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From the President...

Hensci! I would first like to express how honored I am to serve as the president of the society. I am also humbled at the prospect of walking in the shadows of our recent past presidents, particularly Carolyn, Mary, and Doug. My hope is that I can carry the fire they have lit. We are all deeply saddened by the recent events in our country. This is a time for all of us to embrace our brothers and sisters of all cultures and pray to the Creator to heal our hearts and show us the path to peace. Recent events have highlighted the fact that we are all one people on this planet and once again reminded us that we need to be sensitive to the tremendous diversity in beliefs, values, and religions that exist on this earth.

There are a number of initiatives I will attempt to undertake over the course of the next year, and I would like to share them with you. First, as many of you have observed from the listserv traffic, we are still trying to determine the most effective way of organizing our membership list so that no one is excluded from the listserv or newsletter. Second, I am currently working to obtain non-profit status for the society with the IRS. This is important because there are a number of organizations (including APA) that would be willing to contribute dollars to our organization, which would provide a needed boost to our working budget. With increased dollars: there would be less need in the future to revisit the issue of increasing membership dues; we could provide more travel dollars for students to attend the society's annual meeting and provide for greater flexibility in bringing an array of elders and speakers to the annual meeting; and we can increase our visibility at a national level by sending members of the executive committee/council of elders to D.C. so our legislators are kept informed of the mental health issues affecting Native people. This is especially important at this time, because legislative attention is focused on international affairs. We need to make certain that no ground is lost regarding domestic issues that affect our people. Finally, I am picking up

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SIP 2001 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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 Vicki 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 made 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 in 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 Kitto 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 Kitto, 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

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the chant started several years ago to address the issue of Native American mascots used by sports teams at all levels. My goal is to request the APA to issue a formal position statement (approved by APA council) denouncing this practice. It is a bit of a lengthy process that begins with the introduction of the initiative by an APA governance committee and moves up through the governance ranks. Hopefully, this process will be facilitated by the fact that key positions in APA governance are currently held by SIP members.

I look forward to the challenges of the next couple of years as your president. I hope that we can continue to grow as an organization and continue to

stay focused on our goal to promote mental health issues for Native people through education, research, and service. We are a strong voice and I am proud to serve you.

Hvtvm Cehecares (I will see you again),



John Chaney, Ph.D.
Oklahoma State University

SIP 2001-2002 MEMBERSHIP

There are 46 individual paid 2001-02 dues. Of these, 21 are students. Paying members have been added to the SIP listserve. The following were added to the membership rolls:

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Carolyn Barcus, Logan, UT
Guy Bateman, St. Ignatius, MT
John Chaney, Stillwater, OK
Mary ClearingSky, Lansing, MI
Mark Daniels, Vermillion, SD
Virginia Daniels, Albuquerque, NM
Candace Flemming, Denver, CO
Dan Foster, Browning, MT
Rebecca Foster, Browning, MT
Melinda Garcias, ABQ, NM
Mitra Gilbert, Shiprock, NM
Jacque Gray, Grand Forks, ND
Vicki Green, Flagstaff, AZ
Jamie Hueston, Rockville, MD
Margaret L, Logan, UT
Charlene Matheson, Tacoma, WA
Paul Orozco, Pullman, WA
John Spaulding, AZ
Andrew Suspeue, San Diego, CA
Ruth Turner, Hanover, NH
Eva Jane McHan, APO, AE
Michael Fisher, Park Hill, OK
Patricia McClanahan, Cherokee, NC
Barbara Yuyrzerka, Vermillion, SD
Patricia Alexander, Stillwater, OK

STUDENTS

Joseph Amador, Washington State University
Nadine Baker, UCFV
BJ Boyd, Oklahoma State University
Misty Boyd, Oklahoma State University
Denise Casillas, University of South Dakota
Tami DeCoteau, University of Nebraska Lincoln
Wanmdiwi Fukham, University of Montana
Jill Hill, University of Oklahoma
Stewart Jera, University of Montana
Michael Jordan, Washington State University
Georgia Matt, Utah State University

Lynne Nancy Moon, CSPP-SP
Henry Old Horn, University of Montana
Patricia Quijada, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lahoma Schultz, Oklahoma State University
Shilo Shaw, Oklahoma State University
Tamara Wilburn, Oklahoma State University
Sadie Wilmon, University of Oklahoma
Myrna Gooden, University of Utah
Loretta Howard, California SPP
Kathalena Avendano, Oklahoma State University

REQUEST TO MEMBERSHIP!!!!!!!!!!

SIP is YOUR organization and we would like to encourage as much active participation as possible. To achieve that end, we are requesting that members read the following:

1. If your name doesn't appear on this list it means that your membership is past due for this year. The SIP membership starts every year on July 1 and ends June 30th. There is an application in this edition.
2. We encourage members to take a few moments and submit suggested directions for SIP, and willingness to submit articles and/or personal writings to the SIP newsletter.
3. Please update your mailing address, e-mail, telephone, etc., to Patricia Alexander at pat@okstate.edu or by writing at OSU, Dept. of Psychology, 215 N. Murray, Stillwater, OK 74078 or calling at (405) 744-7591. Your help is appreciated!!!!!! Thanks!!!!!!

2002 SUMMER PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

APA's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) is now accepting applications for its fellowship programs in psychology and neuroscience. The fellowships are: MFP Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Fellowship, MFP Mental Health Research Fellowship, MFP HIV/AIDS Research Fellowship, MFP in Neuroscience Predoctoral Fellowship and the MFP in Neuroscience Postdoctoral Fellowship. Applicants must be American citizens or permanent residents, enrolled full-time in a doctoral program at the time the fellowship is awarded (mental health and substance abuse services applicants must be in an APA-accredited program), and demonstrate a commitment to a career in psychology or neuroscience related to ethnic-minority mental health. Fellowship applications are available beginning Sept. 1 and are accepted through Jan. 15. You may download an application from the MFP Web site at www.apa.org/mfp, request an application via e-mail at mfp@apa.org.

University of Michigan, Summer Research opportunities Program (SROP) For more information or application call (734) 764-8119 or e-mail: flwships@rackham.umich.edu

University of Montana is offering a two-week Summer Program to assist American Indian students prepare to make successful application to graduate programs in Clinical Psychology. In addition to writing vitae, personal statements, and studying for the GRE, this year's summer enrichment program students will study Depression. For applications to the Summer Program 2001 and for detailed information visit the InPsych website at www.umt.edu/inpsych or contact Gyda Swaney, PhD, Director, (406) 243-5630, email: gswaney@selway.umt.edu.

University of North Dakota INPSYDE Program Summer Institute is a two week enrichment program for Native American Junior and Senior High School Students, who are interested in pursuing a degree in psychology related disciplines. The Summer Institute is designed to help students develop strong academic foundations in psychology and science which are vital to success in college behavioral science and psychology courses. Interested applicants must complete the INPSYDE Program Application and be accepted to participate. Questions regarding Summer Institute should be directed to Teton Ducheneaux, Head Recruitment Coordinator at (701) 777-4497, or Dr. Doug McDonald, INPSYDE Program Director at (701) 777-4495.

University of Wisconsin- Madison Psychology Research Experience Program (PREP) For more information call (608) 262-2077 or e-mail: ardavenp@facstaff.wisc.edu

Oklahoma State University American Indians Into Psychology Program (AIIP) is seeking applications for the 2002 Summer Enrichment Program. Undergraduate students will work under the mentorship of experienced faculty members as part of a research team that may also include graduate students, research scientists, and other summer research students. By the end of the six week program, participants have exposure to a variety of research skills, clinical experience, and projects that are a vital part of the academic experience. For more information contact: John Chaney, Ph.D., Director, e-mail: aiip@okstate.edu or (405) 744-6113 or visit the website at: <http://psychology.okstate.edu/grant/aiip.html>

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

12th Annual American Indian/Alaska Native Professors' Conference. <http://www.asu.edu/copp/americanindian/ai-anconference.html>
February 15-16, 2002. ASU Memorial Union,

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Alumni Lounge. RSVP: Dr. Bo Colbert at (480) 965-9678

Send the registration form along with the registration fees (includes reception and dinner) to the following address: Dr. Bo Colbert, American Indian Studies, Arizona State University, PO Box 874603, Tempe, AZ 85287-4603. Registration Deadline is January 26, 2002

The Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) invites eligible graduate students to apply for travel awards to attend the third annual SPSP conference in Savannah, Georgia, from January 31 through February 2, 2002. **ELIGIBILITY.** Applicants must be enrolled in a psychology graduate program and must belong to an underrepresented group in personality-social psychology (i.e., ethnic or racial minorities, first-generation college students, individuals with a physical disability). **HOW TO APPLY.** Applicants should submit the following materials: a) 3 copies of the completed application form (available from the SPSP web site), b) 3 copies of an academic vita or resume, c) 3 copies of a one-page statement describing the applicant's research interests, career goals, and rationale for applying (e.g., how the applicant would benefit from the award), d) One letter of support from a faculty member, submitted in a sealed envelope with the faculty member's signature across the envelope flap. Application materials should be sent to: SPSP Diversity Fund c/o Professor Ann Bettencourt Department of Psychology, University of Missouri, Columbia MO 65211 USA. Applications must be received by November 15, 2001. The application form and more information are available on the SPSP web site <<http://www.spasp.org/divtrav.htm>>

People of Color in Predominately White Institutions Recruitment and Retention of students , Faculty and Staff of Color 6th Annual Conference from October 31 - November 1, 2001, the conference will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska, for more information call

(402) 472-2175 or e-mail: dcsreg1@unl.edu

Applied Experiences in Psychology for Native American Undergraduate and Graduate Students. On May 17 and 18, 2002 a symposium will be held at Northern Arizona University (NAU). The symposium - Applied Experiences in Psychology for Native American Undergraduate and Graduate Students - will bring together the following groups: a) Academic and professional psychologists who train/instruct students at all levels of higher education - community /tribal college, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral; b) Tribal leaders and professionals who provide services to Native Americans and in Native American communities. This group includes Indian Health Service's (IHS) OPH/OCPS Behavioral Health Principal Psychology Consultant and other IHS personnel; and c) Native American students who are presently enrolled at NAU and are majors in Psychology.

The academic psychologists and the Principal Psychology Consultant from IHS will prepare a short paper on a specific type of applied experience (e. g., undergraduate fieldwork, graduate practica, or internships) and/or a specific potential component of policy/procedure (e.g., process of identifying sites in consultation with tribes/nations, negotiations for sites, oversight of placements, supervision requirements on site, evaluation components, communication between site and program, etc.). These papers will be provided to participants prior to the symposium.

Goals for the symposium include: 1) Preparation of a summary of the proceedings to be provided to those individuals identified in a) and b) above as well as provided to IHS 2) The development of a set of procedures/policies that would guide academic programs in establishing and maintaining applied experiences for their Native American graduate and undergraduate students as well as guide tribal agencies and service provision facilities in their negotiations with academic programs in

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