vice-President, President). The Executive Council approved the University of North Dakota to operate as a pilot site for the next year to work out the application process and submit for addition to the bylaws for review in March 2010 to meet the deadline for review before a vote at next year's meeting.

It was suggested that a Student Facebook Committee be appointed to address development of a Facebook page for SIP or Facebook page for each chapter. Kyle Hill will chair the committee, Julii Green, Ken Chiancone, and Meaghan Johansen were also appointed to report to the President by August 1, 2009. Melodi Wynne brought up that somehow Native Hawaiians and Samoans need to be included in SIP. Mark Daniels brought forth the discussion of changing the name of SIP. It was decided the discussion of how to handle this inclusion of Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Samoans should be conducted on the listserv.

Finance Committee: Mark Daniels appointed an ad hoc committee for the next year to address development of a Finance Committee. Steve James will Chair the committee and Patricia Alexander and John Peregoy will also serve on the committee. This committee will look at the financing for SIP and make a recommendation to the Executive Council by March 2010 for review by the membership in time for a vote at next year's meeting for a bylaws change allowing for a Standing Finance Committee to be appointed.

Division 12, Section 6 (Clinical Psychology, Ethnic Minority Psychology): Melinda Garcia reported that Division 12, Section 6 has requested a Native nominee to Chair Section 6 (Ethnic Minority Psychology). The Section tries to rotate the leadership through the various ethnic minorities each year having a different ethnicity as Chair. Melinda will send an e-mail on the list asking for people willing to serve. It must be a Clinical Psychologist.

Elections:

President-Elect:

Jacque Gray was nominated by Guy Bateman. Gayle Morse seconded the nomination. Jacque accepted the nomination.

Nancy Moon was nominated by Melissa Tehee, but declined the nomination.

Carolyn Morris was nominated by Melinda Garcia, but declined the nomination.

With no other nominations, Jacque Gray was elected unanimously.

Secretary:

Tamera Newcomb was nominated by Patricia Alexander and the nomination was seconded by Pam Deters.

Blanche Friday was nominated by Jacque Gray and the nomination was seconded by Pam Deters.

Julii Green was nominated and declined the nomination.

Lorraine Emmanuel was not accepted as a nominee since no one had checked with her in advance.


Tamera Newcomb was elected Secretary.

Installation of President: Pam Deters was installed as the new President.

Honoring Past-President: Mark Daniels was honored with a Pendleton blanket as the outgoing president. Dan and Becky Foster were unavailable due to the late hour for an honor song.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacque Gray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jacque Gray, Acting Secretary