

Society of Indian Psychologists Presidential Trio Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2020

A conference call with the Presidential Trio of the Society of Indian Psychologists was held on Friday, August 14, 2020. The meeting convened at approximately 4:03pm (EST).

Members in attendance: Iva GreyWolf, Joe Gone, Gayle Morse, Royleen Ross, BJ Boyd, and Wendy Peters

Items for discussion:

- 1) Update on archiving by Gayle; no update until December
- 2) Update on amicus brief generated by Asian graduate student who felt discriminated against. He reached out to SIP due to our position on social justice. SIP provided support on his case
 - a. Doug McDonald responded and reviewed material
 - b. Request for SIP legal department to write findings; Iva responded and informed SIP does not have a legal department and referred back to student's representative
- 3) EMPA request from Fred Lijon; involved with APA and NLPA
 - a. Works for APA Trust
 - b. Request to put together with EMPAs regarding a talk about race
 - c. Suggestion to put together a video
 - d. Discussion on someone from leadership or Joanna to complete task; need Joe's input
- 4) Meeting with APA presidential trio, Brian Smedley, EMPA presidents, and Art Blume (Div 45) in a unified response to the current national milieu in our country
 - a. Increasing rates of anxiety and depression with distress across the country
 - b. Discussion on how to be more supportive of AAPA and ABPsi
 - c. Art Blume in favor of providing additional support
 - d. Time limitation set to respond by Monday. Election target for 6 weeks before and 6 weeks and start implementation now as there will still be a lot of unrest
 - e. Discussion:
 - i. BJ mentioned solidarity in OK between AI & Black – Stolen Land, Stolen Bodies – that's what built this country
 - ii. Support and not dominate; we have a narrow window to have an impact
 - iii. Don't want people in Indian Country to be forgotten and have to be included – on equal footing with all the organizations. At times when we participate we get run over
 - iv. Joe: start of semester; what doing in response to increased stress – members of mixed heritage – support circles are continuing
 - f. SIP is in solidarity and unified with psychologists across the country
 - g. If we reach out to Indian Country, will need a different approach
- 5) SIP Response group to the milieu for our relatives "Giving Psychology Away" building on Joe's initiative
 - a. Meeting organized by Iva with Alberta, Vicky, Tina, Charlotte and Royleen
 - b. Suggestions from meeting
 - i. Word of the day-Alberta

- ii. YouTube, FB, Twitter, TikTok, radio
 - iii. Webinar – panel - dynamics of polarization (politics, grief, coping with fear)
 - iv. Series of editorials
 - v. Baby boom – how do we help people be strong – tie things back into a traditional lesson – cycle of life
 - vi. Support group – would take the lead in coordinating Circle of Support
 - c. BJ mentioned SIP podcast
 - i. Mention of posting on SIP website -post video clip or audio recording – mp4 or video; free resources
 - d. Gayle raised concern there was a heavy presence from the southwest
 - i. Encourage to have all directions represented
 - ii. Iva indicated this was a starting point of who to gather on short notice
 - e. Do not want to be Pan Indian
 - i. Tribal elders “something beyond the right now” – give general guidelines
 - ii. Some things public knowledge but other things with restriction
 - iii. Adapt to current circumstances – be prescriptive
 - f. Build at giving away
- 6) Discussion of membership list and dues status
- a. Discussion on provisional policy for membership
 - b. Don't have a set policy about what period dues cover
 - c. Make it clear on the website – time period it's covered – very diplomatic & sensitive
 - d. Policy & procedure will make it easier
 - e. Consolidation of membership
 - f. Troubleshoot – membership the bedrock of professional organizations
 - g. Utilize a system that keeps track of membership that's maximally efficient
 - h. Streamline membership so have up to date information
 - i. BJ, Marsha, and Wendy get together – biggest barrier, swap information to get it straightened out
 - j. Coordinate with Marsha – receipt to individual's responsible for membership
 - k. Communicate with Kim and get idea about how to
 - i. Wendy commented Kim did recruitment
 - ii. Membership purely administrative function
 - iii. Duties: 1) set up account , 2)need to be able to manage that data of paid dues 3) option for a side application and management of database & disseminates that information 4) technical ability and management
 - l. Membership chair take leadership ;nothing in bylaws about membership chair
 - m. Run a report every 30 days and provide to leadership
 - n. Establish a deadline; Gayle meet with Wendy, Marsha & BJ

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:58 PM (EST)