

**SOCIETY OF INDIAN PSYCHOLOGISTS
BUSINESS MEETING
June 15, 2000**

The 2000 business meeting of the Society of Indian Psychologists was called to order by President Carolyn Barcus in Logan, Utah. Mark Daniels read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were accepted as presented. Patricia Alexander presented the treasurer's report indicating a balance of \$1,252.22.

Carolyn Barcus gave the president's report beginning with greetings from former SIP presidents Mary Clearing Sky, Joseph Trimble, and Doug McDonald. After viewing a video tape of the opening ceremony of the 1999 APA Conference in Boston, MA where Doug McDonald led a Lakota blessing, Carolyn presented the APA Presidential Citation given to the Society of Indian Psychologists by APA President Dick Suinn at the opening ceremony in Boston. A report was made on the Council of National Psychological Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests (CNPAAEMI). The group provided a booklet for the members on doing research with ethnic minorities. The Multicultural Summit 2001 and Indian mascot issues were presented as the primary issues before the council. American Indian Health Care Providers Leaders Conference is being developed with the assistance of Gail Mason and should be active beginning in 2001.

The by-laws committee of Candace Fleming and John Peregoy reported that John had drafted a short and concise initial draft of by-laws. There was a plan to put them on the web page for review (www.okstate.edu/osu/orgs/sip.htm).

Discussion of a proposed name change of the Society of Indian Psychologists included many proposed names. Further discussion involved problems of not being recognized if the name were changed. The discussion was tabled until next year.

The election of officers resulted in the following:

President	Carolyn Barcus, Utah State University
President-Elect	John Chaney, Oklahoma State University
Secretary	Jacque Gray, University of North Dakota
Treasurer	Patricia Alexander, Oklahoma State University

Carolyn Barcus proposed a nominating committee to find people to fill the positions in the future. This was modified through discussion to a Council of Elders to propose nominees for election during the meeting. This Council could be made up of Elders such as Candace Fleming and Arthur Blue. It was requested that the pipe stone necklaces presented to officers and student representatives by Mary Clearing Sky be located and passed on to the new representatives.

Carolyn Barcus proposed an increase in dues for members (not students) to help with the costs of representing SIP. She indicated without the support of her university she would have had to personally pay for trips such as the one to APA in Boston and that this should be covered by SIP. Through discussion it was modified to a sliding scale for dues that would range from \$15-30 per year depending upon ability to pay. The \$5 for student dues will remain the same.

The membership dates were changed from January to January to June to June to coincide with the meeting in Utah.

An ethics committee was proposed by Carolyn Barcus that would examine the ethics code as applied to Indians and how modifications may need to be addressed. Judy Ferris indicated she had been contacted to provide internet consultation on working with American Indians. The issue of technology also needs to be included in the ethical issues. Carolyn Barcus is seeking volunteers to serve on this committee that are thoughtful and interested in the topic. Those interested are to send Carolyn a notice by e-mail including why they are interested. The committee will be made up of 5 members with a 2 year commitment for each.

A possible merger with the Canadian Psychologists were referred to Carolyn and the executive committee.

The newsletter has had difficulty getting adequate information. Patricia Alexander requested a student at each represented institution take responsibility of providing information about graduations, dissertations, theses, and leadership by American Indians at various institutions. The following are volunteers or contacts at the represented institutions:

California School of Professional Psychology	Nancy
Oklahoma State University	Patricia Alexander
University of Colorado	Dianna Ducote-Sabey
University of North Dakota	Marie Wilkie
University of South Dakota	Mark Daniels
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	Tami DeCoteau
Washington State University	Joseph Amador
University of Wisconsin	Nan Benally

Judy Ferris gave an update on the Society of Women Psychologists.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jacque Gray
SIP Secretary